

USG Finance Committee Minutes
Meeting: September 29, 2016
Senate Session Corresponding: October 4, 2016

VP Finance: Tyler Margaretten
Recorded by: Maggie Palys

National Society for Black Engineers

Travel Request: Total requested \$1538

- \$768 Transportation
- \$420 Lodging
- \$350 Registration

Travel Details: Annual Fall Regional Conference for NSBE, November 11-13, 2016 in Houston

6 Students to attend: Seniors and juniors, major program contributors

Conference Details:

- Looking to expand Tulane's presence as a member of NSBE: the conference is attended by successful executive boards from around the region as well as prospective college students interested in engineering
- Networking opportunity for seniors in NSBE to look for jobs in the future
- Opportunity to talk about campus activities and networking with groups from around the region, leadership development

Debate Details:

- Would be great to bring representation for black engineers to Tulane
- Seniors should be contributing something because of the networking component
- Pre-collegiate attendees gives Tulane a name among aspiring black engineers

Propose \$1188: 768 Transportation, 420 Lodging, 0 Registration; 13-0-0

Start Up Tulane

Late Budget: Total Request \$394

- 50 in Advertisement for color flyers
- 75 in Advertisement for Hullabaloo Ad
- 100 in Advertisement for Hullabaloo Ad
- 69 in Advertisement for Promotional Customized Pens
- 100 in Honoraria for Bites of Brilliance

Organization Details:

- Gives students an opportunity to receive feedback on their business ideas, any available resources to help develop their ideas
- Would like to start a consulting group/venture capital type component where the club offers funds to help students with ideas
- Fundraising through an organization that gives companies access to students on campus: students upload resumes and the club receives a check

- Main goal for the semester is to get the name out there for people on campus
- Budget late because treasurer was abroad in the spring

Budget Details:

- Adjustment made in the meeting: Cut \$75 Hullabaloo line item, \$100 line item cut to \$45 for social media post: reaching a total of \$264
- Bites of Brilliance to bring local speakers in industries similar to some projects in the club, pay for transportation locally (\$25)
- Last year received \$375 budget, spent none

Debate Details:

- They would be a great organization to support on campus, and they cut themselves
- They did not spend any of their budget: generally we still cut that

Propose \$264, full budget with Hullabaloo cut, 10-2-1

- 2 opposed: supported 214 to insist on black and white printing
- 1 abstaining: unsure

Pre Med Society

Late Budget: Total Request \$500

- \$300 in Food: Social events for campus. Study breaks, etc.
- \$200 in Advertising: Laptop stickers and color flyers

Organization Details:

- Offers opportunities to pre-med students: Dean of Admissions at LSU, mock interviews, interactive activities like suture clinics

Budget Details:

- Advertising higher priority than food. Collect dues from members for things like T-shirts, but looking to branch out
- \$200 last fiscal year and \$200 the year before, spent none

Debate Details:

- They do not spend any of their money.
- Obviously all of it in advertising because we can't go up from 200, but should it be the full 200 or less because they don't spend money?
- Substantial increase in members this year

Propose \$200, all in Advertising; 9-4-0

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- 4 opposed to support a cut based on not spending

Model UN

Travel Request: Total requested \$6826.85, Total Cost \$8626.85

- \$5406 Transportation
- \$2255.85 Lodging
- \$965 Registration

Travel Details: Boston University's BarMUN IX 2016 conference, October 13-16, 2016

12 Students to attend: More seasoned Model UN members (Tier 1 conference)

Conference Details:

- Teammates pay delegate fees of 75-150
- Generally meet with Finance and use grant money from Dean MacLaren's office to cover the rest
- Request total less delegate fees because they are unsure about how much the Dean can offer, will find out on October 2
- Group flight reservations need at least 10 people, teams generally have 12-15
- Conference goes from Thursday evening until midday Sunday

Debate Details:

- Generally fund 10-12000 for the year, more money this year, maybe 14000?

Propose \$3606, all in Transportation (less delegate fees); 12-0-0

Travel Request: Total requested \$5057.70, Total cost \$6707.70

- \$4858.70 Transportation
- \$834 Lodging
- \$1015 Registration

Travel Details: Duke's DISCon 2016 conference, October 21-23, 2016

12 students to attend: More freshmen and sophomores, Tier 3 conference

Conference Details:

- Very competitive new team this year, 40 interviewed
- One day shorter than the Boston conference
- New members usually perform very well and win awards
- 2 exec members attending to advocate in general meetings

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- Also looking at a grant from Dean MacLaren for part of the trip

Debate Details:

- Should follow the same scheme but fund more for underclassmen
- Airfare, less 150 per person, plus 30 per attending underclassman

Propose \$3479, all in Transportation; 12-0-0