

### Classics Club Budget Request

Total Requested: 950

- 150 Food
- 200 Honoraria
- 600 Visiting Professionals (Travel Expenses)

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 670
  - 200 Honoraria
  - 470 Visiting Professionals (Travel Expenses)
- Last Year's Budget: 569
- Explanation:
  - This year, they requested an extra 100 in honoraria to bring a higher-tier speaker. Since the speaker is an important part of the club, we should support this increase
  - Travel costs should stay the same. In the minutes from last year, they wanted extra money in case "they book a flight late." If the speaker is such an important part to the club, there should be responsibility to book flights on time. They seemed to do okay with the 469 they were allotted last year
  - The upcoming academic year is the first time the Classics Club will be trying to host a symposium. The event still seems like it is in the early stages of planning. I would rather prioritize funding to events they have been hosting for the past couple of years. If Finance Committee members prefer that the funding go towards this event, the extra 100 in Honoraria can be transferred to food (as long as this is an open, advertised, and public event)

Presentation Details:

- Classics is the study of ancient Mediterranean civilizations; they try to get students excited about ancient history
- Their main event is a speaker, which is why they are increasing their request for Honoraria – they want to bring a better speaker
- They have not spent their budget for this year, because their speaker event has not happened yet, but they have the meeting planned and the speaker is ready to go
  - They are collaborating with the Classics Department
  - They collaborate with the Anthropology Club as well, which is also helping to partially fund the speaker
- Food is for a symposium, the ancient Greek equivalent of an open mic night
  - This gives a platform for people to present work/art, etc. and is open to all Tulane affiliates
- What does your attendance look like for age?
  - Mainly lower level students (5-10 new students per meeting), but there are 5-10 upper classmen who regularly attend
  - They are expecting 30-35 for the speaker event
- Priority line items:
  - First: travel expenses for the speaker; second: honoraria; third: symposium food

Debate Details

- Recommendation is good and should stand

Vote: **670, 13-0-1**

- **200 Honoraria**
- **470 Visiting Professionals**

The SOC Budget Request

Total Requested: 110162

- 720 Phone Annual Charge
- 500 Food
- 3000 Routine Maintenance for Copier
- 45623 Salaries for Hourly Campus Life Staff
- 13500 Salaries for Student Workers
- 9019 Worker Benefits
- 25000 Collegiate Readership Program
- 8500 Dues/Membership/Licensing Fees
- 300 Office Supplies
- 4000 Operating Supplies

Liaison Recommendation: None

Presentation Details:

- The phone charge is the same as last year
- The food for workshops has been decreased because copier maintenance has increased
  - The company that handles the copier has increased their fee; we pay monthly
  - The copier is something that is something that all students use, so this is a better use of money
- Salaries for hourly staff, etc.
  - Has stayed the same
- Collegiate readership program
- Licensing fees
  - Allow for different university entities to use songs, etc (Mainly WTUL)
  - Half through us and half through Student Affairs
  - We pay for the half that students get to use, not the operating expenses
- A total 500 increase, because 1,000 increase for copier, but cuts of
  - 300 from food
  - 200 from furniture

Debate Details:

- Maggie likes the budget, we agree

Vote: **110162, 14-0-0**

Anthropology Club Budget Request

Total Requested: 1240

- 50 Food
- 200 Honoraria and Fees
- 300 Operating Supplies (Museum Tickets)
- 100 Books and Subscriptions

- 40 Motor Pool/Local Transportation
- 550 Visiting Professionals

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget:
  - Line items
- Last Year's Budget: 250
- Explanation:
  - Food: for speaker events; they are requesting 50 for food; recommendation is to put this money into a different line item
  - Honoraria: for faculty; they are requesting 200 for a 50 gift for 3-4 speakers; we gave them 150 for this same line item last year, and if they do have 3 speakers again next year, 150 works; recommendation is 150 in Honoraria
  - Operating Supplies (Tickets): they are requesting 400 for this line item; 300 is allocated to help pay for students' tickets when they go to museums, but the other 100 is for new books and subscriptions
    - The books seem to be an integral part of the club, so recommendation is to fund 100 books, but not for museum tickets
  - Local Trips/Visiting Professor: they are requesting 590, with 40 for local transport to museums through Motor Pool, with the other 550 for a trip "next year"
    - Fund the local transport
    - Since we don't know when "next year" is, they should request it in a travel request; do not fund this

Presentation Details:

- This club is not exclusive to anthropology majors; they try to incorporate students/faculty/NOLA community
  - This year they have grown in attendance through freshmen and sophomore interest and retention
- Their biggest event is the end of the year guest speaker, which they paired with the Classics Club this year to fund. Always happens towards the end of the Spring semester
  - The Food request is for food during their speaker event
    - They typically have 50 people attend their speakers, and they are open and advertised events
- A staple of their club is Tulane faculty speaker events on campus, which ~50 attend
- Do you have priority line items?
  - First, money for visiting speaker event
  - Then Motor Pool
- They are hoping to start a book club, and then after they finish reading them donate them to the Anthropology department

Debate Details:

- They have not spent any money yet this year
- Can we fund local transportation?
  - Yes, because it is Motor Pool
- Books
  - After they buy them, they will donate them to the Anthropology department

- Do we want to fund the Anthropology department's books essentially?
- What if we tell them to keep their own library instead of donating them? This way they can have a self-sustaining book club
- From the recommendation, we are going to work with their priorities but fund the same amount. The recommendation now looks like:
  - 100 visiting professionals
  - 150 honoraria
  - 40 Motor Pool/Local Transportation

Vote: **290, 14-0-1**

- **100 Visiting Professionals**
- **150 Honoraria**
- **40 Motor Pool/Local Transportation**

#### Design for America Budget Request

Total Requested: 74

- 74 Office Supplies

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 74
  - 74 Office Supplies
- Last Year's Budget: 74
- Explanation:
  - DFA did not spend their budget last year because they were part of a pilot program sponsored by the national chapter that covered their costs
  - As they are no longer part of the pilot program, they need money this year to cover their costs
  - This is an identical budget to their request last year; we are essentially just re-approving it

Presentation Details:

- No hearing

Debate Details:

- Recommendation is good and stands

Vote: **74, 13-0-1**

- **74 Office Supplies**

#### Earth Science Club New Budget Request

Total Requested: 550

- 200 Food
- 250 Rentals/Excursion Gear
- 100 Operating Supplies

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 200
  - 100 Food
  - 100 Operating Supplies

- Last Year's Budget: N/A
- Explanation:
  - The Earth Science Club is requesting 200 in food for public events
    - We should only fund one event, especially given that we do not know what kind of turnout they will have
    - 100 should be sufficient, and can be reallocated to other line items if needed
  - The Supplies line item follows a similar logic. They can start a collection this year, and grow the supplies if the events turn out successful

Debate Details:

- Recommendation is good and stands

Vote: **200, 13-0-1**

Motor Pool Budget Request

Total Requested: 25000

- 5000 Facilities Services
- 15000 Other Professional Fees (MVRs)
- 5000 Local Transportation (Gas)

Liaison Recommendation: No Liaison Recommendation

Presentation Details:

- Double the MVR from our most recent available data per semester, since most traveling happens in the spring
  - The most recent number is 3800, so multiplied times 2 per semester is 7200, rounded to 15000 total for next year
- This is the same budget as last year – no increase
- Maggie would rather this be over funded than under funded
- Jane has asked the shuttle and transportation to bill us per semester, so that we can know per semester what things cost
  - Moving forward, we will have better data to base our estimation on, but we would rather overfund than underfund

Debate Details:

- Good

Vote: **25000, 15-0-0**

USG Budget Request

Total Requested: 19925

- 1300 Printing
- 6950 Food
- 3700 Facilities Rental
- 2025 Rental Equipment
- 4250 Operating Supplies
- 1500 Office Supplies
- 200 Advertising

Liaison Recommendation: No Liaison Recommendation

Presentation Details:

- Printing: for legislation at Senate for the entire year and for the printing required for initiatives/events
  - Last year requested 1800
  - They've used most of what they were allocated this year, but we can make do with 1300 next year to fund other things that are more important
- Food: for public events that are open and actively advertised to the student body
  - Events include committee-sponsored events, initiative-related events, and annual USG engagement events
    - Examples: town halls/student forums, YellBC, Get TU Know Your Senators
  - They always request 1000 miscellaneous events because administration always wants to have more events
    - They feel like they can do what they need to do with 800 next year
- Rentals: the request are for a retreat for all members of USG, as well as the First Year Tailgate tent at a football game
  - The facility for retreat will cost 3700, and the busses for retreat will cost 1100
    - Finance committee bylaws allow clubs to request 60 per officer to host a retreat
    - Since all members of the Senate are "officers" because they represent students, USG is allowed to request 60 for every member of Senate
    - This is where the numbers come from
- Operating Supplies: for giveaways
  - USG gives blue books during finals and midterms, giveaways/prizes during Student Safety Day, etc. throughout the year (breakdown in OrgSync budget)
  - This year, they consolidated giveaways for every event into one line item, since they have been reallocating this whole year
  - This is an increased line item because they needed more this year, and they have nothing left
- Office Supplies: office upkeep, Senate administration, FLP programming
- Advertising: they are trying to make USG more accessible through advertisements in the Hullabaloo
  - This also includes paid social media advertising
- This year, USG is trying to speak more towards what the money is going towards, instead of just allocating most money towards food and then reallocating
  - They are more event-based requests, rather than item requests
  - They tried to use precedent with the biggest events, etc.
  - They are going to ask for the big stuff, but also have some flexibility for new and upcoming events

Debate Details:

- Budget is 16 less than last year
- Only new line item:
  - Paid social media advertising
  - They had 500 last year, but it was not inclusive of paid social media advertising

- The only clubs we fund for paid advertising are TUCP and Tidal Wave
- Structured very differently than in previous years
- Fund in full

Vote: **15-0-0, fund in full**

### Global Brigade Budget Request

Total Requested: 7000

- 1500 Dues and Membership
- 500 Hygiene Supplies
- 5000 Domestic Airfare

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 2000
  - 1500 Dues and Membership
  - 500 Hygiene Supplies
- Last Year's Budget: 1650
- Explanation:
  - Global Brigades nationals requires the chapter to make an annual 1500 contribution
    - Not sure how much was given to them last year, but the assumption is that this number has not changes
  - Each year they are required to supply their own hygiene products to their trip, so we should fund this
  - We cannot fund airfare; they can come back with a travel request

Presentation Details:

- The dues are consistent with the request last year; they have to pay this amount regardless of what we fund them
- Flights
  - This is domestic airfare
  - They are requesting this because, earlier this year when they came in for a travel request, they only had some of their request approved, not the full amount
    - They think that this is another way to get money from flights, since they always have to fly from their hometowns, to a domestic hub, and then to their final destination
  - Note from Maggie: we only fund flights to and from New Orleans, not other places
    - Travel requests are for any travel after October 1, 2019
- Each year, on their trip, they are required to bring the Global Brigades-prescribed hygiene supplies, which cost about 500
  - Last year, they did not get full funding on this request; they got 150
  - How did you cover these costs without full funding?
    - A parent donated the money
- Do you work to find other, alternate sources of funding?
  - Sometimes they table or fundraise, but the weather this semester was bad, so they weren't able to do as much

- It is hard to coordinate fundraising at the beginning of the year, because the trip's attendees are selected from an application process; they do not know the exact people/dates until later in the semester

Debate Details:

- They have spent 0 so far this year
- She mentioned that they just got a check written for dues, and that they are about to send it to nationals
  - This probably just hasn't shown up yet in the system
- Since we cannot fund airfare, the maximum budget we can give them is 2000
  - Since their budget was 1650 last year, increasing to 2000 feels like a good increase for an established club

Vote: **2000, 13-0-2**

- **1500 Dues and Membership**
- **500 Hygiene Supplies**

Green Club Budget Request

Total Requested: 5600

- 200 Food
- 4500 Honoraria and Fees
- 200 Event Supplies
- 700 Visiting Professionals

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 4540
  - 200 Food
  - 3500 Honoraria and Fees
  - 140 Event Supplies
  - 700 Visiting Professionals
- Last Year's Budget: 4100
- Explanation:
  - Food: this is the same amount that Green Club received last year; there is no reason to change it unless their activity has dropped
  - Event Supplies: the breakdown of items is in flyers/printing and gardening supplies
    - Flyers can be printed in the SOC or emails can be sent out; there is no need to waste money on flyers
    - Gardening supplies are needed for their events, so recommendation is to give them the same amount as last year (140)
  - Speaker: they were given 2000 last year for a speaker, but they say its hard to find a widely acclaimed speaker for that price; suggestion is to give them more money since it is a large organization with an important subject (3500)
  - Speaker Travel: they were given 700 last year, so recommendation is to give the same amount



- Green Club is a very active organization and they received 4100 last year; increasing their budget by 440 should not be a problem

Presentation Details:

- The goal of Green Club is to promote environmental sustainability on campus and throughout New Orleans
  - Monthly/bi-monthly meetings, off-campus gardening volunteering
  - Major event is the spring speaker series around Earth Day (this year it is an environmental internship panel)
- Their speaker budget from this year is going to be spent in the next few weeks; the remainder of the budget will also be spent around then to pay for the event
  - Next year, they plan on hosting more events; they increased their Honoraria request to get a better-known speaker
- The rest of their budget is identical to last year
- Priorities? Honoraria and Food are necessities and supplies/operating expenses are the least important
- Would you rather full-fund food, and then the remainder in honoraria? Or everything in honoraria?
  - Some in food, and then the remainder in honoraria

Debate Details:

- What did they spend in the 2017-2018 year? 3367 out of 4100 budget
  - They came to Senate because they were not satisfied with their initial funding of 3100, so Senate increased them by 1000 to a full fund
- Food: line item is the same as last year, no problem with it
- Supplies: we don't think they need this
  - They can get everything they need at the SOC
- We want to cut their budget; they didn't spend all of it in 2017-2018, which is the most recent complete data we have because their events are at the end of the school year
  - 3300
    - 150 Food
    - 3150 Honoraria
  - 3300
    - 150 Food
    - 140 Operating Supplies
    - 3010 Honoraria
    - \*\*this budget goes against the club's priorities, but we think this is a smarter budget because it encourages fall semester planning, which engages students to stick around for the spring semester
- Voting: most disruptive is 3000 against the club's priorities
  - 3300
    - 150 Food
    - 140 Operating Supplies
    - 3010 Honoraria
    - Vote: 13-1-1

Vote: **3300, 13-1-1**

- **150 Food**
- **140 Operating Supplies**
- **3010 Honoraria**

#### APX Travel Request

Total Requested: 755

- 255 Transportation
- 500 Registration Fees

Conference Details:

- Alpha Rho Chi National Convention, Houston, TX
  - March 20 – March 24, 2019
- 2 students attending

Presentation Details:

- Every year, they are required to send at least one person to the national convention
  - This year, they are sending two sophomores
- They will be driving to Houston using Motor Pool
  - Transportation cost is gas and rental fee
- One person lives in Houston, so they do not need to pay for a hotel or lodging
- Registration is a fixed cost
- Have these two students been to the convention before? No

Debate Details:

- Very cut and dry, we love Motor Pool, great request
- Fund in full

Voting: **755, 14-0-1**

- **255 Transportation**
- **500 Registration Fees**

#### NOLA Wesley Foundation Budget Request

Total Requested: 900

- 800 Food
- 100 Operating Supplies

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 500
  - 450 Food
  - 50 Operating Expenses
- Last Year's Budget: 300
- Explanation:
  - They are asking for USG funding for their 2019 homecoming brunch because the 2018 event was very successful and the turnout was mostly Tulane students, not community members
  - Food for public events: their request is double last year's allocation, to include Homecoming Brunch and regular tabling; we should see how they do this year

with an increase, but then consider upping to the full amount next year (500); recommendation is 450

- Tabling Supplies and Operating Expenses: followed the same percentage allocation as Food, since they will be needing less cups/plates, etc. if they have less food; recommendation is 50
- Liaison could also see funding 400 in Food and 100 in Operating Expenses if we want to emphasize tabling over the Homecoming Brunch, but the club's priorities are adding events, not tabling
- The club is prepared to transition into the next executive board, etc. and was very communicative; they are ready for an increase

Presentation Details:

- No hearing

Debate Details:

- According to them, they have spent 230 of their 300 allocated already, but our records show that they have spent 0
  - They probably just need reimbursement
  - We should reach out to make sure that this is true/that they get their money
- Tabling has been 200 for a few years; keep it constant instead of increasing
- They did a homecoming brunch last year without USG funding, but they are asking for money this year
- They have a well-explained budget and we think they are prepared for an increase
- Recommendation is good

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

- **450 Food**
- **50 Operating Expenses**

Meditation Club Budget Request

Total Requested: 99

- 65 Operating Supplies
- 34 Minor Equipment

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 99
  - 65 Operating Supplies
  - 34 Minor Equipment
- Last Year's Budget: 100
- Explanation:
  - This is a very reasonable budget request, and since their Chai Wednesday events are published on OrgSync, we can fund these food items (which are individually priced out in the budget)
  - This is a very similar budget to last year's budget, and if they have spent their money this year, I don't see any reason to not fund them fully
  - If they haven't spent their budget, I think we could cut Seat Cushions, since their attendance is not huge and let them keep having Chai Wednesdays

USG Finance Committee Minutes  
Meeting: 14 March 2019  
Senate Session Corresponding: 26 March 2019

VP Finance: Maggie Palys  
Recorded by: Olivia Johnson

Presentation Details:

- No hearing

Debate Details:

- Recommendation is good and stands

Vote: **99, 14-0-1**

- **65 Operating Supplies**
- **34 Minor Equipment**