



Finance & Budget Committee

2018-2019 Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 16, 2018, 11:30am
HUB 314: GPSS Board Table

PRESENT:

Robby Perkins-High, Treasurer; Committee Chair, Evans School
Zhiyun Ma, GPSS Senator
Jacob Ziegler, GPSS Senator and Proxy for Varun Kao
Ted Cohen, GPSS Senator
Sierra Abidi, Finance Director Diversity Committee and Proxy for Maneesha Sivalingam
Shane Schrader, GPSS Senator

NOT PRESENT:

Jasmine Chan, Budget Specialist, Staff
Varun Kao, GPSS Senator
Maneesha Sivalingam, GPSS Senator
Alex Thompson, GPSS Senator

Robby called the Meeting to order at 11:30am.

OVERVIEW

Robby gave each member an agenda.

1. Call to Order
 - a. Approval of Agenda
Robby moved to approve agenda
Jacob seconded
No objections
 - b. Approval of Minutes
No minutes from 11/9/2018 meeting present due to staffing constraints. Minutes from the 11/9 meeting and the 11/16 meeting to be approved on 11/30.
2. Debrief 11/9 Meeting (See next section)
3. New Business
 - a. Special Projects Fund Allocation

SAGE (\$1,500 per person)
 - *Jacob* comments this is a unique opportunity for other GPSS members to participate in the legislative process



- Committee discusses delegation selection process at length. Concerns are voiced about Executive members having an advantage. *Robby* shares that F&B can help avoid this by working with the Senate to promote event. Requirements for delegation are in place to make sure qualified persons are at event.

Academic Conference (\$3,000)

- Committee likes the goal and the idea behind the application, particularly for campuses with fewer resources
- 140-person count seems ambitious, and concerns are voiced about funding a set amount without knowing the exact number of participants.
- *Robby* shares that the committee consider partial funding structures since this will all be administered internally.
- The committee discusses fully funding room rentals and other necessary steps needed to launch the event now. Food expenses can be determined much closer to the event, and could be reviewed at a later date.
- Committee discusses the food costs being high. *Ted* shares that vendors that can be used in the HUB is limited, so costs are harder to change.
- The committee discusses funding variable costs at a set dollar amount per person.
- *Shane* shares opinion for conditional and not full funding of variable costs.

Huskies on the Hill (\$1500)

- *Zhiyun* is passionate about this application, since it is a way to directly reach out to decision-makers relevant to the UW.
- *Ted* wants to fund this due to access for graduate students.
- *Sierra* asked about the research symposium and what that would look like in practice.

Diversity Conference (\$865)

- *Ted* comments that the application is not asking for costs of food or transportation
- *Shane* seeks to clarify if the amount includes food and transit, noting that food and transportation are in fact included, with a note that they would accept partial funding.
- *Robby* compares to travel grant levels of funding. The committee notes that GPSS does not fund travel grants at this level, but has traditionally allocated more resources to Officer travel for advocacy events. The committee discusses the merits of funding above travel grant levels due to the direct impact learning can have on the functioning of GPSS.
- *Sierra* mentions that people focused on diversity and inclusion feel like they are in their own bubble. The conference would be a great opportunity to connect with others focused on these issues.

Shane departs the meeting to attend class.

b. Voting for Special Projects Funding



Ted motions to fully fund Huskies on the Hill for \$1,425. *Zhiyun* seconds. **Vote is called: 4 in favor, Robby abstains**

Sierra moves to fully fund Diversity Conference. *Shane* seconds. *Ted* brings up concerns about funding Lyft food. *Sierra* brings up safety. **Vote is called: 4 in favor, Robby abstains.**

Ted moves to fund all rooms and advertising for Academic Conference and the rest of the items in the budget at \$15/person. *Jacob* seconds. **Vote is called: 4 in favor, Robby abstains.** The committee notes that this application had the most complicated funding structure, and would like an opportunity to discuss directly with the sponsor.

Committee moves to fully fund the SAGE delegation. **Vote is called: 4 in favor, Robby abstains.** The committee notes the importance of sharing this event with Senators to ensure they have the opportunity to apply.

c. Review Departmental Allocations Guidelines

Robby moved to postpone this item to a future meeting.

4. Adjourn

Robby thanked each member again for joining the Committee and attending the meeting.

Robby moved to adjourn the meeting. The committee seconded.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.