Finance & Budget Committee
2015 — 2016 Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 23, 2015, 12:30 P.M.
HUB 314: GPSS Board Table

PRESENT:
Kerstin Hudon — GPSS Treasurer; Committee Chair; Evans School
Joseph Telegen — English Department
David Zerby — Foster School of Business
Luis Fernando Centurion — Information School

VIDEO CALL:
Evan Firth — Oceanography Department

Kerstin Calls the Meeting called to order at 12:04 P.M.

OVERVIEW

Kerstin calls the meeting to order and calls for a motion to amend the agenda to remove the special allocation presentation from Desi Dhamaka, and add the UW Mindfulness Project. David motions and Fernando seconds. All in favor, the motion passes.

Kerstin asks each member how they feel about UW Mindfulness’ application. David voices concern over the difference between their requested funds and program costs. David asks what the differences between the Mindfulness yoga classes and the IMA yoga classes are. Fernando says the Mindfulness classes are significantly cheaper.

SPECIAL ALLOCATION HEARING

Julia Olsen comes to present the UW Mindfulness’ allocation request.

David asks Julia about the differences between their requested amount and projected costs. Julia explains that the organization has funds in their RSO account and that the funds requested are meant to be supplementary. Julia explains that they plan to host events thought the quarter and that the funds would be used piecemeal on many events.

Fernando asks weather the group plans to apply for funding again next quarter. Julia says that they plan to, but that they are also planing on doing fundraising. David asks if they will have to spend from their current RSO funds to host their planed programs or if the funds from ASUW and the potential funds from GPSS would be enough along with registration fees. Julia says they will probably spend from their RSO fund account on hiring more yoga teachers — they are hoping to find at least one male instructor.

Kerstin entertains a motion to fund the UW Mindfulness project at $394. Fernando motions to award the funds, David seconds. All in favor, the motion passes.
DISCUSSION OF GUIDELINES

Kerstin opens discussion on providing year long funding for RSO conducting many small events. She proposes:

- $750 per RSO
- $750 per quarter per RSO
- $750 per event per RSO

Fernando says he is not in favor of year long funding since things could come up and the committee would be unaware and unable to act since the funds would have already been disbursed. He suggest $400 per quarter per RSO. David asks if this would favor smaller RSOs who undertake many programs at the sake of larger RSOs who have one large program. Joe says he favors to giving additionally funds to groups who enrich campus all year long as opposed though one large event.

Kerstin says she favors seeing a cap at $400 per quarter per RSO or $750 per event, but if an RSO applies for the larger amount they cannot come back the next quarter for more funds. Joe asks if a group that is granted the per quarter funds will be expected to report on the previous quarter. All agree that they will report on this. Kerstin says she would request a BVA from all groups. David asks why we don't request BVAs from groups who hold the same events each year. Kerstin says this is something that the committee will start doing.

Kerstin says that she feels there is consensus for the following alterations to the Guidelines: RSOs will be allowed one of the following:

- A once per year award of $750
- A per quarter award of $400

RSOs will have to chose which they apply for the first time they apply. Kerstin will type up the proposed changes in the Guidelines and hold a vote of approval at the following meeting.

David motions to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconds.
The Meeting is adjourned at 1:03 P.M.