

Benevolent Society – Chess Club Travel Request

Total Requested: 7236

- 3834 Transportation
- 2760 Hotel/Lodging
- 642 Registration Fees

Conference Details:

- Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship
  - Once a year tournament, the only opportunity to compete under the Tulane name
  - December 27 – December 30 2018
  - Ideal: 2 teams of 4 people each

Presentation Details:

- Opening notes from Maggie:
  - Because it is a break, there are tie-ups where we can fly people to and from
    - We cannot fund flights from home, only from Tulane and back (MSY)
  - If you don't see a full fund in lodging, we ask that clubs sleep four to a room
    - This would be two rooms instead of four rooms
- Grade breakdown of attendees:
  - 5 undergrads (1 senior, 3 juniors, 1 sophomore), 2 PhD, 2 Law School
- What is the benefit of bringing two teams instead of one?
  - More people get to participate
  - Are there different levels of teams?
    - Team A and Team B (based on skill)
- What is the reasoning behind staying extra days on both ends of the trip? (Planned flights are on December 26, 2018 and January 1, 2019)
  - From our research, the tournament doesn't start until around 4pm on the 27<sup>th</sup>, so a morning flight would get you there in time
  - Flying in beforehand
    - They are flying in early just in case the flights are delayed
    - They will have a better night's sleep so that they can focus and perform at a higher level
  - On the 31<sup>st</sup> there can be tiebreaker rounds
    - Unlikely, but could happen
    - They are staying late to cover this possibility
- (From club president) What if the hotel doesn't allow for us to have four people to a room?
  - This wouldn't happen
  - He doesn't know if they have any two double bed rooms left – would we pay for two to a room in this case?
  - If this hotel doesn't have it, then you can look into close hotels in the vicinity with similar pricing
    - We fund the least expensive reasonable option
- Are members paying anything?
  - Food
- What will this bring back to campus?

- Experience
  - Valuable to play in a chess tournament
- Only collegiate chess tournament
  - This is the only opportunity to represent your university as a team

Debate Details:

- Flight not out of MSY is 796
  - Take off of the top of Travel
- We fund the conference hotel unless it is unreasonably expensive
- Logistics
  - They are sending eight people. Are we comfortable with this?
    - Why are we funding PhD and Law students?
      - We can fund them because GAPSA gives us money
    - What is the benefit of two teams?
- He couldn't really tell us what it would bring back to campus
  - But it is their only opportunity to compete under Tulane's name
- Is it reasonable that they are flying in on the 26<sup>th</sup>?
  - Do they need an extra day to be in their peak mind?
    - Note: The time change is in our favor
  - If we fund them on December 26, we are looking at one extra night in an expensive hotel
  - Do we want to fund them in the tiebreaker round?
    - Again, hotel is expensive and they are not putting in any money in themselves
    - We think that they should leave the night of the 30<sup>th</sup>
      - Are we funding their NYE in San Francisco?
      - We can retroactively fund their flight changes
  - Nights in hotel: December 27, 28, 29
    - Cuts lodging in half
- We are going to make them sleep four in a room
  - It is unfair for us to make every other club and not them just because of poor planning
- The Chess Club has never travelled before
  - This is the first time they have gone, but we are hesitant to fund two teams
    - Jane is also in favor of one team
  - Flights are expensive, and our travel funding is limited
    - Is this where we want to spend our limited budget?
  - Consensus: Send the A Team for the best chances to win
    - Sending the B Team does not provide any longevity to the club on campus
- Can we give them the funding for the fourth night that they can spend however they want?
  - Essentially like a scholarship fund
  - We could fund registration for two teams, but not travel and lodging
  - Answer: No

- The messaging would be confusing to fully fund one team, and only partly fund the other
- 3 nights, 1 team, 4 to a room in the Hyatt would be 2532
  - 1736 Transportation
  - 567 Lodging
  - 229 Registration

Voting: **2532, 16-0-0**

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- **229 Registration**

#### Architecture Student Government Reallocation Request

Total Requested: 2000

- 2000 from Food budget (6211) into Honoraria (6713)

Reasoning:

- Architecture school received a lump sum for their yearly conference
- They would like to move money from their Food budget to their Honoraria budget
- ASG is looking into inviting more popular (read: more expensive) names to speak at their conference

Discussion:

- No issues

Voting: **2000, 13-0-1**

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