

TUSTEP (Tulane University Service-Dog Training and Education Program) Travel

Request

Total Requested: 953.97

- 305.96 Transportation
- 648.01 Lodging

Presentation Details:

- Canine Companions for Independence turn-in ceremony
 - February 14 – February 17, 2019
 - Dallas, TX
- Asking for reimbursement
- Brought Yowser to advanced training
- CCI only has regional centers
- Why so much for lodging? Were there no pet-friendly hotels? Why reserved for 3 people?
 - It had to be pet-friendly
 - The hotel that was recommended by CCI was full
 - Next step was hotels
 - They didn't have good reviews from people at the training facility
 - Scary, dirty, problems with management
 - Next step was AirBnBs by the airport
 - Pet friendly, not a room (a full
 - It was Valentines day weekend so everything was booked
 - Only other option was in a very red crime area
 - Other hotels in
 - Additional guests were Mom and roommate
 - They were instrumental in raising Yowser
 - It was important to have them there
- The flight is expensive, considering that it was just to Dallas. It was also booked 10 days in advance. Why so late?
 - She had tests that week
 - She was working with professors to reschedule exams
 - She was waiting on confirmation from a professor that she could take an exam on an alternate date

Debate Details:

- We don't think that we should pay for roommate and friends
 - We could do a third of funding for lodging
 - This would be 216 for lodging
- She should have booked the flight earlier
 - She was waiting on professors to respond, so is it understandable
 - But she had this date far in advance, so she should have been working with professors as soon as the semester started
 - How much can we find flights for?
 - 200 round trip
- Number: 416

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Vote: 416, 15-0-0

- **200 Transportation**
- **216 Lodging**

Compassion in Action (CAT) First-Time Budget

Total Requested: 256

- 116 Food for Events
- 140 Honoraria (Speaker Gifts)

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: Fund in full, except cut food in half
 - 58 Food
 - 140 Honoraria
- Very responsive and communicative

Presentation Details:

- We previously heard this club, but they were not active status
 - Now they will be active and can receive funding
- Based off of colloquium on secular compassion, compassion in the workplace, etc
- Last semester:
 - Had a meditation retreat last semester with a professor from Northwestern University
 - She came and did a half-day retreat in the LBC
 - Had a local OT that uses mindfulness with terminally ill patients to learn about the medical benefits of it
 - Yoga for Youth founder came to talk about her organizations and now members regularly volunteer
- This semester:
 - Speakers coming in to lead a half-day workshops
 - 25 for two speakers' gifts, since they are working for free
 - Based off of last semesters spending
 - Hoping to have food at two events
 - Yoga on LBC quad with dogs
 - Speaker event
 - Based off of spending last semester that was funded by the Honors program at Tulane
 - Supplies
 - Day of Kindness tabling
 - Partnering with Children's Hospital to make slime and journals with kids
 - Estimates are based on Amazon and slime recipes
- Are any events scheduled?
 - One speaker is choosing between two dates in March
 - A second speaker is March 22
- Tabling event next week

- Trips to Children's Hospital – given dates and now choosing for best attendance
- Events are open to all students

Debate Details:

- They are only asking for funding for the second half of this year since they are newly active
- Vote
 - 225
 - 2-13-0
 - 198
 - 14-0-1

Vote: **198, 14-0-1**

- **58 Food**
- **140 Honoraria**

Green Bull Investment Banking Group Budget

Total Requested: 1770

- 150 Buttons and Stickers
- 200 Food (Light Refreshments)
- 600 Financial Modeling Workshop
- 250 Partial Scholarships for Workshop Attendees
- 240 Honoraria
- 250 Prep Guides
- 80 Monthly Review Session Supplies

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 1580 - 1730
 - 200 Food (Light Refreshments)
 - 600 Financial Modeling Workshop
 - 250 Partial Scholarships
 - 240 Honoraria
 - 250 Prep Guides
 - 40 Monthly Review Session Supplies
 - ?? 150 Buttons and Stickers
- Last Year's Budget: 2000
- Explanation:
 - Last year, they were funded 2000. 1000 for Oasis prep guides and 1000 for a financial training workshop
 - This year they are requesting 1770
 - They were looking to buy a buzzer system costing 82.48, which they provided a link for (https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B001ZMZK7A?pf_rd_p=c2945051-950f-485c-b4df-15aac5223b10&pf_rd_r=MFTPBVENBC83RA6H8Z3G)
 - I found a similar buzzer system on Amazon for 43.78, but the only difference is that there are wires (https://www.amazon.com/Educational-Insights-7883-Eggspert/dp/B001SN8DE8/ref=sr_1_4?crid=3L907VLAZNURQ&keywords=buz)

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- Not sure how much of the printing out stickers and making buttons can be done in the SOC, so depending on that I would decide as to fund the 150 in their copying, printing, etc. line item

Presentation Details:

- Investment Banking club here on campus
- Mission: make sure students get jobs in banking (ibanking, S&T, equity research)
- Responsible for increasing programming and learning activities to help in interviews since Tulane is not a target school
- \$150 for buttons and stickers—for PR, would help gain more members since the club has shrunk in the past few years
- Hosting a few speakers next year—increase programming, other than just lectures about markets (need refreshments for this)
- Financial modeling workshop (\$1200 to bring them in, usually split with the CMC, students also pay on top of that)
 - CMC is not sure if they can pay for workshop this year, extra money might need to be reallocated to help fund this
 - Want to start awarding scholarships for students who can't afford it
- Mentor workshop—junior, senior, and alum mentors, hoping to incentivize the alum to participate through Honoria
- Prep guides—text books for studying for interviews, update for new yearly guides
- Priority
 - Financial modeling and scholarships
 - Everything else is secondary
- How much printing/stickers can be done in the soc?
 - Cannot do buttons or stickers in the SOC
 - Lower on the priority list

Debate Details:

- Liaison Recommendation:
 - 1730
 - Buzzer system can be found cheaper 40
- They have cut their own budget

Vote: **1730, 11-0-4**

- **150 Buttons and Stickers**
- **200 Food (Light Refreshments)**
- **600 Financial Modeling Workshop**
- **250 Partial Scholarships for Workshop Attendees**
- **240 Honoraria**
- **250 Prep Guides**
- **80 Monthly Review Session Supplies**

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Tulane Makers and Robotics Society (MARS) Budget
Total Requested: 3148.72

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- 3023.72 Minor Equipment
- 125 Shipping Expenses for Equipment

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 2779
 - They have spent 439 this year so far
- Last Year's Budget: 1403
- Explanation:
 - Mecanum Wheels: 321
 - They originally wanted 4.74 times the order, so I used the same conversion factor, but on a cheaper item
 - https://ozrobotics.com/shop/60mm-aluminum-lego-compatible-mecanum-wheel-set-2-left-and-2-right/?gclid=CjwKCAiA45njBRBwEiwASnZT590gvIzYa6a8ATgpMmlLqm6sWBoRydHsWRdXrHgC9xJvd7KaZD5EGxoCfcIQAvD_BwE
 - Stepper Motor: 48
 - They requested a similar amount last year for stepper motors and were only funded 48, so I am going to assume there was a reason for that
 - Although they requested roughly 4000 last year and were only funded 1403, this year they are requesting roughly 3150 and I am unsure of why they were cut money from last year
 - In the budget, they listed a bunch of items that I did not know anything about, but I did my best to find cheaper alternatives
 - I didn't know if there was a reason they were asking for a specific brand or not, so I decided to give the benefit of the doubt and I feel that since they will be providing a full hearing, we can deliberate on which items can be cut based on their explanations

Presentation Details:

- They asked for money last year to build robots
- They slashed the budget to show that they have put thought into what goes into the budget
 - They refined each line item to be more specific
- 700 per robot
 - They are working this year with UNO's robotics team (faculty advisor, students)
 - UNO has 5000 in funding for their program
 - When talking to their faculty advisor, he was able to give them a parts list for the budget
- They work out of and with the makers space
 - They have a competitive team to compete in robotics competition
 - They are not seen as a serious competitor, so they are hoping that funding will help them grow their team
- They collaborate with clubs to teach students in New Orleans about STEM
- Why 4 robots?

- They are running out of tasks to give people because their club has been growing
- There are more hands than pieces when it comes to robots
- 4 robots would be ideal, but what is the minimum to keep everyone busy?
 - The minimum would be 3
 - They cut back on unnecessary expenses
- What are you going to do with the rest of the money of the year?
 - They've spent a lot of money on outreach
 - They've only recently gotten schematics from UNO, so now they can buy the parts needed for these robots
- Priority items?
 - The sensors go hand in hand with the robots
 - An uneven number of funding for robots vs sensors would not make sense
- What are you able to do with this year's funding?
 - They can complete 1 robot
 - They are doing a lot of designing, etc. that is free
 - Are any of these parts needed to finish the robots you are building?
 - No
 - They are reaching out to people that have experience in robotics competitions to make their club better

Debate Details:

- VERY hard budget to read
- Liaison Breakdown:
 - Up to deliberation
 - 1574
 - Funded for 2 robots, not 4
 - Funds everything for 2 robots
 - Cut entire budget in half
- Do you think that shipping expense changes with the amount of equipment?
 - Shipping for this size equipment could get expensive, but a lot of their links are from Amazon so free prime shipping baby
- Maybe give them three robots so that they can have a total of 4 robots including the one they are building this year
 - They want a total of 4, and they have one in progress
 - This would increase their budget significantly from last year
- 1641
 - 1574 Minor Equipment
 - 125 Shipping
- Can they buy things without shipping?

Vote: 1641, 14-0-1

- **1574 Minor Equipment**
- **125 Shipping**

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- 800 Printing and Illustration
- 1650 Food for Events
- 4750 Miscellaneous Expenses (explained in budget)
- 2500 Collaborative Events with Other MCC Organizations
- 250 Sponsorship for Community Event
- 4500 Honoraria

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 1100
 - Line items
- Last Year's Budget: 540
- Explanation:
 - Last year, they were only approved for 540 on a 1330 request
 - 0 for Printing
 - They requested 500
 - I feel that they can take advantage of the free printing in the SOC
 - I think that they can't just go from having a 540 budget to a 14000+ budget
 - They should start by having one or two events with good engagement and then slowly build their budget instead of throwing this many events all of a sudden
 - For Academic Excellence Banquet, I would fund 1030:
 - 250 food
 - 0 DJ
 - 0 photobooth
 - 100 decorations
 - 200 awards
 - 200 guest speaker
 - 0 senior appreciation gifts
 - SOMETHING ELSE
 - I don't think they should be funded for anything else, since I feel like they are trying to do too much without having a history of making use of such a high budget
- Response to liaison emails

Presentation Details:

- The current year is the first year that they have been active
 - There are a lot of programs that they
- Academic excellence, professionalism, etc.
- 50 members, about 35 registered online
- Academic excellence banquet
 - A speaker (most likely Dr. Mackey from STEM NOLA) that can give internships and co-ops
 - Highlight seniors, members, PCI (anyone that has been supportive in the community) for all of the work they have done
- Collab Events

- They are an MCC organization, so they all have the same rough goal
- Community Engagement
 - They will be sponsoring a school once a month
 - They will go to schools without a lot of funding (charter schools, etc)
 - Outreach, programming (build robots, etc)
 - Engineering Future workshop
 - Dedicated to getting girls involved in STEM
 - NSBE Table Talk
 - For the benefit of NSBE members
- Workshops, mock interviews, showcases for business professional dress
 - Sponsoring with companies that can donate casual/business clothes
 - How to blend your style
- Priority line items?
 - 1. Community service engagements
 - 2. Professionalism events
 - 3. Table Talk
- We don't fund food for events that are open to the general public or banquets
- Why such an increase? Is the programming explained in the budget already set in stone/required or are they hopeful events?
 - Some of the programs that are set in stone
 - Some of them are optional that they are hoping to plan
- They have spent 100. The rest is going to:
 - High school community service outreach events

Debate Details:

- Liaison breakdown:
 - Fund some events to prove spending of money and involvement, then grow budget from there
- Typically, we do not fund banquets because they are difficult to open to the public
- 1100
 - 200 Food (Professional Showcase)
 - 900 Supplies
 - removed
- 500 Community Service Events
 - 250 Food
 - 250 Miscellaneous
- 750 Community Service
 - 500 Food
 - 250 Other Miscellaneous (for community service event and Engineering the Future)
 - removed

Vote: **500, 14-0-1**

- **250 Food**

- **250 Miscellaneous**

National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMAS) Budget

Total Requested: 5408

- 110 Printing
- 520 Food
- 300 Guest Lecturer/Honoraria
- 220 Operating Supplies (Model-Making Materials)
- 4258 Travel
 - 1170 Registration
 - 1560 Transportation
 - 1200 Lodging
 - 328 Local Transport

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 960
 - 40 Printing
 - 450 Food
 - 300 Guest Lecturer/Honoraria
 - 170 Operating Supplies
- Last Year's Budget: 900
- Explanation:
 - Printing
 - I think that, because these are architecture students, visualization of materials is important
 - They requested 40 to advertise their Critique and Coffee event, and 60 for general advertising
 - I think that it is acceptable to fund an event's printing/advertising, but not necessarily necessary to advertise in color for general body meetings and other events they have
 - Their pricing is based off of the Architecture School's printing costs, and I think they might be able to find printing cheaper elsewhere that the 40 could go towards
 - Food
 - They are planning on having a guest lecture with food, a Design Day with high schoolers, and a number of other cool events
 - The food for design day will cost 250, and the food for their guest lecture will cost 200 (which seems high)
 - They also requested 70 for food for Critique and Coffee events, but those events seem much less open to the public, so I am less inclined to fund food for it
 - Guest Lecture/Honoraria
 - They are looking to bring in a speaker again this year
 - This is in line with what we have funded previous years
 - Travel

- The dates of their conference are not posted yet, but it will be most likely in late October/early November of this year
- They can come back with a travel request
- Sent liaison response email on deadline at 6:30pm

Presentation Details:

- Focused on promoting diversity for architecture and broadening the pipeline
 - Serve as representatives for all collegiate chapters
- Biggest events are design day, TSA Crits and Coffee
 - Design Day is when they bring in high schoolers – this needs a lot of resources
- They are asking for more funding because they are expecting a double in student participations
- Diversity month in April
 - Last year they brought in a guest speaker
 - About 50-60 showed up, and started a lot of really good conversations
 - They will continue to bring in guests
- Does your printing need to be in color?
 - They put up posters for events
 - All of the other clubs in the Architecture school are in color also
 - Some events are more important
- Priorities for food:
 - Design Day
 - Crits and Coffee/Diversity Month
 - Guest Lecture
- Travel request is not valid – not before October 1st
 - Come back in the fall to request for those items
- They have spent 0 to date. How have you done events?
 - They are personally paying for things
 - Some of their bigger events haven't happened yet
 - The deadline for membership hasn't occurred yet
 - They are expecting dues, but they aren't sure about the exact dollar amount they are getting so they are being careful with funds
 - Make sure you request refunds

Debate Details:

- Last year, they had 600 in budget, and only spent 289 towards the end of the year
- Abridged recommendation
 - Keep food and guest lecture: 750

Vote: **750, 14-0-1**

- **450 Food**
- **300 Guest Lecturer/Honoraria**

Pre-Medical Society Budget

Total Requested: 100

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- 50 Printing
- 50 Dues and Membership

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 100
 - 50 Printing
 - 50 Dues and Membership
- Last Year's Budget: 100
 - Fully spent
- Explanation
 - Fund in full
 - Small request, and depending on if they spent their money last year, they should be funded in full

Debate Details:

- They are using dues to pay for their events
 - We can't fund this
 - They are probably going to put this money into their nine account
- Should we table funding until we can clarify their phrasing?
 - Table until email answers question

Vote: **number, vote**

- **Line items**

Pre-Dental Society Budget

Total Requested: 270

- 120 Honoraria
- 150 Conference Registration

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 270
 - 120 Honoraria
 - 150 Conference Registration
- Last Year's Budget: 270
- Explanation
 - They are requesting the same amount of money they were approved for last year
 - This is not an outrageous request

Debate Details:

- They have spent 80 so far this year
- Cut funding in half because of lack of spending
 - 150
 - 3 speaker gifts
 - 3 students' registration for LSU Dental 101

Vote: **150, 14-0-1**

- **60 Honoraria**
- **90 Conference Registration**