Minutes: Official Meeting of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate  
Finance and Budget Committee  
December 8th, 2011

I. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 2:37pm.

II. Roll Call  
Chairperson, GPSS Treasurer Colin Goldfinch  
Secretary, Senator Kristen Hosey, Nursing  
Senator Karl Starns, JSIS-Russian, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Studies  
Catherine Mangum, Jackson School  
Kiran Alluru, Aeronautics and Astronautics  
Rene Singleton  
Christina Coop

III. Approval of the Agenda  
Senator Hosey motioned to approve the agenda.  
Senator Mangum seconded.  
Motion unanimously approved by the committee

IV. Approval of the Minutes  
Senator motioned to approve the agenda.  
Senator Mangum seconded.  
Motion unanimously approved by the committee

V. Consideration of Special Allocations  

a) American Fisheries Society – UW Student Chapter  

Jessica Rochde represented.

This RSO is asking for $1,512 to bring in a science writer, Christie Wilcox who is a graduate student and expert in social media. The funds will go towards travel and lodging for the ‘Using New Media to Broaden Research Impacts’ event to be held in February. Treasurer Goldfinch asked about whether the speaker would be in town for any other events in which she will be speaking, which she will not. The event will be free and in the Foege Auditorium. Treasurer Goldfinch asked whether the event will take place even if other funding does not come in. Jessica Rochde said that they first want to be able to pay for her travel before other items. Senator Alluru asked whether this would be an event for only one department or others at the graduate level, which it is open to the entire graduate school. They are asking for funding also from the ASUW. They hope to fill the Foege Auditorium, which holds 500 people.
Senator Hosey moved to approve funding at $692.00 to cover the Honorarium. Senator Alluru seconded. Motion unanimously approved by the committee.

b) Persian Circle

Hourieh, GPSS Senator Abbas and Michelle represented.

The goal of this event is to target the international graduate students on campus to celebrate the Persian New Year because these students cannot return as they are on a student visa. This year the purpose of selling tickets will be to cover the cost of the event so that the Persian Circle can provide beverages and alcohol as well. Primary funds will go towards the DJ and the room rental. This event will take place on Saturday, March 31st 2012. This event will be open to all graduate students, not just the Persian community. They are asking for $1,000 for the DJ, and will not be asking for funding from the ASUW because they are serving alcohol. Students will be paying around $7-10 for tickets to the event. The leaders are also working on getting an alcohol permit. The event will not be an open bar, students will have to pay for alcohol.

Senator Hosey proposed to postpone funding decision until January once this group knows if they will get the alcohol permit, or if they will even sell alcohol. Senator Mangum seconded. Motion unanimously approved by the committee.

c) Rehab Job

No one represented

Treasurer Goldfinch moved to table discussion for this event. Senator Alluru seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

d) Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)

Molly Taong and Hai Liu represented

The goal is to celebrate the 2012 Chinese New Year promoted by the CSSA. Expected audience is around 1,200 which will be held in Meany Hall this year instead of Kane Hall. Rene asked how much funding they have received so far which is: $1,000 from ECC and $1,000 SAUF. ASUW tentatively approved $3,300. CSSA is asking for $1,250 from GPSS. They are charging $10 for UW students and $15 from non-UW students. Treasurer Goldfinch mentioned that we would need to go to the Executive Committee to approve funding over $750, so for this event we may pay $1250 and request $500 in return.
Senator Magnum moved to approve funding at $1,250 with an expected return of $500.
Senator Alluru seconded.
Motion unanimously approved.

e) Japanese Student Association

No one represented.

Senator Alluru motioned to table meeting until January
Senator Starnes seconded.
Motion unanimously approved by the committee.

VI. Announcements
The next meeting for F&B will be communicated.

VII. Adjournment

Senator Magnum moved to adjourn.
Senator Starnes seconded the motion.
Motion unanimously approved by the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37pm