

## TIPAC Travel Request

Total Requested: 7157

- 4250 Transportation
- 2613 Lodging
- 5681 Registration

Conference Details:

- CONFERENCE DATE AND LOCATION
- Hoping to bring a delegation of 23 students to AIPAC in Washington DC
  - AIPAC promotes the US-Israel relationship
- AIPAC hosts speakers from across all areas of the economy
  - High profile, high quality speakers in their fields
  - There are also breakout sessions that allow students to hone their skills in various topics

Presentation Details:

- Registration is already subsidized through the conference and they have a donor that is willing to pay the remaining amount
  - Each student's registration is 299
  - The donor is paying roughly 6,000 directly to the conference
- The hotel they are staying at is the cheapest they could find
  - 4 people in each room, 4 rooms
- Flight
  - 250 per person
    - This is an estimate
  - Even if they don't get that much money, they will use the money to subsidize each person's flight
    - They will distribute evenly
- They are actively looking for cheap options and alternate sources of funding
- The actual number is 6863
  - This number does not include registration
- How did you choose who is going?
  - They are typically the most involved people in the club
    - They chose people based on their involvement
    - Over half are freshman, and over half has not gone to the conference before
    - There were more people who volunteered than who are going
  - Not everyone is in TIPAC
- Why are people going that aren't in TIPAC?
  - They are members in professional frats, student government and other clubs on campus
  - They will hear from speakers that are specialists in their field
  - How many are not members?
    - About 5
    - The rest have at least some level of affiliation

- Have students contributed to their trip at some point?
  - Not yet, but each student is going to book their own flight and then ask for reimbursement from USG
  - Different students have various subsidies that they are using as funding
    - Some students have scholarships, some students' synagogues are paying for them, etc.
    - Some students are staying with friends in Washington DC, so they do not need lodging
- Do you have priorities for funding?
  - They are hoping to pay for the hotel in a lump sum, even if not fully funded
  - They will distribute the remainder to to transportation
- Why are 23 people going? What information are people getting that they are bringing back to the organization that requires this many people?
  - This conference has 1800 people in attendance, so there are lots of breakout sessions that students can tailor to their interest
  - In the past, people didn't have much overlap in sessions
    - Once on campus, students can compare experiences, and have pertinent information across all different knowledge areas
  - When the information comes back to campus, it goes to a lot of corners of campus
    - It doesn't stay only in TIPAC, because many of their members are also club leaders of other organizations
  - They see this as an opportunity for political experience
    - Having opportunities to lobby and work with professionals

#### Debate Details:

- Maggie has notes from the past 2 years:
  - 2017
    - 21 students attended the conference, funded for 19
    - 184 per person
    - They cut two members who were less involved and cut transportation because of issues with Spring Break timing
  - 2018
    - Full fund on lodging, 100 per plane ticket
    - 3862 total
    - 20 people attended, funded for 15
- This is a lot of money, and a lot of people
  - They have recently shifted to bringing campus leaders because of the leadership nature of the conference
- Why are they asking for people that aren't in the club?
  - We can't fund individuals, so why can we fund individuals that are attaching themselves to a club?
  - We have done this in the past with a Men Join the Fight conference
- If we aren't going to fund people that aren't in the club,

- We should take out one of the hotel rooms
  - 18 people, 4 people per room
  - 1960 in total for lodging
- We found flights for much less than 250 (roughly 130)
  - Do we want to fully fund 18 people for flights?
- Should we fund 100 per flight for 18 people?
- Proposal
  - 3760
    - 1960 Lodging
    - 1800 Transportation
- Since their preference to pay hotel in lump sum, we will break it down into:
  - 2613 Lodging
  - 1147 Transportation (64 per flight)

Vote: **3760, 12-0-1**

- **2613 Lodging**
- **1147 Transportation**

#### Dat Dance Crew Budget

Total Requested: 550

- 250 Performance Uniform
- 150 Guest Dance Teacher
- 150 Speaker for Performances

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 480
  - 230 Performance Uniform
  - 150 Guest Dance Teacher
  - 150 Speaker for Performances
- Last Year's Budget: 300
- Explanation:
  - Performance Uniform: On last year's budget they listed that each uniform would cost \$10 and they currently have 23 members so \$230 would allow them to buy a uniform for each of their members.
  - Guest Dance Teacher: This is how much we gave them for a guest dance teacher to learn from last year and I think consistency is valuable.
  - Speaker for Performances: They have requested a speaker every year and we have never funded them so the fact that they keep requesting for one leads me to believe that this is actually something that they need. They requested \$150 but I found a cheaper large dance speaker for \$100.
  - This is their fifth year on campus, I think that a gradual budget increase is a good thing here and they have properly laid out their needs in the request.
- They did not respond to liaison emails

Debate Details:

- Last year they had 300, but prior to that they had a larger budget

- In the past, they have asked for 10 per uniform and they have 23 members
  - 230 makes more sense than 250
- We have funded their dance teacher in the past, so this is consistent
- We have never funded speakers for performances, but they keep asking for it
  - We think that they must really need it if they keep asking
  - They used to ask for speakers for practices and performances, but now they are asking for only performances
  - We like that they are only asking for performances and not practices
  - Simran found a cheaper dance speaker for 100
    - This is why it is cut
- We like a consistent increase
- Spending patterns?
  - They have spent 0 for the past 2 school years
- New Opinion:
  - 230, only for uniforms
- Proposed number 230
  - 230 Performance Uniforms

Vote: **230, 11-1-1**

- **230 Performance Uniforms**

#### American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Budget

Total Requested: 650

- 450 Food (Events with Speakers)
- 100 Tour Fees
- 100 Honoraria

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 600
  - 450 Food (Events with Speakers)
  - 50 Tour Fees
  - 100 Honoraria
- Last Year's Budget: 300
  - Requested 400
- Explanation:
  - Budget formal complies with standards, and descriptions are provided under each line item
  - Budget specified that events with food are open to the entire student body
    - The increase in the budget is due to an additional open speaker event
    - This is an increase in honoraria and food
  - Not sure if USG can fund a tour to a brewery, which is what half of the tour fees were requested for
    - If we can fund this, the recommendation is changed to full fund
    - Funding AIChE signals Finance Committee's goal to foster growth in small clubs on Tulane's campus

- AIChE did not request a meeting, but reached out with questions during the budget process

Debate Details:

- When they reached out to liaison, they were engaged and knowledgeable about the budgeting process
- Spending patterns?
  - They have spent 0 for the past 2 school years
- Modified recommendation
  - Fund honoraria and fees, rather than food and tours
  - If they are trying to expand their club, funding these items would be a better use of money than snacks at public events
- Proposed number 100
  - 100 Honoraria

Vote: **100, 12-0-1**

- **100 Honoraria**

Alpha Phi Omega (APO) Budget

Total Requested: 800

- 100 Food
- 700 Dues and Memberships

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 450
  - 100 Food
  - 350 Dues and Membership
- Last Year's Budget: 100
  - 100 Food
- For food, they are requesting food for tabling events in the fall and in the spring
  - We gave them this money last year
  - This money is consistent with the past funding of the club
- For dues and memberships, the club requires an online registration to APOonline.org
  - From the treasurer – “each semester, we are charged approximately \$350 to cover each Brother's membership to APOonline.org- site is the page that every APO member uses to register for service events. Since service is what our Fraternity is founded upon, this website is crucial to the functioning of our Fraternity. Additionally, the APO Secretary uses the site to log each Brother's attendance at our weekly meetings”
  - The current treasurer is not sure why these weren't included in the past year's budget, but he explained that the membership/ dues fees are integral to the club as they need to use this website
- No liaison meetings, but liaison has been emailing with the treasurer
  - The budget follows the appropriate format
- This organization does important philanthropic work, and the majority of their money is being requested for dues and membership

- Recommendation is to fund only 1 semester of the online membership, since it is very expensive
- One semester's membership is appropriate, considering the number of members in the club (138) and the fact that the website is integral to their success

Debate Details:

- We are good with food for tabling events
- They really need money for membership
- 450 recommendation seems very reasonable
- Spending patterns?
  - 22 for 2017-2018
  - 0 for 2018-2019
- Proposed number 350
  - 350 Dues and Membership

Vote: **350, 13-0-0**

- **350 Dues and Membership**