

USG Finance Committee Minutes
Meeting: January 23, 2017
Senate Session Corresponding: February 7, 2017

VP Finance: Tyler Margaretten
Recorded by: Maggie Palys

Rhyme Verses Rhythm

Travel Request: Total Request: \$2662

- \$287 Transportation
- \$1800 Lodging
- \$575 Registration
- Note: Total Cost= \$4712, received \$2100 travel grant from Newcomb Tulane College
 - Amended in meeting: Grant will cover all of travel

Travel Details: College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational, April 11-16 in Chicago

5 Students to attend: 1 senior, 1 junior, 2 sophomores, 1 freshman

Conference Details:

- Attended last year as a smaller organization just to watch and learn, now prepared to compete
- Organization has grown from 12 to 30 people, traveling team underwent impartial audition process
- Requires 4 days of attendance: 2 of preparatory classes/rounds, and 2 of competition

Debate Details:

- Lodging math inaccurate: comes to \$1574 with hotel fees
- See no reason not to fund the whole trip, with adjustments

Propose \$2149: \$0 Transport, \$1574 Lodging, \$575 Registration; 15-0-0

TUCP

Travel Request: Total requested \$5475

- \$2040 Transportation
- \$1285 Lodging
- \$2150 Registration

Travel Details: NACA Conference, February 17-22 in Baltimore

National Association for Campus Activities

4 Students to attend: 3 sophomores and 1 junior

Conference Details:

- Designed for students involved in planning events on campus or looking to go into jobs in booking, industry events

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- Offers different seminars about event booking, working with agents, technologies
- Helps to meet people and spread Tulane's name for future programming
- Students determined through an application process: junior members of the board
- Ends late on the last night, would be going home the next morning

Debate Details:

- Seems extremely expensive for 4 students to go to Baltimore
- Current numbers include price for advisor, flight costs seem extreme
- Adjusted: \$1093 for flights, \$1720 for registration, \$920 for 4 in the cheap hotel
- Suggested to just fund registration
- Suggested funding nothing: this organization has a significant budget
- 1 dissent for funding nothing, 1 abstention from a member of the TUCP Board

Propose \$1720: \$0 Transport, \$0 Lodging, \$1720 Registration; 12-1-1

Mock Trial

Travel Request: Total requested \$1421

- \$551 Transportation
- \$870 Lodging
- \$0 Registration

Travel Details: American Mock Trial Association Regional Tournament, February 17-19 in Jackson, Mississippi

10 Students to attend: 6 juniors and 4 freshmen

Conference Details:

- An exciting competition opportunity for the mock trial team
- Pricing details extraordinarily well calculated, as cheap as possible
- Will be driving out Friday and returning after conference Saturday
- Cheapest hotel in walking distance, renting 2 SUVs

Debate Details:

- Exceptionally well-prepared proposal

Propose \$1421: \$551 Transport, \$870 Lodging, \$0 Registration; 13-0-0

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Debate

Travel Request: Total requested \$1109.50

- \$629.50 Transportation
- \$480 Lodging (Note at meeting: actually \$300)
- \$0 Registration (Paid by Members)

Travel Details: Walters State Tournament, February 2-5 in Morristown, TN

10 Students to attend: 2 seniors, 1 junior, 2 freshmen have confirmed

Other attendees will confirm registration in the few days after the meeting

There is a wait list if one does not confirm

Conference Details:

- Very exciting conference, affordable because members can drive
- Future plans: Nationals, Novice Nationals, Virginia Tournament, Fundraising Opportunity (hosting a Tulane tournament)

Debate Details:

- Adjusted lodging amends total request to \$929
- Faculty math on gas amends transportation request to \$610, total to \$910
- Expected Debate Travel budget of \$6000/year, about \$1000/trip. Currently under budget after last semester

Propose \$910: \$610 Transport, \$300 Lodging, \$0 Registration; 13-0-0