

USG Finance Committee Minutes
Meeting: 11 April 2019
Senate Session Corresponding: 16 April 2019

VP Finance: Maggie Palys
Recorded by: Olivia Johnson

Freeman Student Government (FSG) Budget Request

Total Requested: 4700

- 4500 Honoraria
- 200 Operating Supplies

Liaison Recommendation:

- Recommended Budget: 4700
 - 4500 Honoraria
 - 200 Operating Supplies
- Last Year's Budget: 1400
- Explanation:
 - asdfasd

Presentation Details:

- This year budget was 1400
- First year leadership program
 - Very successful; they took way more people than they thought they were going to because of the large quantity of high quality candidates; all of these freshmen are returning to FSG next year
- FSG's main events are speakers; this year they had
 - Enron's Collapse event; co-programmed with SLA to make it happen
 - Marianne Diorio; worked with Byron Kantrow to make this happen
- They have the second smallest budget, but second largest school here on campus
 - They feel restricted by their budget and have had to pass on programming because of their lack of funding
- Honoraria 4500
 - High-quality speakers cost about 1500, and 3 speakers are what they are planning for next year; they had two speakers this year, so this is only +1 speaker
 - They had to call in favors for speaker fees to get deals to fit into their budget
- Thee 200 Operating Supplies request is written into their bylaws to fund Awards at the end of the year
- Last point:
 - For the 2019-2020 school year, they have every person on exec returning from FSG currently; this has never happened
 - They are extremely confident in the incoming exec and that they will make the club bigger and better

Debate Details

- They have spent 1000 so far this year of 1400, but they are planning the rest
- Liaison recommendation is fund in full
- ~~3200~~
 - ~~3000 Honoraria~~
 - ~~200 Operating Supplies~~
 - This number encourages use of the programming fund, and keeps them at 2 speakers per year
- 4700
 - They have had good programming this year, and we want to encourage this

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- 3200 is taken off of the table
- Voting: 4700, 8-0-4

Vote: **4700, 8-0-4**

- **4500 Honoraria**
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Tulane University Vietnamese Association (TUVA) Reallocation Request

Total Requested: 1000

- 1000 → Food and Honoraria

Debate Details

- Looks good, and happy they are spending money

Vote: **1000, 12-0-0**

- **1000 → Food and Honoraria**

TULAP Budget Request

Total Requested: 77378

- 100 Parking Services
- 528 Phone
- 1000 Printing/Advertising
- 450 Food
- 56400 Legal Fees and Expenses
- 17300 Salaries (Students)
- 700 Office Supplies
- 500 Operating Supplies (Xerox machine)
- 400 Postage

Presentation Details:

- There are only a few changes to this budget from last year
- No change in phone service, student salaries, postage
- Food for recruitment
 - Removed 150 from budget because the law school funds it
- Salaries for attorneys
 - 2014 was last time they got a raise (they used to get it every 2 years)
 - The attorneys used to get a 10% increase every two years, but they have not gotten a raise since 2014
 - Equaling time with the traditional raise schedule would be a 20% raise, but they have decided to come in asking for 17.5% raise, since that is a smaller, more reasonable jump
- Office supplies
 - They would like to get a water cooler for their waiting room; this will pay for a Kentwood water cooler
- Operating Supplies
 - Their Xerox machine is 12 years old (so old that the repair man can no longer fix it)

- This 500 would pay for the lease and servicing on a new Xerox machine that will last for at least ten years
- Advertising
 - They have moved off-campus to university square, so they want to make sure that people stay informed about TULAP now that they aren't on campus
- In total, the 10000 increase comes from:
 - 8400 salaries (lawyers)
 - 100 office supplies
 - 500 Xerox rental
 - 1000 printing (advertising)

Debate Details

- Last year's budget: 67528
- Where does the 17.5% raise come from for lawyers?
 - They wanted to do 20%, but they feel that 17.5% is a better compromise for our budget
 - They generally do 10% increases every two years, and since they haven't done it in 4 years, they wanted to ideally get 20%
 - Do they actually do a 10% increase every two years?
 - We aren't sure
 - This would equal 2350 take home pay for each lawyer
 - Should we do 10% since this is a more reasonable jump ?
 - This is less arbitrary than 17.5%, and since we cant overfund, 20% is not an option
 - Lawyer salaries 52800
- Full fund everything essentials
- Advertising is a new line item
 - This is a big increase, but better publicizing is a good idea and would make their budget more worth what we give them
 - ~~500~~
 - 750
 - Take 500 off
- 73528
 - Full fund every line item except lawyer salaries (52800) and advertising (750)
- Voting
 - 73528, 12-0-0

Vote: 73528, 12-0-0

- **100 Parking Services**
- **528 Phone**
- **750 Printing/Advertising**
- **450 Food**
- **52800 Legal Fees and Expenses**
- **17300 Salaries (Students)**
- **700 Office Supplies**
- **500 Operating Supplies (Xerox machine)**
- **400 Postage**

Club Sports Budget Request

Total Requested: 97000

- 12000 Rentals
- 40000 Domestic Lodging
- 45000 Transportation

- As a council, club sports handles all travel internally throughout the year
- They are asking for a 15000 increase this year, since over the past few years, a lot of the cost of travel has been shouldered by the individual players/teams
 - All other line items are the same from previous years
- We tabled their requested 15000 increase to see if we had it in our budget to give them this
 - We now know that we have funding available
- We are in favor of this increase because we want to keep club sports financially accessible for every Tulane student

Vote: **97000, 12-0-0**

- **12000 Rentals**
- **40000 Domestic Lodging**
- **45000 Local Transportation**

2019-2020 MASTER BUDGET

Vote: **12-0-0**