

USG Finance Committee Minutes  
Meeting: April 5, 2017  
USG Senate Session Corresponding: April 18, 2017

VPF: Tyler Margaretten  
Secretary: Maggie Palys

### Heart4Heart

Last Year: 200

Total Requested: 550

Notable Changes:

- 300 **increase** in Food
- 50 **increase** in Posters

Budget Details:

- Raise money for children with congenital heart disease who cannot afford surgery, mostly in Haiti. One of only 3 chapters that is able to fully fund a child's treatment
- Have a concert planned for next Thursday and a Spikeball event
- Food for tabling to raise awareness for congenital heart disease and children who need it
- Just got their budget, started tabling today. Intend to spend the rest of the money

Debate Details:

- 250: 50 in Posters and 200 in Food
- 350: 50 in Posters and 300 in Food
- We gave them 200 in Food for a portion of the year

**Approved for 350; 6-3-1**

### Unicef

Last Year: 200

Total Requested: 250

Notable Changes:

- 50 **increase** in Supplies for Tabling

Budget Details:

- Posters to promote events as well as giveaways for tables
- Currently tabling and will be purchasing more for that event
- Have not spent from the 2 in the system: Just spent \$75 in Stickers, looks like the system is having an issue

Debate Details:

- Keep them the same; obviously the problem was in being able to spend the right money
- Take the money out of Posters because of the SOC

**Approved for 200; 13-0-0**

### Healthy Veggies

Last Year: 325

Total Requested: 6535

#### Budget Items:

- 180 for Facilities for Geaux Vegan Week
- 40 for Printing
- 600 for Food
- 150 for Cooking Equipment
- 45 for Other Equipment
- 20 for Advertising
- 5500 for Speaker

#### Budget Details:

- Want most of the money for a speaker during Geaux Vegan Week
- 40 in Printing has been carefully budgeted from VistaPrint
- Food is essential for Cooking Demos, educational activities
- 150 in Cooking Equipment has also been carefully budgeted out
- Would like to be able to purchase cookbooks based on inspiring bloggers
- Have reached out to speakers: all have requested 5000 fee plus travel
- Priority in equipment for sure, food, and advertisement, the speaker/facilities services
- The executive board is very passionate about expanding the club this year
- Have spent a lot of money out of pocket this year, try to be resourceful in planning the events (borrow blenders, use Bruff food)
- Will be having a lot of end of the year socials (Vegan ice cream, others)

#### Debate Details:

- Immediately remove Speaker costs since they can use coprogramming
- 770: Fund in Full Food, Cooking Equipment, and Advertising
  - 2-11-0
- 650: 480 in Food, 150 in Cooking Equipment, 20 in Advertising

**Approved for 650; 12-1-0**

### TODA

Last Year: 550

Total Requested: 625

Notable Changes:

- 50 **increase** in Food for Events
- 25 **increase** in Local Transportation to pay for speakers to drive

Budget Details:

- Work with Sodexo Blue for events; want money to help encourage attendance
- Don't need more than 100 in Supplies; Food is definitely the priority
- Have spent a little under 400 this year. Just had an event yesterday
- Events have 30-50 attendees, or some events can have 50+ people
- Will be trying to do another event, one dorm event fell apart; will be putting an order in for supplies at the end of the year

Debate Details:

- 550: 100 in Operating Supplies (her suggestion) and 450 in Food
- Keeping the budget the same

**Approved for 550; 12-0-0**

TUSSDP

Last Year: 420

Total Request: 350

Notable Changes:

- 100 **decrease** in Honoraria
- 30 **increase** in Supplies

Budget Details:

- Coming into themselves as a club, want to have flexibility for new students in the club
- 10-12 members right now
- Have not spent the budget this year: mostly in honoraria, failed to get speakers because they were busy handling the club
- Have already begun looking into speakers for the next year: had hoped to spend it this year, but will now be looking for next year

Debate Details:

- 300: Funding Honoraria in Full
- 250: All in Honoraria
- 330: Funding in Full without Copying

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- 1-12-0
- 320: Funding in Full without Operating Supplies
  - 7-6-0
- He owned his organizational failure, and is looking for growth next year

**Approved for 320; 7-6-0**

TURTL (used to be Students for Life)

Last Year: 500

Total Request: 1672

Notable Changes:

- 40.50 **increase** for Printing
- 200 **increase** for Food
- 149 **increase** for Rentals
- 77.50 **increase** in Operating Supplies
- 750 **increase** for Speaker

Budget Details:

- Hoping to raise awareness on campus, bring people together and into the club
- Operating Supplies for baby shower event and other necessary items
- Want to increase movie event: one per semester instead of annually
- Printing for color flyers for the baby shower and for meetings
- Speaker and Travel is the Priority: would prefer to have it split up
- Low Priority is Food
- Active membership is about 20-24
- Do not receive any additional outside funding

Debate Details:

- High presence on campus, despite the polarizing opinion
- 700: 50 for Food, 150 in Rentals (Licensing Rights), 500 for Speaker

**Approved for 700; 11-0-1**

ACEing Autism

Last Year: 400

Total Request: 300

Budget Items:

- 300 in Food

Budget Details:

- Entire budget allocated to get food for the kids
- Problems with account and CACTUS, no official spending summary
- Different than United for Autism
- 90 members: have needed to turn volunteers away so as not to overwhelm the kids
  - At least 60 volunteers every Sunday

Debate Details:

- Didn't spend money this year
- Difficult to put all the money in food

**Approved for 200, all in Food; 12-0-0**

Swim 4 Success

Last Year: 580

Total Requested: 1134

Notable Changes:

- 80 **increase** in Award Ceremony for Kids
- 32 **increase** in Office Supplies
- 8 **decrease** in Advertising
- 375 **increase** in Weekly Snacks

Budget Details:

- Increased membership by 25% this year
- Want to add \$375 for a new nutrition component for the program; the rest of the budget is about the same
- 97% of kids in the program receive free lunch at school: limited access to food
- Want to buy new folders so they can increase kids who participate
- Donated 200 to NAMI through dunk tank fundraiser
- Lessons every Sunday: one on one or one on two
- Only spent 204 so far: but have not submitted 150 receipt and also their main event is at the end of the year
- No advertisement has been needed on the kids' part. They use word of mouth

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- Funding in full would less than double the budget

**Approved for 1134, Funding in Full; 12-0-0**