

USG Finance Committee Minutes
Meeting: September 22, 2016
Senate Session Corresponding: October 4, 2016

VP Finance: Tyler Margaretten
Recorded by: Maggie Palys

Tulane Engineers for International Development

Travel Request: Total requested \$2100

- \$1200 Transportation
- \$400 Lodging
- \$500 Registration

Travel Details: Engineers without Borders Regional Conference, October 21-23, 2016 in Atlanta

4 Students to attend: 3 juniors and 1 sophomore

Conference Details:

- Just approved as a member of Engineers without Borders (intend to self-fund a trip to Ecuador over fall break)
- “Highly recommended” for new chapters to attend regional conference
- Combined Southeast and South Central conference: especially large with great speakers
- Focus on fundraising and member retention

Debate Details:

- General precedent dictates sending 2 people to a conference like this
- Plane tickets researched: \$150 each, round trip
- Lodging for 1 room for 2 nights: \$175
- Registration for 2: \$250

Propose \$725: \$300 Transport, \$175 Lodging, \$250 Registration; 15-0-0

Quiz Bowl

Travel Request: Total requested \$575

- \$190 Transportation
- \$280 Lodging
- \$105 Registration

Travel Details: Novice tournament at Louisiana Tech to offer experience to new players. Questions designed to be more compatible with inexperienced players. All day September 24: plan to leave September 23 and return September 25

9 Students to attend: 7 freshmen and 2 seniors as tournament staff

Debate Details:

- Precedent to assume the club will drive home after: Remove Saturday night

Propose \$435: \$195 Transport, \$140 Lodging, \$105 Registration; 16-0-0

Reallocation Request

Tulane Black Student Union: Moving \$900 into entertainment and the Black Out Ball from honoraria, but would still have substantive funds in honoraria

Approved

Mock Trial

New Budget: Total Request 485.37, 130.50 in Printing and 354.97 in Supplies

Organization Details:

- Students compete as attorneys and witnesses to present a case in front of real judges
- The competition is very presentation-based
- Lost funding from the business school since it is not associated with the Mock Trial class
- Mock Trial club consistently outperforms the class, but needs more materials

Budget Details (in priority order):

- Team Registration (allows for the team to get the case and compete over the year)
- Stopwatch for practicing the timing of their presentation
- Exhibit Printing, and Expo Markers (need to blow up 6 of 22 exhibits in order to present and draw on them in court)
- Team Wedges (reading Prosecution and Defense, to improve presentation quality)
- Padfolios (for the lawyers to carry their materials in)

Debate Details:

- Exhibit printing and team registration are obvious necessities
- Expo markers and the stopwatch are inexpensive, and their budget is not too high
- Wedges seem very important for presentation, but padfolios are just irrelevant
 - Professional presentation necessary, team has been using folded paper

Propose \$365, \$130 in Printing and \$235 in Supplies; 15-0-0

- Funded everything but the padfolios

Cat Mafia Comedy

Late Budget: Total Request \$1400

- \$250 Equipment: Costumes and Props
- \$800 Honoraria
- \$100 Registration

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Last Year's Budget: \$450, spent \$234. Explained to be an issue with treasurer submitting receipts for refunds

Why Late: Issues with the treasurer not submitting at the end of last year

Organization Details:

- Tulane's only sketch comedy group
- Looking to get more involved in the NOLA comedy community through festivals

Budget Details:

- Costumes and Props: Majority of last year's budget. Obviously very important to the organization as a performance group. Costumes from last year have been kept and will be passed along
- Honoraria: Want to bring on campus an improve coach for the group: would be \$800 for 2 hours, minimum available offer
- Registration: For off campus festivals. Last year they attended Hell Yes Fest, which had a \$25 registration fee

Debate Details:

- Cannot fund honoraria: low priority and an all-or-nothing, high-priced item
- Late budget, was not entirely spent: Merits a decrease
- Costumes and Props more important according to the treasurer, would prefer 90% costumes and props

Propose \$375, \$350 in Equipment and \$25 in Registration; 15-0-0