

USG Finance Committee Minutes  
Meeting: October 2, 2017  
Senate Session Corresponding: October 10, 2017

VP Finance: Tyler Margaretten  
Recorded by: Maggie Palys

### NOMAS: Travel Request

Total Requested: 2405

- 167 Transportation
- 838 Lodging
- 1400 Registration

Conference Details: National NOMAS Conference in Houston, Texas; October 12-14, 2017

- 8 students: 2 first years, 1 undergrad sophomore

Presentation Details:

- Networking and support event for minorities in architecture, also a design competition
- Students have already paid cost of membership
- 4 students per room, only 2 nights
- Taking Motor Pool for driving, \$5 every 12 hours plus gas (167)
- All students going have participated in every weekly event that NOMAS has had
- Graduate students should be getting funding from their own student government

Debate Details:

- 1111: 525 Registration, 419 Lodging, 167 Transport
- Our money is by undergraduates, for undergraduates
- 2405: Funding in Full; 0-12-2

**Funded 1111, in full for undergraduate students only; 12-0-2**

### TOGA: Travel Request

Total Requested: 8478.56

- 4690 for Transportation
- 3118.56 for Lodging
- 700 for Registration

Conference Details: UPenn Conference; November 9-12, 2017

- 14 students: 2 seniors, 1 junior, 2 sophomores, 9 freshmen

Presentation Details:

- Last time we competed, 3/12 competitors placed; extremely competitive conference
- Necessary to go in order to stay competitive in the circuit
- Freshmen chosen were vetted through 150-person tryout process (limited for financial reasons; want everyone to attend)

- Top 10 teams take around 30 people, but some teams compete with 8/10/12
- Freshmen are more interested in the GA debate at Penn, difficult to train delegates for Duke crisis-heavy conference
- Receive some money from Dean MacLaren, would be pulling from 9 account for any discrepancy, any unfunded line items would be distributed so that everyone pays the same
- Dean offers 7500 for the year, hoping to make it to 5 trips this year

#### Debate Details:

- Cutting to 3 rooms (2 rooms have 5 and 1 have 4)
- With Model UN, the more people you have, the more competitive you are
- 7798.92: 3 rooms, in full; 7-6-1
- In the past, they have been waiting too long to book the flights. That has been a loss...
- He would rather we fund now and cut later
- 7099: 3 rooms less delegate fees

#### **Funded 7799; 7-6-1**

## **BUDGETS**

### NJBeats: New

Total Request: 1340

- 250 for TUBE Videography
- 150 for Student Photographer
- 300 for Uniforms
- 40 for Website
- 350 for Jewish holiday programming
- 250 for Open events Refreshments

#### Presentation Details:

- Hoping to do the videography twice per year, with TUBE, standard
- Looked into different photography options, student photoshoot is cheapest
- Uniforms with the hope of showing uniformity
- Would like to have a website for booking, etc.
- Refreshments for events/holiday programming (internal-only group bonding), link into group culture
- Uniform money would cover everyone, new T-shirts for this year

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- Low priority on the website, high priority for the videographers, uniforms

Debate Details:

- No food for Jewish holidays, internal
- Not “the norm” to fund food for individual acapella groups
- Websites can be done for free
- We don’t fund the uniforms, it’s just T-shirts
- ~~400: TUBE videography, student photographer~~
- How do we pay a student photographer? That’s really complicated
- 590: 150 snacks for concerts, 40 for website, plus video/student photographer; 2-12-0
- Acapella groups don’t necessarily wear uniforms, just dress to theme
- 440: 150 snacks for concert, 40 for website, 250 for videography;
- 250: Just for the videographer
- 500: Videographer, 250 for snacks for concerts; 11-3-0
- Other organizations have photoshoots for free

**Funded 500; 11-3-0**