November 19, 2012

Present: Treasurer Alaimo, Senators Truex, President Bergenn, Testa, Fallanca, Choplick, Mills, Mgushi, Sejdiraj, Fellows. Baldassario, Radden, Hubbard, Zohlman

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Treasurer Alaimo.

Treasurer’s Report

It was a good special meeting today

Audits need to be done for next week

There are no more contingencies or co-sponsorships for the rest of the semester, everything else is rolling

Next week we’ll go over audits and the week after that we’re done

New Business

Co-Sponsorship

Outing Club: We’re asking for $1425 to co-sponsor an event with CAN, Ski and Snowboarding and RECentral to Vermont. We did this last year and requested $1000, which is an amount we are also okay with for this year. With the $1425 tickets would only be $100 per student. Last year’s trip sold out quickly, with 55 people going. It’s 3 days and two nights. Ski is adding $5125, CAN is putting in $1000 and RECentral is contributing $1250. It’s going into line item other because we’re all contributing. Without the Outing Club it’d be $125 per student so we’re just trying to bring costs down.

Baldassario: what does the costs include

Outing: it includes a lodging package and lift tickets, students pay for their food and rentals, but they usually have their own equipment

Alaimo: would you be against opening it to non-CCSU students after two weeks

Outing: no but we’re not the only club involved so I don’t want to speak for anyone else. What we’re trying to do is wean the Outing Club off this event

POI Mgushi: where are you going on the trip
Outing: Vermont

**Line-Item Change**

**Volleyball Club:** Membership to the league was decreased from $1050 to $1000 so we’d like to move the $50 to jerseys because we are now splitting the jerseys among two teams

Baldassario: could you afford this without the line item

Choplick: you could afford anything with personal contributions

Mgushi: do you have quotes

Choplick: not with me, but we’re working with a company, FSA and for 15 jerseys it’s about $275.

Alaimo: would these be club property

Choplick: yes

Mgushi: will they have names on them

Choplick: no a number on the front and back and CCSU or Central on the front

**Move to approve the Outing Club Co-Sponsorship application from account SG9010. (Mills, Choplick)**

For: Mills: they’re co-sponsoring with three other organizations and we like that, this is very organized and they’re just trying to get Ski to be less dependent on them

POI Baldassario: aside from the request is the Outing Club putting in any of their money

Alaimo: not out of their SG account

POI Mgushi: what happened with Ski last month, I forget what we approved

Alaimo: we gave them part of what they asked for

Choplick: we gave them money to cover three day trips

Against: Baldassario: Outing Club wants to be weaned off but they’re not contributing so it’s not really a co-sponsorship

For: Mills: they’re not contributing from the club, but they’ll be personally contributing the merits of this are good

Vote: 7Y (Testa, Fallanca, Fellows, Choplick, Mills, Sejdiraj, Mgushi) 1N (Truex) 1A (Baldassario)

**Motion Passes**

FC13-048
Move to approve the Volleyball Club line item change (Mills, Truex)

For: Mills: it’s a line item, they already have the money and can use the jerseys in the future

Against: Mgushi: we have denied stuff like this before, like the Dance Team, it’s not right to fund jerseys when we denied warmups, they’ll have to replace the jerseys often

For: Hubbard: we denied the dance team because they couldn’t be recycled and they’re not essential to their performances. You need jerseys for volleyball and they can be used in the future

Against: Baldassario: we need to be consistent, dance wanted clothes and we turned them down, the NECVL reducing prices isn’t different than the Athletics Department buying poms

For: Truex: we do fund jerseys and we denied dance team for a lot, one being because warm ups were denied in the base budget, jerseys weren’t denied in volleyball’s base budget

POI Baldassario: were the jerseys funded in full in the base budget

Truex: $425 was funded

Baldassario: was that the full jersey request

Alaimo: I can’t answer that

Against: Bergenn: it was argued to deny YSA because of lack of required information so we should wait until they provide quotes

For: Mills: they’re asking for money because they have an entirely new team, the members are contributing so we should support this. We never asked them to come back with quotes, we asked YSA multiple times

Against: Bergenn: let’s ask volleyball at least once then for quotes

Mills: I withdraw my motion

Audits:

Alaimo: audit updates?

Mgushi: I couldn’t get in touch with the clubs, I tried so I’m going to their meetings next week

Alaimo: wait another day and email them again

Mills: I spoke with Karate, baseball can’t meet until next Tuesday

Alaimo: write up what you have with baseball

Choplick: Lee is done with his club and I’m waiting for a response from BJJ

Alaimo: these need to be done by Monday

Fallanca: I’ve met with Actuarial Science
Truex: I met with ASO but there are some problems with spending

Alaimo: I suggest we wait until next week to discuss that

Choplick: audits were pushed back but we’re on break most of the week so what was the point, it didn’t do anything

Alaimo: there are special exceptions any if there are any other clubs who need more time let me know

Open Floor:

Choplick: thank you for not voting volleyball; it’s what we should be doing

Alaimo: let’s just have light conversation since we have another meeting next week before our next Senate meeting

Truex: volleyball we did approve all the money for jerseys but not shorts

Baldassario: the concept of making the musical a club is a good way for everything to be a more even process but there are going to be some obligations. Limiting them with an equation isn’t fair, but trying to get them away from being dependent on the SGA is good. We can keep supporting them like this or it will kill our reserves, but they’re not a club yet and the club process won’t work for them. We should give them $15000 from reserves this year but start the club process before next year. It’s not fair to be treating them with exceptions

Alaimo: I suggest we jot down all the ideas we have to find a common ground

Bergenn: there are a few things to consider with the idea of a club. Like, what do we do in the meantime, we have equity issues because of the faculty leave time and they only have one event per year.

IDEAS:

- Don’t fund
- Fund a smaller portion
- Establish a flat rate for every year
- Allocate $15-16000 this year and plan next year with a different motion
- The “Berglick” Equation
- Fund only revenue
- Fund as a club

Choplick: don’t forget the faculty credit hours, I’m not comfortable with that, but I’m against not funding it at all. I disagree with the flat rate, we should have the ability to change the amount, we should work on the equation, we should give them the revenue and I want to sit down and speak with them

IDEAS CONT’D

- Give them a liaison
Testa: they can't meet with a director because they haven’t hired him yet and they need to work with him to finalize numbers

Mills: there is no common ground with these ideas, don’t worry about next year we need to figure out this year first

Bergenn: maybe we should require a certain percentage come from outside sources

Alaimo: we can fund the director first

Braun: fund how we have in the past and worry about the future at a later point

Truex: make them have student contributions

Radden: give the director a cap price

Mills: they need to fund the director first

Bergenn: we need to rate the ideas and pick our top five.

1. **Fund Director Now:**
   a. Pros
      i. Can't discuss needs unless you know his vision
   b. Cons
      i. Get the director and he needs a lot of money
      ii. We fund students not directors
      iii. By the time they find a director there won't be enough time for other funding

Baldassario: could a faculty member be the director

2. **Fund Smaller Amounts**
   a. Pros
      i. Forces them to look elsewhere for funds
      ii. Spends less from reserves
      iii. Could potentially have bigger budget with outside sources
      iv. Doesn’t waste time
   b. Cons
      i. No thought or future plan
      ii. They don’t get enough funds
      iii. Too vague
      iv. Not helping the future
Motion to require any recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the musical to include planning for the future fiscal years (Bergenn, Choplick)

For: Bergenn: this just gives us a general consensus of what the room wants

Vote: 6Y 3N 0A

Motion passes

Alaimo: let’s discuss ideas now

Mills: we should be worried about funding now and shouldn’t worry about the future right now

3. Set Amount
   a. Pros
      i. Free up this year
   b. Cons
      i. Won’t be time to do both
      ii. May not help next year
      iii. Vast changes in allocated amounts

Bergenn: we’re now talking against the motion just passed, do you want to talk about the future or not

Alaimo: the future should be talked about at a different date

4. Student Contributions
   a. Pros
      i. Students invested in it
      ii. Less money we spend from our accounts
      iii. Can get other organizations to contribute
   b. Cons
      i. May not raise enough funds

Mills: do we fund the entire thing or just partial/ this idea pro con thing is stupid

Alaimo: people need to put in their input

Choplick: this doesn’t solve anything we need to meet with them, decide on an amount, talk about the future and make a recommendation

Alaimo: this has been here for two months we want different things and need to work as a team not against one another

Fallanca: there is still a lack of info, both sides still need to do research

Alaimo: I can bring them back but when we ask for breakdowns they can only give us past numbers and they want everything on their list

Radden: why can’t we give the director a cap
Alaimo: remember we have another meeting to talk about this

5. **Make them a Club**
   a. **Pros**
      i. They get a liaison
      ii. They have a base budget
      iii. An even playing filed
      iv. They have access to use other SGA accounts
   b. **Cons**
      i. They’re on a playing field all their own
      ii. Only have one event
      iii. Professors get credit

6. **Work with the group**
   a. **Pros**
      i. Open communication
      ii. They’ll know where we’re at
   b. **Cons**
      i. Everything they requested they think is a need

Mills: can we rescind Bergenn’s motion

Hubbard: someone who voted yes needs to motion to reconsider

**Motion to reconsider combining this year and future fiscal years (Testa, Mills)**

For: Testa: should have two separate motions to get things done

POI Hubbard: is the future being considered in this motion

Alaimo: we’re just taking away Bergenn’s motion

POU Hubbard: does this include this year and next year

Alaimo: yes

Vote: 8Y 0N 0A

**Motion Passes**

**Original Motion made by Bergenn**

Vote: 0Y 8N 1A (Radden)

**Motion Fails**

7. **Require a percentage from outside sources**
   a. Pros: less money
Mills: we all agree we want to set an amount for this year so we should worry about the future later

Motion to allocate $12535 to the spring musical from account SG9010 (Choplick, Mills)

For: Choplick: this with their revenue gives them $16000 flat, which is a good in between number and they can choose how they want to spend it

Move to amend to stipulate the money not be used on lighting, gel and gobos, microphones, batteries, special effects, haze fluid and piano tuning (Mills, Choplick)

For: Mills: this specifically cuts things we don’t want them to spend money on and things the school should provide or fund

Vote: 6Y 0N 2A

Amendment Passes

Original Motion: Motion to allocate $12535 to the spring musical from account SG9010 with the stipulation that the money not be used on lighting, gel and gobos, microphones, batteries, special effects, haze fluid and piano tuning

Motion to postpone until next Finance meeting (Hubbard, Choplick)

For: Hubbard: we only have the room for a few more minutes and there is still a lot to discuss

Vote: 8Y 0N 0A

Motion Postponed

Motion to adjourn (Choplick, Zohlman)

Meeting adjourned at 5:57