Finance & Budget Committee
2015 — 2016 Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 30, 2015, 12:00 P.M.
HUB 314: GPSS Board Table

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

Kerstin Calls the Meeting called to order at 12:03 P.M.

OVERVIEW

Kerstin calls for the approval of the Agenda. Joe asks if we should include time after each group presents to deliberate with them outside of the room. It is decided that all members are comfortable deliberating in front of the applicants. Kerstin says that this is Rene’s recommended way of conducting business. The Agenda is approved. Kerstin calls for approval of the minutes, all in favor, the minutes are approved.

Desi Dhamaka is coming before the committee and Kerstin asks each member to review their application. All are concerned that they requested $1,500 which is over the $750 limit. Evan request that in the future for groups that have received funding for the same event in the past, their previous applications be included in the packet.

After reviewing the application for the second group the Taiwanese Associations’ Night Market, the committee had questions about how the number of students is estimated as well as what the total project budget will be.

DESI DHAMAKA

Hannah Thomas from Desi Dhamaka explains the background of the event and presents the groups proposed budget. Desi Dhamaka is a showcase of South East Asian culture at the UW. The main costs with the program are renting Meany Hall and security. The event draws many non UW people to campus and they historically have a group that comes from British Columbia to see it. Each year the group aims to make a small profit that can be used for the event the following year. The group has requested $1,500 from F&B — they mistakenly believed this was the cap. Joe says he would like to see the group engage and better market the event to graduate students. Kerstin moves to fund the event at $750 conditional on further outreach to graduate students, if this condition is not meet they will have to return $150 of the award. Hanna says that they are excited about having more graduate students involved and that it is something the group had already discussed. Fernando seconds the motion, the motion passes unanimously.

TAIWANESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
The Taiwanese Student Association (TSA) is represented by Ted Wang, Minnie Yuan, and Fiona Wang. They present the committee with a budget, and apologize for it not having been finalized by the time they submitted their application. Ted talks about the night market’s history and success. David asks how they calculate attendance. Minnie says that Rene stood on the balcony of Kane Hall and did an estimation. Fernando asks if they have ever done a survey. David says that they have in the past, but that they did not do one this past year. He says that they plan to do one this year. Fernando asks about vender fees and what revenues come in. David says that venders pay a fee that goes directly to the set up and cleanup costs, and the cost of security. Kerstin says that she believes it is a well established campus event and that it deserves funding at the full $800 requested — this is over the $750 cap and she will ensure the GPSS Exec Board approves this. Joe says he would like to commend the TSA for seeking funding for so many different sources, and reaching out to so many different groups around campus. Kerstin moves to fund at $800. Joe seconds, all in favor, the motion passes.

FUNDING GUIDELINES

Kerstin calls for a vote to approve the funding guidelines drafted the previous week. Fernando moves to approve the guidelines conditional on the addition of a clause that states, every group that receives F&B funding talked about their event at the GPSS Senate, in order to encourage grade student engagement. Joe seconds, all in favor of the guidelines with Fernando’s addition, the motion passes.

Kerstin motions to adjourn the meeting. Fernando seconds. The Meeting is adjourned at 12:57 P.M.