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November 8, 2021
Assistance to Student Groups Hearings
4:30 pm, Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room

Members present: Allison Pohlmann , Cal Mergendal, John Barber, Clement Loo, Charise DeBerry, Morgan Fifield , Taralyn Johnson, Hannah Brekke, Berit Hendel , David Israels-Swenson. Taylor Prieve

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Introduce Returning Member, Morgan
- III. Approve Agenda - approved unanimously
- IV. Approve Minutes (10/11/21) - approved unanimously
- V. Classify Requests
 - A. Philosophical Society - Allison introduced the request. Hannah moved to classify as a B. Morgan seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion unanimously.
 - B. Laser Club Initiative - Allison introduced the request and reviewed it for the committee. Cal moved to classify as B. Clement seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - C. ACDA - Allison reviewed the request. John moved to classify as a C. Terallynn seconded. Allison pointed out that there was a travel component. Clement made a friendly amendment to classify as C-3. Morgan suggested it should be a D not C as it is out of town not just off campus. The motion was changed to D-3. Motion passed.
- VI. Hearings
 - A. Philosophical Society (4:40 pm)

The representative was invited into the meeting. The rep shared information about the program, its mission and goals. Cal asked how they came to the expected attendance of 25. The rep cited the number of attendees when this was done in the pre COVID "before times". They will encourage attendees to bring a date which they also hope will help boost numbers. Hannah moved to fund at \$199. Morgan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Laser Club Initiative (4:50 pm)

The Rep from Laser Club was invited into the meeting. The rep reviewed the basics of the request with the committee. John asked when the subscription expired. The rep reported that it had expired in mid sept. Charise asked where the laptop will live and who will own it. The rep responded that it would stay in student activities or in the student center storage closet where the taggers are stored. Hannah asked if they have other events planned. Morgan shared that the the committee did know that this could be an on going cost. The rep pointed out that the group did raise some funds doing private events but COVID led to fewer then originally planned. Cal moved to fund \$1697. Teralynn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) (5:00pm)

The rep from ACDA was invited into the room to present the request. The representative explained the request. Charise asked if the group had gone to this conference in the past. The club has gone to these meetings before and the rep did attend the conference virtually last year. Cal asked if they had talked to the discipline and division to see if they could provide any funding for this. The choir director has agreed to allowing the club to split proceeds from the upcoming valentine dinner performance. They also have plans to sell videograms. Charise asked how many have committed to go. The rep is still promoting and anticipates about 8 participants. Morgan asked if the committee could fund food. Dave clarified that the committee did change the guidelines on food a few years ago and can now fund food. Cal pointed out that the request does show revenue from members to cover their own food. Cal suggested that he would like to see a bit more fundraising. Cal asked if the group could estimate how much they could raise from their fundraising plans. The rep struggled to provide a number as they were not involved in these efforts in the “before times” and did not have a clear understanding of this. Morgan asked how they would be able to bring information learned at this conference back to the campus. The rep was able to provide some examples citing sessions designed to promote diversity within choral selection, encouraging and supporting trans singers and systemic racism as seen in traditional music selections. The committee engaged in some significant conversations about diversity as expressed through music and how attendance at this conference could encourage students to engage in these conversations with faculty. Charise encouraged putting together something on this topic for the

Undergraduate Research Symposium. Cal moved to fund at \$2,800. John seconded. Morgan asked how they came up with the \$22 per meal. The rep responded that they tried to get feedback from others about meal costs from people who knew Chicago and settled on \$22 per meal for two meals per person per day. Hannah cautioned the rep to remember that the choir fundraising is for the full choir and the choir council may not want to give a lot of money to this project just for music majors. Morgan asked if there was a diversity of classes going. The rep responded that there are reps from all classes attending. Allison called for a vote. The allocation passed.

VII. Annual Hearings Discussion

Allison reminded the committee that the annual hearings would be Feb 11 and 12. Each committee member will be assigned to assist one or two different organizations with the request process. Allison reviewed the annual request form.

A. Choose Organizations

Allison asked members to select the groups that they will work with. Allison asked the committee members to reach out to. Dave will send out a template letter and make past year requests available to leaders and committee members

B. Admin fee review cycle.

Dave reviewed how the existing cycle had been disrupted by COVID and how this will need to be reviewed at a future meeting.

VIII. AFRC Position Opening

Hannah will be graduating at fall so we will have an open position for Spring.

IX. Adjourn 5:41 pm.