

BUDGETS

Philosophy Club: Late

Total Requested: 150

One Line Item: Honoraria for Large Events

Presentation Details:

- Receive funding from the department
- Hoping to bring in local New Orleans people, in one or two chunks
- Looking at alumni from the philosophy department
- 15-20 people at meetings; 50 actively on the list serve
- Late because last year's e-board fell off the map

Funded in Full, \$150; 11-0-0

ELMO: New

Total Requested: 900

Budget Details:

- 400 for Background Checks
- 500 for Craft Supplies and Lab Equipment

Presentation Details:

- To give elementary school students the opportunity to explore science and STEM
- Background checks are required to work in elementary schools
- Equipment is for the experiments that they will be conducting
- Majority turnout at meetings; about 80 expected active
- Looking into the equipment they might need
- Priority would be the equipment

Debate Details:

- Precedent to not pay for background checks
- 500: in full, less background checks

Funded 500; 11-0-3

Muslim Student Association: Late

Total Requested: 5715

Last Year Received: 700

Budget Details:

- 4500 for Fall and Spring Banquet
- 500 for Food for Meetings
- 465 for Prayer Room
- 150 for Tabling Supplies
- 100 for Promotion

Presentation Details:

- Changing the organization to focus more on culture, bringing Muslim students together, increasing Muslim acceptance
- Money for the prayer room to provide different amenities for proper prayer (new space in the O, long battle with the administration won)
- Tabling is for Muslim Awareness Week, both semesters
- Fall Banquet would bring in popular Muslim speaker Omar Solemann, invite the whole local community, offer free food and free T-shirts: want to be at the level of IATU and TUVA
- Spring Banquet would hopefully feature a Muslim comedian, food, T-shirts
- General body meetings are a place for Muslim students to speak
- 500 per banquet for T-shirts: Didn't see it as reasonable to ask for more
- Prioritize tabling and fall banquet
- Late due to confidential complications
- Last year used the whole budget on spring banquet, spent it all on food and ran out
- Hope to pass out stickers during tabling

Debate Details:

- We don't fund food for meetings!
- 4215: Cutting food for general body meetings, and the T-shirts at the banquet
- 2465: Cutting food, T-shirts, one banquet

Funded 2465; 13-0-1

Reserve Request: DACA Fund (USG)

Total Requested: 3500

Request Details:

- Tulane USG passed a resolution to try to make Tulane a sanctuary campus within the sanctuary city of New Orleans
- “Student government should stand for undocumented students in the failure of the government and the university”
- Students have one month to apply for DACA renewal, and the application costs \$495
- Fund would subsidize costs for 7 students
- Student affairs emergency fund; this money would go to students who need it, and we wouldn’t know who got it, but we would know how many people accessed it
- Primarily designed for crime victims
- Could be up to \$1000 after private legal fees
- 3500 is based on an estimate of how much students would need
- The one-month window for renewal closes next week
- Working with undocumented student support committee; have not received the support
- Why does this money come from us? The issue is time-sensitive, so we need to commit
- Standing with our students as the student government; showing them we are here
- The money does come back if it isn’t all spent

Debate Details:

- Students at Tulane are at risk of not returning to this campus
- But is this what student activity fees should be paying for? The bylaws are vague: not a one-time capital improvement, but is an emergency use of the money, is a project that the Senate supports
- The University is hesitant to put money in causes; the fund is the only place the money can come from
- Top-tier administrators are against funding this, but do we want to
- Can we set up another fund in the future? Unclear; it would decrease the money that goes elsewhere
- This could still get denied by the top-tier administration even if we pass it
- These are student activity fee funds that EVERYBODY pays
- They have waited a while to come to us; this emergency was created, the fee was the last straw

Funded in Full; 9-2-1

Reallocation Request: Sailing

Moving 5000 from Coaching to Boat Maintenance; 14-0-0

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