

USG Finance Committee Minutes
Meeting: February 19, 2018
Senate Session Corresponding: February 20, 2017

VP Finance: Tyler Margaretten
Recorded by: Maggie Palys

Rhyme Versus Rhythm: Travel Request

Total Requested: 2553 (of 4743 total)

- 250 Transportation
- 1829 Lodging
- 575 Registration

Conference Details: College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational, April 3-8 in Philadelphia

- 5 Students; 1 of each year and a 4+1 Student

Presentation Details:

- Slam Poetry Team attending competition for second year. Placed 22/82 in first year!!
- Looking to win this year
- At Temple University. Asking for hotel and registration
- Researched all Philadelphia hotels, only one room. Cheapest option available
- Close to the competition, most of the students in the competition will be staying there
- Registration is a non-negotiable price
- Getting a lot of the money from Newcomb: 4+1 student having trouble getting funding
 - \$388 for 4+1 student ticket to Philly, \$150 for local transportation (nope)
- Huge bridge to help get involved with New Orleans community, co-captain actually involved in Team Snow (local slam team)
- Only team representing New Orleans, only us and LSU from the South
- An amazing space for people of color on campus
- Starts 8 AM on the 4th and finished at 11 PM on the 7th

Debate Details:

- Do we fund the 4+1 student? Is it different when it's one student...we think so.
- If we just fund the total amount requested, since we can't fund local transport we can just put that 250 toward Kayla

Funded in Full 2553; 11-0-1

Juggling: Travel Request

Total Requested: 667

- 367 Transportation
- 80 Lodging
- 220 Registration

Conference Details: Juggle Fest XXV, February 23-25 in Austin

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- 11 Students

NO SHOW

TOGA: Travel Request

Total Requested: 7146

- 3931 Transportation
- 1989 Lodging
- 1225 Registration

Conference Details: Chicago Model UN Conference, March 29-April 1 in Chicago

- 12 Students, mostly juniors and sophomores

Presentation Details:

- Want to stay at the conference hotel, important piece of the activity and cuts down on local transport
- Teams not yet finalized, but numbers should be accurate
- Looking into crowdfunding opportunities. WaveStarter is closed for now, uncertainty ability to raise money
- Subsidize the cost by asking for people to chip in, hoping to not have to ask for them to pay much so the best people can come
- Got a grant from the Dean, not much remaining for the rest of the year (1500ish)
- If funded in full, delegates would not pay to go
- This will be their last trip for the year
- Already paid for delegate fees, low priority
- Reasonably experienced team, but people haven't been to this conference
- 12 Students is the max as a small delegation; this increases the opportunity to win awards for Tulane. The best number for competition

Debate Details:

- Griffin: 5646, in full less 1500 from the Dean
 - 4-8-0
- Elena: 3846, less 1500 from the Dean and 150 per delegate
 - 12-0-0

Jazbaa: Travel Request

Total Requested: 6947

- 4856 Transportation
- 1363 Lodging
- 260 Registration

Conference Details: Taste of India competition, March 30-April 1 in Birmingham, AL

- 13 Students: 2 Seniors, 4 Juniors, 9 Sophomores, and 7 Freshmen

Presentation Details:

- By attending this competition, would officially be part of the nationwide circuit
- First DDN competition, first team in the state of Louisiana. Many schools have multiple competing teams
- Only competition in Alabama, only 4 teams (of 14 chosen). Competing for \$2000, in front of potentially 1300 people
- Have started as a team in 2015, applying for competitions since then, actually rejected from this competition last year
- Tulane would gain name recognition if we attended
- Total request includes 863 for food
- Cheapest and most logical option for lodging and flights
- Jazbaa is a great opportunity to stay in touch with culture and maintain work in Indian classical dance. It is so hard in the South to make that connection, and this allows it.
- Competition performance tells a story, our theme is Girl Power.
- Why fly? Flying is faster: need to come in the night before to meet the judges and make impressions, mandatory. Can't come back earlier because of spring break plans.
- Outside fundraising: WaveStarter, but hoping to bring that toward props and costumes. Need to build a full production
- Going to this competition helps our team to get into other competitions: different competitions at different schools each year. Potentially bringing a competition to Tulane in the future.
- 13 People has the potential to be 3 hotel rooms
- Why fly? There isn't enough time to drive with everyone and there is a concern of safety
- 75% of the 17 in the audition video needed to be in the competition, so 13 is ok.

Debate Details:

- We should give them Motor Pool money: \$5 per 12 hours plus gas: 60 + 280: 340
- 3 rooms instead of 4 for lodging: 1020
- 1620: 3 rooms, Motor Pool, registration

Funded 1620; 12-0-0

Debate: Travel Request

Total Requested: 6749

- 4339 Transportation
- 1635 Lodging
- 775 Registration

Conference Details: Nationals Tournament at Lewis and Clark College, March 22-27 in Portland

- 10 Students

Presentation Details:

- 277 for local Transportation in New Orleans, 442 for local Transportation in Oregon
- Paying for the tournament fees. Neither the number nor the names are set for students
- Not asking for the 775 in Registration
- In the past have looked to fund about 6500 for Travel for the year. At this point in the year have spent nearly 8000, not sticking with the promises from last year
- Only 1 senior, everyone else are sophomores and freshmen
- If we cut the number down, it would only guarantee 3 to go (varsity, not novice)
- Looking to find other fundraising sources: GoFundMe (not technically allowed), Blaze Pizza Percent Night
- The team usually always goes to Novice Nationals and Nationals, offers national rankings. Placed Top 8 last year

Debate Details:

- They have spent so much more this year, despite the understanding that it would be capped for travel
- The treasurer was obviously not aware of the cap
- Dealing in proportional increases: 60 to 80000 for travel, 6000 to 8000 for debate. Which they already did.
- 1 room, 4 people, 2 teams: 545 Lodging plus 75 flat fee plus 250 for two teams: total of \$652, pay their own transportation
- As a committee we have been more in favor of giving money. Should we let them figure it out?
- But debate as a club is routed in competitions
- Tyler/Matt: 870, 2 teams for lodging and registration
- Maggie: 1993, 2 teams in full (362/person/flight), less registration which they pay
 - 11-1-0
- Shahmeer: 3986, 4 teams in full (2 rooms), less registration which they pay
 - 5-7-0

Funded 1993: 2 teams in full less registration; 11-1-0