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Activity Fee Review Committee
April 1st, 2021
Assistance to Student Groups Hearing
6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting
Minutes

Members Present:

- I. Welcome
 - A. Meeting called to order at
- II. Approve the Agenda
- III. Approve Minutes from 2/12/21 and 2/13/21
Both were approved unanimously
- IV. Classify Requests
 - A. **Saddle Club:**

Clement moved to classify as a C. Andre seconded but noted that it needed a number. Andre amended to C-3, Clement seconded the amendment. Charise pointed out that the activity was open only to club members. Cal made a friendly amendment to change to D-3 in light of this information.
 - B. **RPG Club:**

Andre motioned to classify as B. Allison seconded. The motion passed.
- V. Hearings
 - A. **Saddle Club (6:40pm)**
 1. Kattie B shared information about the trail ride program for members. She explained that the club needs to keep some significant funds in reserve as they are responsible for the barn and pasture facilities and will need to have access to funds when things happen like trees falling on the fence or waterers breaking. They also are trying to build up funds to do some remodeling of the stalls to make them more pleasing and comfortable for the horses and owners. Andre asked how far away the ranch was and if prices had changed. Katie explained the ranch is about 50 minutes away and the prices were the same as in the past. Andre made a motion to fund at \$564. Brandon seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.
 - B. **RPG Club (6:50pm)**
 1. Emily presented the request. They pointed out that it was the same as the request for the Fall. they pointed out that they were asking for the cost of food for this event and hoped to use their existing funds to purchase some new less known games for the club. Cal asked if their attendance would be accurate and they felt that it was pretty accurate to what had happened

in the past. Hannah moved to fund at \$206, Brandon seconded. The motion passed.

VI. Discussion of Excess Funds

A. Morgan explained that there will be about \$40K in remaining funds from ASG this Spring and a surplus of about \$48K next year. A small committee with representation from AFRC, MCSA and CAC has been created to address this surplus. This group did a survey to get student feedback and has a number of ideas. They will fund graduation robes for 2021 graduating seniors this year and will conduct one more survey with suggestions from the prior survey. This committee plans to do some programs and campus improvement opportunities this Spring and a larger event that can be in person in the Fall. Andre expressed concern that graduating students did not know about this, and many may have already purchased their robes. Morgan explained that this decision had just been made the day prior. Dave stated that they were aware of this and working with the bookstore on how to implement this. Hanna liked the idea of a big speaker but suggested that we have a lot of speakers. Dave asked if people felt a comedian would be a good option. People were pretty positive about this option.

VII. Recruitment and Replacing Committee Members

A. Brandon will be putting together a small group to review applications and interview prospective new student members for next year. There will be four open student positions for next year. Hannah and Andre have offered to help. Hannah shared that she will graduate in Fall. Dave clarified that Hanna could serve on the committee in the Fall but the committee would need to identify a replacement for the Spring semester. Cal may be interested in serving as well. Morgan pointed out that the next meeting should include the current membership and the new members, and that at this meeting the committee (old and new) will elect a new chair for next year. She offered to answer any questions anyone might have if they are considering running for chair.

VIII. Adjourn

A. Meeting adjourned at 7:18