

Debate Team Capital Planning

Total Requested: 15283

Details:

- For the fall semester, all four tournaments are driving
 - o Spring tournaments, including Nationals and Novice Nationals, are flying
 - o 4 fall trips, 3 spring trips
- Bringing 16 people is typical for driving tournaments
 - o 14 students are attending Morehouse this weekend
 - o The number of students brought to tournaments is chosen by interest level and financing
 1. They go by fours to fill up hotel rooms
 - o Student enrollment/participation has been increasing
 1. Last year 80% were freshman, pretty good retention, the team is growing in skill, attendance, etc.
- Funding efforts outside of USG
 - o No team dues
 - o Blaze fundraisers (made about 70)
 - o Donuts and grilled cheese at the Boot (made about 100)
 - o They host a tournament around Mardi Gras (called the Carnival Classic), they make money from it, but most money made goes to expenses
 - o The fundraising goal is to have enough money to cover students that cannot afford to attend tournaments on their own
- For flying tournaments, they are bringing 12 people
 - o They are hoping USG pays for flights to the tournaments, and individuals will pay for their flights back
 - o Prioritization of tournaments:
 1. Morehouse
 2. Novice Nationals
 3. Nationals
 4. Valdosta State
 5. Carson Newman
 6. UNG
 7. Missouri Classic
- Discussion
 - o History:
 1. 2017-2018: 9884 (12.4% of travel budget)
 2. 2016-2017: 4932 (8.2% of travel budget)
 3. 2015-2016: 7135 (11.9% of travel budget)
 - o They are asking for 15283, a sizeable increase
 - o Flights seem like they could be thought out better

USG Finance Committee Minutes

Meeting: 20 September 2018

Senate Session Corresponding: 25 September 2018

VP Finance: Maggie Palys

Recorded by: Olivia Johnson

1. We want to ballpark 220 for a one-way ticket for Nationals and Novice Nationals
2. We want to estimate 12 people for each of those tournaments (3 rooms) and for flying tournaments

- Can we ask them to bring 12 to driving tournaments? They don't necessarily have the club participation to justify 16 people every tournament
 1. This would be the same number of Motorpool vans, but registration and hotels would be less
- If we allocate 12 people for every tournament, we like the "Support" line on the document provided
 1. the only thing that changes is for flying trips they pay their own registration
- 12637 is cost for 12 people in "Support" line for every tournament except Morehouse (was the weekend of September 22)
 1. We allocated 15800 for TOGA for 5 trips
 2. Debate is taking 7 trips for 12637

- **Vote:**

- **12700 7-0-1**

USG Travel Request

Total Requested: 2096.82

- This is for USG Exec to attend CampusCon, a student government conference that is being held in New Orleans this year
 - Campus Impact Conference with roughly 500 schools discusses issues like mental health, sexual assault on campus, student engagement, etc.
- This request is for registration fees, since they do not need hotels
- Later, they are going to come back for another travel request to go to Washington, DC for campus visits and another conference
 - Together, these two trips will be less than the single trip they took to DC last year (cost: 4965 for 5 students)
- They are bringing 6 people regardless of who on Exec can go
 - 5 people are committed, but if the 6th cannot go, they will bring DIEC or SHAC because of their relevance to the sessions

- **Vote**

- **Fund in full 8-0-0**

Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPICMACAY)

First Time Budget Request

Total Requested: 20700

- Breakdown of Request:
 - 500 printing for events
 - 9000 in honorarium for artists

- 200 backstage hospitality
- 2000 in food for event
- 1400 in sound for events
- 400 in advertising around Tulane
- 4500 in airfare for artists
- 200 in gas for local transportation artists
- 2000 in hotels
- *Most of these costs are associated with paying for and bringing acts to events*
- These numbers are based off of their event in April
 - They took the cost for this event and then just doubled them, because they are now looking at doing 2 events during the year
 - Their event last year had about 90 in attendance, including Tulane students and regular NOLA people
 - Events are free to attend
 - Each event would have 3 to 4 mid-tier instrumental and vocal artists, yoga, dance, etc. to promote Indian culture
 1. The artists do give them a break on price, since SPICMACAY is an international organization and is well respected
- Last year, they received interdepartmental donations
 - They do not think they will get as much this year, since the departments are already running out
- Printing - would be for flyers around campus, in Indian shops, etc. and for programs at the event (color)
- Priorities? Artist accommodations, honorarium, anything for the events (majority of what they asked for)
 - Food for events could be cut back
- Have you tried Wavestarter? No, timing was too late for their event last year
- Members do not pay dues and they do not receive funding from the international organization (SPICMACAY is international, they are one chapter of it)
- Discussion:
 - All of these numbers suggested are very round numbers – are they well-thought out?
 - Can they use USG Programming fund?
 1. This will be able to fund line items that are unable to be funded per USG bylaws
 2. The total Programming fund this year is 25000
 3. This can fund to print programs, honorarium, etc.
 4. Finance Committee suggestion is to use this fund
 - We can maybe put some money in honorarium and they could request the rest from the Programming budget?
 - We only have 10000 for first-time budgets total this year
 1. We literally cannot give them this much

2. First time budgets are in the 300-500 range

3. There are a lot of new budgets coming in this year

○ They paid for last semester's event with grant money

- Vote:

○ **750 in honoraria 7-1-0**

Tulane Alternative Breaks (TAB) Reserve Request

Total Requested: 11719

- Gist of Situation:

○ 2016-2017 TAB nine-account accidentally received 12000 from Accounts Receivable in Fall 2016

1. Prior to this, their account balance was around 4000

○ The TAB exec board did not notice that their account balance was too high

○ In their spending season (fall semester), they spent the entire balance of their account, including the accidental 12000 deposit from Accounts Receivable

○ Accounts Receivable and TAB did not recognize the error until April 2017

○ After Accounts Receivable reversed the error, the TAB account was left in a roughly 12000 deficit

1. The extra money was most likely spent on international trips

○ Current deficit is 11719

- TAB is asking USG to bail them out of this deficit, because the exec board that caused this issue are seniors this year

○ Once they are gone, the people that are going to have to deal with the issue would not have even been on campus at the time

○ They do not think that it is fair for students that were not a part of the issue to have to deal with it

- Discussion:

○ Past Years' Funding:

1. 2015-2016: 2800 (800 for fall break, 1971 for spring break)

2. 2016-2017: 1334 (1334 for fall break)

○ Is there anything that Accounts Receivables can do? No

○ An organization that normally only has around 4000 in their account should be more attentive when their balance goes above 10000

○ Last year (2017-2018), TAB did not ask for any money from USG

1. They did not go on any large-scale trips

○ Because the deficit is in their nine account, any money they fundraise will only lessen the deficit, they wouldn't be able to use it until they fundraised the entire deficit

1. They have gotten about 300 raised over the past year

○ Can we use the Reserve Account for this? Yes, this is "extraordinary circumstance"

- This year, we are asking them to stay within driving trips
 1. If this passes, they will consume a much larger chunk of the budget than last year
 2. We do not want to take money away from other orgs
 3. We would like to fund them minimally if at all
- Vote
 - **Fund in full: 7-0-1**

TAB Fall Break Travel Request

Request: 940

- This fall is trips to Houston, TX; Grand Isle, LA; Livingston, TX
- 30 individuals are going on each fall break trip
 - There are more signed up right now, but people drop right before the trip; this is a conservative estimate
- Because they are aware of their deficit, they are actively pursuing grants from NCI, etc
 - They are hoping for 750 for these trips
- This is partial funding for their trip
 - Students that go on the trip pay 50
- Debate?
 - Can they get funding from CACTUS? No, because CACTUS transpo is only for local travel
- Vote
 - **Fund in Full 8-0-0**

College Democrats Reallocation

- College Democrats have been doing a lot of work to get TurboVote onto campus
- They are at the final stages of bringing this to campus, but TurboVote cannot take money from partisan organizations
 - This request is to reallocate money given to College Dems and place it back in the USG Reserve account
 - The money is still going to TurboVote, but College Dems can't directly pay for it
- Benefits of TurboVote:
 - Students can register in any state
 - Students who are already registered can request absentee ballots
 - Students can receive voting reminders
- This project has already received 1000 from a CPS grant, 300 from the MOVE initiative (non-USG orgs on campus that are part of the voter registration coalition)
- Vote
 - **Fund in Full 8-0-0**