

USG Finance Committee Minutes
Meeting: October 20, 2016
Senate Session Corresponding: November 15, 2016

VP Finance: Tyler Margaretten
Recorded by: Maggie Palys

Society of Women Engineers

Travel Request: Total amount \$4163, Total requested \$1630

- \$2057 Transportation
- \$1476 Lodging
- \$630 Registration
- Requesting \$1630 in Transportation

Travel Details: Society of Women Engineers National Conference, October 26-29, 2016 in Philadelphia

Request funding for 8 juniors and seniors based on need, 15 total to attend

Conference Details:

- Largest conference for engineering minorities
- Offers a 2-day career fair with over 250 Fortune 500 companies
- Looking for reimbursement to supplement what grants through the Dean, NCI, and corporate partnership have not paid
- Most attendees are new: 2 attended last year and 2 the last two years
 - President and Treasurer are required to attend
- On-site interviews available for actual hiring
- Hoping to organize career fair on campus

Debate Details:

- Has been screened down to those who really need it
- They have done all they can to fund outside of USG

Propose Funding in Full: \$1630 in Transportation; 17-0-0

Tulane Alternative Breaks

Travel Request: Total requested \$1334

- \$1210 Transportation
- \$124 Lodging

Travel Details: Environmental Stewardship and Beach Cleanup in Grand Isle, Flood Relief in Denham Springs, October 13-16, 2016

21 Students attended, including 2 student leaders

Trip Details:

- CPS helped fund the flood relief trip, so most of the request is for Grand Isle

- Want funding for fall break trips in order to fund more for the spring
- Spring trips: 4 domestic, 1 to Mexico
- Request breaks down to \$1065 for 2 vans, \$124 for Grand Isle campsites, and \$145 in gas for both trips

Debate Details:

- Fall break trips are a fairly new thing, but obviously a good thing

Propose Funding in Full; 17-0-0

Quiz Bowl 1

Travel Request: Total requested \$735

- \$175 Transportation
- \$240 Lodging
- \$320 Registration

Travel Details: Two teams to ACF Fall at Rice University, November 4-6, 2016 in Houston

8 Students: 3 Freshmen, 3 Sophomores, 2 Seniors

Conference Details:

- Staying in the conference hotel
- Taking everyone they can, all team members who are available
- Personally paying for food

Propose Funding in Full; 17-0-0

Quiz Bowl 2

Travel Request: Total requested \$300

- \$100 Transportation
- \$200 Registration

Travel Details: Two teams to Penn Bowl at UL Lafayette, November 12, 2016

8 Students: 3 Freshmen, 3 Sophomores, 2 Seniors

Conference Details:

- See above

Propose Funding in Full; 17-0-0

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Philosophy Club

Late Budget: Total Request \$1050

- \$50 in Poster Printing
- \$400 in Food
- \$600 in Honoraria

Last Year's Budget: \$150, spent NONE.

Why Late: Administrative issues with OrgSync

Organization Details:

- Open meetings every two weeks
- Speakers introduce a topic of discussion for students to consider, usually students leave seeing the world a bit differently
- Usually professors at Tulane, sometimes reach outside (Buddhist monk)
- Significant member turnover based on topic interest

Budget Details:

- Poster Printing: To advertise the different speakers over the semester
- Food: \$300 in regular meeting snacks (technically open), \$100 in food for bigger events
- Honoraria: Would like to bring in speakers who have different perspectives: compensate travel and lodging, bring people from out of state (High Priority)

Debate Details:

- Free printing in the SOC
- No food for closed meetings: technically not closed, but if we funded what precedent would that set?
- Priority is Honoraria. They didn't spend their money, so it most all go in Honoraria
- Propose \$200 in Honoraria (good faith increase based on optimism of presenter), \$150 in Honoraria

Propose \$150, all in Honoraria; 16-1-0

- Dissenting vote considered that \$150 is not much to work with, wanted to offer a substantial increase
 - Not brought up in discussion, but rather after voting