16th Meeting of the 18th Financial Board FY25
Meeting Room: CC Taylor Room
September 11, 2024
6:00 - 8:30 pm

Treasurer Link, President Cluett, Financial Secretary Capi, Accountant Peabody, Chair Taylor, Chair Eldridge, Chair Mikitarian, Senator Sena, Senator Barnscole, Senator Peeriz, Senator Slattery, Senator Antupit

I. Call to Order
II. Treasurer's Remarks
III. Old Business
IV. New Business
    Appropriations Committee
        A.25.12 WPI Coffee Club ($160.08)--PASSED
        A.25.13 WPI Men's Volleyball Club ($200)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT
        A.25.14 Women in Computer Science ($50)--PASSED
        A.25.15 Student Rock Association ($527)--PASSED
    F.25.16 HinduYUVA ($300)--DENIED
    F.25.17 Vietnamese Student Association ($1023.99)--PASSED WITH STIPULATION
    F.25.18 Queer and Trans People of Color Coalition ($196.37)--PASSED
    F.25.19 WPI Golf Club ($10660)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT
    F.25.20 WPI Club Pickleball ($7240)--PASSED
    F.25.21 Badminton Club ($161.94)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT
    F.25.22 Motorsports Club ($1923.13)--PASSED
V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas
VI. Adjournment

A.25.12 WPI Coffee Club ($160.08)--PASSED

Presentation:

Kettle, Power Strips, Dosing Spoons, Paper cups. 140.08 total.

Questions:

Q: Where are they keeping all this stuff?

A: They store it with similar clubs' lockers or apartments.

Discussion:

FOR: New club. They want to keep expanding.

FOR: Fits the purpose of the club.

FOR: High impact, low cost.

Outcome: Passed in full.

A.25.13 WPI Men's Volleyball Club ($200)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

Presentation:
Two seasons. Fall and spring. Improve team chemistry. Entry fee will be 200 per team. Know bylaws.

Questions:
Q: Do they have anything like this in their budget?
A: No.

Discussion:
MOTION to AMEND down to 60% of the amount.
MOTION passed by unanimous consent.
FOR: Fits the purpose of the club.
FOR: Allows for the team to get ready for the season.
FOR: Good cost, relatively cheap.

Outcome: Passed in amended amount of $120.

A.25.14 Women in Computer Science ($50)--PASSED

Presentation:
Asking for tote bags and painting supplies, plus tax. for 49.85

Questions: -

Discussion:
FOR: High impact, low cost.
FOR: Fits the purpose of the club.
FOR: Will be really successful like past events.
FOR: Creative idea.

Outcome: Passed in full.

A.25.15 Student Rock Association ($527)--PASSED

Presentation:
LNL cost total is 527. September 19th and October 3rd 8 pm. Optimal and crossroad company performing.

Questions: -

Discussion:
FOR: Good to see bands performing.
FOR: Good to be open to all of campus.

Outcome: Passed in full.

F.25.16 HinduYUVA ($300)--DENIED

Presentation:

Requesting money for merch. Hindu YUVA attends Regional and National conferences. “We would like to be able to represent our school proudly while attending.” Design shown. Sweatshirts. 58 per sweatshirt. x 12 = 696. Amount requested $300. This is for 12 sweatshirts given by 25 since SGA gives 50% multiplied by 12.

Questions:

Q: How many people are in the club?
A: Around 400.
Q: I see that you have the word mark on it. Do you have marketing approval?
A: Not aware that needed approval.

Discussion:

AGAINST: Merch is good, but it is not open to the whole club. They want to represent WPI merch to the conference; just wear WPI merch to it.
AGAINST: The intent of the bylaw is to make merch available to the whole club, and not just the exec board.
AGAINST: It would not work if the financial board approved this because then they would not be able to request for more merch for the club as a whole.

Outcome: Request denied.

F.25.17 Vietnamese Student Association ($1023.99)--PASSED WITH STIPULATION

Presentation:

Moon Festival. Tet Trung Thu. Goal is to embrace and promote Vietnamese culture amongst the WPI community. Share Vietnamese holiday and culture with everyone on campus. Bunch of food in box quantities. Drinks 4 boxes = 96 drinks total of 149.88. Toothpicks for 6.50 and napkins for 5.39. Total asking for 485.13.

Entertainment Cost Breakdown. Lion Dancing Team, Lantern Fairy Lights, Gold Tinsel Background, Printed Flyers/Props, Box Lanterns, Tickets, Construction Paper. Entertainment total 518.86. Total FR is 1023.99. Pictures shown show lively dances in Unity Room setting.

Questions:

Q: Where will the event be held?

A: Unity. Also CC Back patio but if it rains then it will be inside.

Q: How do they get the food?

A: Tickets. They bring tickets and they get moon pie.

Q: Have you submitted a Chartwells approval for outside food?

A: Have to check if that has been done.

Q: How many active members in the club?

A: About 100.

Q: Is this open to all of campus?

A: Yes, everyone is welcome!

Discussion:

MOTION to STIPULATE that they get Chartwells exemption approved before they buy any food.

MOTION approved by unanimous consent.

FOR: Good event. Cultural event.

FOR: High impact, low cost.

FOR: Fits the purpose of the club.

Outcome: Passed with stipulation.

F.25.18 Queer and Trans People of Color Coalition ($196.37)--PASSED

Presentation:

Club that aims to fill a need here on campus. There are not too many safe spaces.
Hosting a distressing event on 9/18 in collaboration with First Generation Student Association.
Goodie bags with self-case items to destress. Ordering on amazon. If extras, they want to reuse in the future. Requesting 196.37. 50-60 attendance.

Questions:

Q: 10 am - 12 pm
A: Yes!
Q: Have you had success with events like this before?
A: Yes! Similar events had so much success.

Discussion:

FOR: Fits the purpose of the club.
FOR: High impact, low cost.
FOR: Relatively very cheap.
FOR: They looked at cost options in general, and found cheaper options.

Outcome: Passed in full.

F.25.19 WPI Golf Club ($10660)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

Presentation:

Funding for practices/tournaments. President presenting. Provide space for play.
Practice Fees green hill golf course 6x on course 6x on range 1940. Tournament fee 2960. Tournament 2 fees 2800, tournament 3 fees 2960. Tryouts were used to determine who goes. A and B team. Can fit everyone at least once.

Questions:

Q: Is the tournament fee counted as registration fee?
A: Yes. I know it will be amended down.
Q: Everyone is carpooling?
A: Yes.
Q: How many players total?
A: 20 players. 8 on A and 8 on B. 4 reserves. This is counted during every practice.
Q: If funds are not funded, are players going to pay for everything themselves?
A: Yes, it has been communicated to the club already.
Q: Women's team?
A: Already in the works.

Discussion:

MOTION to amend down to 60% of registration fee to 6396.
FOR: Fits bylaws.
MOTION passes.
FOR: This is something that is going to benefit their club.
FOR: Fits the purpose of the club.
FOR: Presentation answered a lot of the questions we would have.
FOR: New club, good to get them more involved.
FOR: Good WPI representation.

Outcome: Passed in amended amount of $6396.

F.25.20 WPI Club Pickleball ($7240)--PASSED

Presentation:

100+ people at A term GBM. 90+ at first practice. 40+ people at each practice since. Great relationship with Rt.12 Pickle. Requesting money to fund weekly off campus practice. Events are open to all of campus. Room for additional nets in the locker. This was approved by Ann. Courts: 45 x 156 Hours = 7020. Better rate this year than last year. Net x 120 x 2 = 240. Net repair 30 x 2 = 60. No gym credit this year, but for BCD term we will be able to get PE credit. Total is 7320.

Questions:

Q: How many active members?
A: About 70.
Q: How is practice done?
A: Designated drivers. Sign up sheets for practices. Up to 20 people, just because then it would be unmanageable. Wednesday nights are practices.
Q: Is the future plan that all 20 spots would be PE credit?
A: I would hope not, just because playing is fun. Have a coach but no PE credit. Wouldn't just want the same 20 people playing every single week. Would like to switch it up.
Q: What is the invoice for?
A: For the whole year. Weekly practices. 24 weeks.
Q: Whose are the nets?
A: The club's. We keep them safely stored.

Discussion:

FOR: Reactively low cost and it is good that they are able to go off campus.
FOR: Fits the purpose of the club.
FOR: Keeping their nets in good repair.

Outcome: Passed in full.

F.25.21 Badminton Club ($161.94)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

Presentation:

Badminton Equipment FR. 60 PE Credit members. 80 weekly active members. 270 total members. Weekly play times. Competitive tournaments. Campus tournaments. Basketball sticky board. Reduces injury chance. Better quality play. Helps with better form. Total is 19.99. Tripods. Record games for post game reviews. For all playable courts so all players can get game footage. 32.99 for one. 131.96 for all four.. Whiteboard. 16" x 12" double sided whiteboard. Used to help with team meetings with visual illustrations and strategy planning. Total is 9.99. Total cost is 161.94.

Questions:

Q: How long does the sticky board last?
A: About 30 sheets. Works well. One of the members has used it before.
Q: Have you reached out to ATC instead of looking to buy your own?
A: We go to a lot of tournaments. Flexibility of having them on-site and in lockers would be good.
Q: How would you record the games?
A: Phones. Corner of courts.
Q: Have you checked with Alex in athletics for tripods?
A: No.

Discussion:

POINT: There are a lot of tripods on campus. They just have to ask.
MOTION to amend out the tripods.
FOR: Many different sources of tripods on campus, like the Sports Information Department and Academic Technology Center.
MOTION passed by unanimous consent.
AGAINST: They have asked for this in the past.
FOR: Fits the purpose of the club.
FOR: There is past precedence.

Outcome: Approved in amended amount of $29.98.

F.25.22 Motorsports Club ($1923.13)--PASSED

Presentation:

QuickJacks Funding. Motorsports Club is a club for anyone interested in cars, motorcycles, or basically anything with an engine and wheels. Car and Engine Enthusiasts. 5000 TL QuickJacks system. Broken and unsafe for users. Total price is 1923.13. Price is 1810 total. Free shipping. Tax 113.13. Total 1929. Gets a lot of use.

Questions:

Q: How long did the last jack last?
A: 2018 is the earliest we can see that it was in the club. Maybe even before that.
Q: How did the current ones break?
A: Hydraulic system broke. Hydraulics exploded. Very unsafe.
Q: Is there a way to lock it when it is up?
A: Yes. There are two locks. We have a training procedure to use this thing. Need some validation to use something like this.
Q: Is this the same model as before?
A: This is the non-XL version. Don't have many SUVs pulling up.

Discussion:

FOR: Putting safety in the forefront of everything.
FOR: Really bad that the old one broke.
FOR: Vital that the club needs it.
FOR: Fits the purpose of the club.

Outcome: Passed in full.