14th Meeting of the 18th Financial Board FY25
Meeting Room: CC Taylor Room
August 28, 2024
6:00 - 8:30 pm

Attendance: Treasurer Link, Vice President Brown, Accountant Peabody, Financial Board Secretary Capi, Chair Mikitarian, Chair Taylor, Senator Duda, Chair Tang, Chair Peeriz, Accountant Slattery, Senator Antupit, Senator Sena, Chair Eldridge

I. Call to Order
II. Treasurer's Remarks
III. Old Business
    E.25.12 Lens and Lights ($13766)--PASSED
IV. New Business
    Appropriations Committee
        A.25.1 Running Club ($2000)--PASSED
        A.25.2 Muslim Student Association ($265.70)--PASSED
        A.25.3 Esports Club ($670.15)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT
        A.25.4 Coffee Club ($129.46)--PASSED
        A.25.5 Green Team ($46.25)--PASSED
        A.25.6 Green Team ($99.15)--PASSED WITH STIPULATION
        A.25.7 Coffee Club ($586.61)--PASSED
        A.25.8 Cheese Club ($65.8)--PASSED
        A.25.9 Competitive Climbing Club ($500)--PASSED
    F.25.1 Running Club ($461.70)--PASSED
    F.25.2 Running Club ($2036.43)--PASSED
    F.25.3 Outing Club ($2087)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT
    F.25.4 Outing Club ($2871)--DENIED
    F.25.5 Filipino Student Association ($167.32)--DENIED
    F.25.6 Powerlifting Club ($12493)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT
    F.25.7 Sigma Alpha Epsilon ($2500)--PASSED WITH STIPULATION
    F.25.8 Women's Club Soccer ($3000)--PASSED
    F.25.9 HinduYUVA ($2403)--DENIED
V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas
VI. Adjournment

E.25.12 Lens and Lights ($13766)

Purpose of funds:

Requesting for a new inflatable screen for NSO and other outdoor movies

Presentation:

- 30 + Active members
- Requesting for a new inflatable screen for NSO and other outdoor movies
- Original screen was used for 25 outdoor movie showings
- New screen will pay for itself after 8 movies (less than 1 year)
- Why they need it: The previous screen was a poor quality. This new screen will be a higher quality that will last longer
- Screen should be able to get here before family weekend
- Screen should last 10 years
- Tend to average 1 movie a week during A term with an average of 100 people in attendance
- Total request: $13,766.00

Questions: -

Discussion:

- Pro: Movies on the quad are a great event that a lot of students enjoy.
- Pro: This is a cheaper option than renting the screen
- Pro: Fits the purpose of the club

Outcome: Passed in full.

A.25.1 Running Club ($2000)--PASSED

Purpose of funds:

Uniforms

Presentation:

- Cost of uniforms is 2000
- Will be kept within the clubs

Questions: -

Discussion:

Q: Have they requested uniforms before?
A: Ann approved it, so they shouldn't have.
PRO: Club sports need uniforms
PRO: Fits bylaws.
PRO: FTPOC

Outcome: Passed in full.

A.25.2 Muslim Student Association ($265.70)--PASSED

Purpose of funds:

MSA TieDye Supplies Event

Presentation:

Open to everyone on campus. 265.70

Questions: -

Discussion:

PRO: FTPOC

PRO: Events are confirmed.

PRO: Craft supplies, fun destress event

PRO: Follows bylaws

PRO: High Impact, Low Cost

Outcome: Passed in full.

A.25.3 Esports Club ($670.15)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

Purpose of funds:
Team league entry fee for rocket league

Presentation: -

Questions: -

Discussion:
MOTION to reduce entrance fee to 60% per bylaws. New amount 390 + 20.15 transaction fee.
PRO: Fits bylaws.
MOTION passe.

PRO: FTPOC
PRO: Fits bylaws.
PRO: HILC
PRO: Cool opportunity for campus.
CON: Too much cost per person.

Outcome: Passed in amended amount.

A.25.4 Coffee Club ($129.46)--PASSED

Purpose of funds:
Coffee beans for A term.

Presentation: -

Questions: -

Discussion:
Q: Where is it stored?
A: At people's apartments.

PRO: Cheap supplies.
PRO: FTPOC
PRO: New club on campus. Good to promote.

Outcome: Passed in full.

A.25.5 Green Team ($46.25)--PASSED

Purpose of funds:
Compostable cutlery for garden opening event

Presentation: -

Questions: -

Discussion:
PRO: FTPOC
PRO: Environmentally friendly.
PRO: HILC

Outcome: Passed in full.

A.25.6 Green Team ($99.15)--PASSED WITH STIPULATION

Purpose of funds:
Food for a community garden event.

Presentation:
Food from price chopper.

Questions: -

Discussion:
MOTION to stipulate that they get chartwells exemption form.
PRO: Fits campus practices.
MOTION to stipulate that they check with events office and chartwells about grilling.
MOTION passes.

PRO: FTPOC
PRO: Open to all of campus

Outcome: Passed with stipulation.

A.25.7 Coffee Club ($586.61)--PASSED

Purpose of funds:
Coffee club equipment - batch brewers for the club

Presentation: -

Questions: -

Discussion:
PRO: Accommodates for increased number of members
CON: Coffee club is how to make good coffee. The machine is against the club's purpose.
PRO: FTPOC
PRO: Need materials and supplies to grow club
PRO: One time purchase lasts a while.

Outcome: Passed in full.

A.25.8 Cheese Club ($65.8)--PASSED

Purpose of funds:
Cutlery purchase

Presentation:
Knives, cutting boards, serving tongs, water pitcher, table card holders, cheese grater

Questions: -

Discussion:
Q: Where are they storing it?
A: They have allocated storage.

PRO: Can be used in the future! Good events.
PRO: FTPOC
PRO: HILC

Outcome: Passed in full.

A.25.9 Competitive Climbing Club ($500)--PASSED
Purpose of funds: Team tryouts

Presentation: 500 for team tryouts. Total was 1500 but they only have 1000 in budget. Have to rent out the gym hence the cost. It accommodates people trying out.

Questions: -

Discussion:
PRO: FTPOC
PRO: HILC
PRO: Necessary purchase to run tryouts

Outcome: Passed in full.

F.25.1 Running Club ($461.70)--PASSED

Purpose of funds:
Funds for race registrations

Presentation:
- The running club is a member of NIRCA which host races for students
- The club is for people who want to run but don't want to join Cross Country
- Has approval for Ann Mccaron
- Requesting up to 20 runners. Asking for funds for the gas and registration for the runners for four separate racers
- First race is is on 9/14/24.
- NIRCA Cross Country Northeast Regional on 10
- Canal Diggers 5k: 461.70

Questions: See F.25.2

Discussion:
- Point: Brown Bear is Brown Universities running club
- Con: Students should pay if they want to complete in the competition
- Question: Are they a club sport
  - Yes
- Pro: Makes sense for them to complete, and a low cost per person
- Con: They have 30 active members running, but are only sending 20
- Pro: Fits the purpose of the club
- Pro: If not everyone goes, we will not spend the money
- Con: Not comfortable with the selection process
- Pro: Selection process with priority seems fair. Only spending the money for people who want to go
- Pro: This can help grow their club
- Con: The same 20 people may be going to each race

Outcome: Passed in full.

F.25.2 Running Club ($2036.43)--PASSED

Purpose of funds:
See F.25.1

Presentation: -

Questions:
Q: How will the 20 runners be selected for the race?
A: Tracking attendance to runs and giving priority to those who attend club runs more often

Q: Why these events? Could you find any volunteer events with other schools?
A: There are not many of those events around. The ones that exist are either not great or very expensive.

Q: Who is hosting the Brown Bear invitational?
A: Not sure

Q: What is attendance to daily runs?
A: Typically 30 students attend the runs

Discussion: -

Outcome: Passed in full.

F.25.3 Outing Club ($2087)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

Purpose of funds:
White water rafting

Presentation:
- September 8th, White Water Rafting
- 30 students will attend

Questions:
- Have you explored any options for rafting?
  - One other company was more
- Why the increase?
  - More people, and rafting is more expensive now

Discussion:
- Tickets should be funded at 60%
- Motion: Ticket costs amended down to 60%
  - Discussion:
    - Pro: Fiscally responsible
    - Pro: Fits the bylaw
- Pro: Very desirable event on campus
- Pro: Expanded it due to high popularity last year

Outcome: Passed in amended amount.

F.25.4 Outing Club ($2871)--DENIED

Purpose of funds:
Weekend on the Cape trip

Presentation:
- September 7th-8th Weekend on the Cape
- 13 members, 2 officers, 1 advisor
- Renting minivans for transportation
- Renting bikes for rail trail
- Request also covers gas, food, and tickets

Questions:
- Have you talked to SAO
  - Not yet
- How do you decide who goes on the trip
  - First come first serve
- How many people will be eligible
  - Had 175 people at GBM

Discussion:
- What is Food & Fuel?
- Do campsites count as tickets or lodging?
- Point: We only fund 60% of tickets and lodging
- Motion: Amend campsite down to 60%
  - Pro: Fits the bylaw
  - Approved
- Point: Food and Fuel is firewood
- Motion: Remove food and fuel
  - Failed
- Motion: Amend the surf lessons down to 60%
  - Pro Fits the bylaws
  - Approved
- Point: Current amended amount is half the student life fee per person
- Con: It is an exclusive opportunity, and is too expensive. It is not beneficial for the whole student body, it is only beneficial to the 13 members
- Con: Safety concerns. Not SAO approval
- Point: Potentially table it
- Point: If we deny they will have time to appeal

Outcome: Request denied.

F.25.5 Filipino Student Association ($167.32)--DENIED

Purpose of funds:
GBM Funds

Presentation:
- A term GBM has an expected attendance of 20-30 members
- Will serve as an intro to the club and exec. Also seeking candidates for the new exec.
- Offer free prizes for those who attend
- Requesting funds for candy, prize, and equipment for GBM
- Currently do not have a line item in the budget for these items
- The equipment can be used for future table sittings

Questions:
- Do you only have 4 GBMS a term and is this the only event?
  - This is not the only event, and yes only 4 GBMS
- Do you have an retreat events planned? Or in past?
  - No
- Have you talked to SAO about spinners? Have you talked to ATC about mics?
  - Not yet
- What is the purpose for the food?
  - Food is as prizes
- How many members typically show up to GBM?
  - Typically 30
- Is GBM open to all of campus?
  - Yes it is

Discussion:
- Con: Equipment can be found on campus
- Con: No food and no prizes
- Pro: Fits the purpose of the club
- Con: Does not follow bylaws
- Con: This goes over the amount of money for prizes allowed

Outcome: Request denied.

F.25.6 Powerlifting Club ($12493)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

Purpose of funds:
Paid practices

Presentation:
- Powerlifting is a high upfront cost. The hope is to make it more accessible to students
- 3 students competed at the USAPL meet
- Currently practice at Evolve training 8 mins away
- Currently provide transportation to the Evolve
- Continue working with Alec, their current coach
- 13 total practices for the fall semester
- Transportation: $6,825
- Gym memberships: $3,168
- 50% of Coaching costs: $2,500

Questions:
- Do only 20 members get coached?
  - Yes it is only those who want to pay
- Have you looked at other transportation options?
  - McCarthy and Sons is what was recommended
- Average attendance to practices?
  - 15 people
- Why requesting for 20 people?
  - Some people will go on their own time
- What was the number of memberships from last year?
  - 25

Discussion:
- Motion: 66 to 60
  - Pro: Fits the bylaws
  - Approved
- Con: Not comfortable with the personal membership aspect
- Pro: Allows the people to compete
- Point: Could we require 50% attendance for gym membership
  - Point: We do not have the power to do that
- Pro: Only an incremental increase for a popular club

Outcome: Passed in amended amount.

F.25.7 Sigma Alpha Epsilon ($2500)--PASSED WITH STIPULATION

Purpose of funds:
Event funding

Presentation:
- SAE kickoff sept 4th-5th noon to four
- First day: Bubble soccer
- Second day: BBQ, lawn games
- All food through chartwells
- Will market through social media, outreach to other clubs
- Event used to occur before COVID

Questions:
- Tickets?
  - No
- Did you check with other clubs for collaboration?
  - Yes
- Have you talked to the events office about BBQ?
  - Yes?

Discussion:
- Are we paying for a recruitment event?
- Con: There is another event during the weekend
- Pro: In favor except has the events office and chartwells approved this?
- Con: During the school day, and they have not gotten approval
- Pro: The event is saying go greek
- Point: The event happening the following weekend is a fundraising event
- Pro: It benefits all of campus, is free and open to anyone
- Con: Bubble soccer is not open to everyone
- Point: They will usually swap people out
- Motion: Stipulation to talk to events office, SAO, Chartwells
  - Approved

Outcome: Passed with stipulation.

F.25.8 Women's Club Soccer ($3000)--PASSED

Purpose of funds:
Funding for games

Presentation:
- 31 ug student participants
- Just separated from Men's club soccer, need an increase from their new budget
- Funding covers transportation and EMS, and refs for games

Questions:
- Is this a similar budget that you received with men's club soccer?
  - Yes

Discussion:
- Point: Were given a budget, treasurer did not request enough
- Pro: FPOC
- Pro: Need more money to do the things we already approved
- Pro: Cool that they are using their budget first

Outcome: Passed in full.

F.25.9 HinduYUVA ($2403)--DENIED

Purpose of funds:
Hindu Festival to bring people together

Presentation:
- Fund for Hindu festival to bring students together
- Expect 600 people at the festival over two days
- September 7th and 8th
- This is a line item in the budget but they are requesting more to have more food for the higher expected attendance
- Requesting 2403

Questions:
- Talk more about the food?
  - External vendor who has been approved
- How many expected attendees?
  - Around 600
- Tickets?
  - No
- Why did you go over budget last year?
  - Ran out of food quick, and had a high attendance
- Have you talked to GSGA about receiving funds for grad students?
  - They do not have their budget yet, SGA is last resort

Discussion:
- Point: They are budgeted for the undergraduate portion of this event
- Con: We would fund it, however we can not fund graduate students
- Con: Undergraduates pay for the student life fee
- Motion: Stipulate they create a system to check for grad students
  - Failed
- Point: Recommend they can do that by selling tickets
- Point: How much communication do we have with GSGA?
- Con: Worried about amount they are requesting

Outcome: Request denied.