

University of Chicago Student Government

Student Government Finance Committee

Date: 1/18/2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Summary:

RSO Name	Event	Amount Requested	Recommended Funding
UChicago Data Science Society	UChicago Data Science Society Study Break	\$600	\$600
Society of Women Engineers	Grad Student Speed Round - The Elevator Pitch	\$247.64	247.64
Society of Women Engineers	Research Flash Talk Competition	\$287.84	227.84
Society of Women Engineers	Building Your Scientific Brand - Guest Speaker Sara Seritella	\$1032.74	892.47
Organization of LGBT+ Students	Study Breaks	\$241.60	\$152.10
Occam's Razor	Trip to University of Wisconsin-Madison	\$6064.00	Didn't Attend
MODA	N/A	\$239.88	239.88
University of Chicago Buddhist Association	Buddist Retreat and Workshop Led by Zen Master	\$609.9	609.9
Juggling Eriching Life Like Yours	Juggling Assitance & Mentorship (JAM)	\$1500	Deferred
Dear Asian Youth	Family Group Outing	\$750	750
College Republicans	Weekly Meeting Food	\$1215	405
Catholic Student Organization	Our Lady of the Angels February Food Pantry Service	\$240	200 1767 (retreat)

Catholic Student Organization	Retreat at Seminary in Illinois	3100 (based off last year funding)	1767
Asian Policy Forum	Lunar New Year	\$1,710.75	Deferred
Latino Medical Student Association	LMSA Midwest Regional Conference 2024	\$7,166.92	4750

Agenda:

- 7:00 - SGFC Members
- 7:05 - UChicago Data Science Society
- 7:10 - Society of Women Engineers
- 7:20 - Organization of LGBT+ Students
- 7:25 - Occam's Razor
- 7:35 - MODA
- 7:40 - University of Chicago Buddhist Association
- 7:45 - Juggling Enriching Life Like Yours
- 7:50 - Dear Asian Youth
- 7:55 - College Republicans
- 8:00 - Catholic Student Organization
- 8:05 - Asian Policy Forum
- 8:10 - Latino Medical Student Association

Attendance:

Name	Attendance
Ishaan	Present
Lauren Harris	Present
David Yao	Present
Jian Park	Present
Shanice Handley	Present
Edward	Present

Chad Coen	Present
Darius	Present
Jiayi	Present
Annika	Present

Organization: UChicago Data Science Society

- Notes on presentation
 - Meeting for 5th week and study break in 7th week
 - Collab with nonprofit
 - Social event providing teams with opportunity to talk to each other
 - Funding for food for 1st meeting (30 ppl, \$8/person)
 - 2nd meeting - study break, biggest event
 - Anticipate all rso members
 - Inviting data science prof to study break
 - 80 members in rso, anticipate 70 members at study break based on last quarter
 - \$8/person, applied for \$600
 - Study break isn't restricted to RSO, open to ppl interested in DS
- Questions
- Where do you plan on ordering food from
 - Popeyes or Little Caesars, drinks - boba in chinatown
- Estimate for # of posters/flyer
 - 20-30
- Numbers for attendance based on past study breaks
 - Yes, 70 people from last study break
- Discussion
 - Food total is fine, miscellaneous is a bit suspect
 - Sgfc funds tips but not tax
 - Motion to... fund 580 for study break assuming full funding for food, and another 20 for promo and fund in full
 - In favor: 5
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstained: 0
 - **Motion pass/fail**
 - **Passes**

Organization: Society of Women Engineers (Grad Student Speed Round - The Elevator Pitch)

- Notes on presentation
 - Reach around 100 students
 - Requested 3 events
 - Research flash talk
 - Chance for students to practice 10 min talks
 - Planning to have students prep and get feedback from peers and develop presentation skills
 - Feb 5 - building scientific brand event
 - Collab with other rso
 - 70 ppl anticipated
 - Fulfilling mission of career development
 - Grad student mixer
 - Speed dating with undergrad and grad students
 - Have students be more integrated with PME, building connections between grad and undergrad
 - Advertising on several social media
 - All of budget is allocated to other events > spontaneous ideas from committee
 - One request from Nov with different amount
- Questions
- Expected attendance numbers
 - Research flash talk - rsvp; 45 ppl
 - Building scientific brand/guest lecture - 70 ppl based on previous events; collab with society of ME
 - Grad student speed round - 60 ppl; half undergrad/grad
- Is other RSO contributing financially
 - Two lectures on different topics; funding being split
- Building scientific brand - security fee a deposit?
 - Building event is being held in - have to pay \$30 to hold event for 1 hour
- Discussion
 - Motion to... fund in full
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**
 - **Passes**

Organization: Society of Women Engineers (Research Flash Talk Competition)

- Notes on presentation
 - Research flash talk

- Chance for students to practice 10 min talks
- Planning to have students prep and get feedback from peers and develop presentation skills
- Questions
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- Discussion
 - 227.84
 - Motion to...fund 227.84
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**
 - **passes**

Organization: Society of Women Engineers (Building Your Scientific Brand - Guest Speaker Sara Seritella)

- Notes on presentation
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- Questions
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- Discussion
 - 8.40 flat for food for science communication
 - 892.87 for science communication
 - Motion to...fund 892.47 based on cost guiding food for 70 people
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**
 - **Passes**

Organization: Organization of LGBT+ Students

- Notes on presentation
 - Two study breaks
 - 1 for holiday movie night
 - 1 for queer culture trivia night
 - Correction: balance from fall quarter event - initiated return of funds > excess funds from larger event trying to give back to sgfc (not included in budget for current events)

- Rso account will have 0 once the refund is complete, not stated at the moment
- Questions
- Money for copies of book
 - Trivia night will have copies of book to increase access to queer literature on campus, a prize for event
- Expected attendance
 - Last study break got 30 people
 - Planning for roughly 25-30
 - Trivia itself will be capped at 5 teams, however many people end up on teams
 - Things for people who come to event but don't want to participate in trivia
- Discussion
 - Can't fund jan 20 event, can't be passed in the next 2 days
 - They were supposed to come last week
 - Possibly give them plates and utensils
 - If prize is something intrinsic to org, prize should be allowed
 - In favor of taking first 60, they can allocate 48 and pay for gifts themselves
 - Need to remove 1-3 from 1st event request
 - Can fund 4-8 from request, \$152.10
 - Ambiguity with 2 cookie requests
 - Can reapply for funding
 - Motion to...fund 152.10 on basis that 1st study break will not be before SGFC funding goes through
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**
 - **Passes**

Organization: Occam's Razor (not coming)

- Notes on presentation
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- Questions
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- Discussion
 - Motion to...
 - In favor:
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**

Organization: MODA

- Notes on presentation
 - Requesting 2 6 months subscriptions for adobe cloud for marketing team
 - 19.99/month > 239.88
 - Using for spring fashion show with promotion
- Questions
- Is 0 in balance for marketing team or overall
 - Only for marketing
 - About 20,000 in total and allocated
 - Ticket sales being allocated to show this year
- Explicit use for subscription
 - Making graphics for shows (posters, instagram)
 - Currently only use free version of canva
 - Making lookbook for show, photoshoot
- 20k in account, small amount relative to amount of money currently
 - Most of balance goes towards show
 - Put down venue - 8K
 - 6-7k in debt before ticket sales roll in, avoiding going into the negatives
- Describe creative cloud is important, why not canva
 - Has photoshop,
 - Can edit videos, audios and photo
 - Beyond capability of canva, needed for lookbook
 - Is usually 60/month but student is 20
- Beyond lookbook use for creative cloud
 - Use for photoshoots and magazine photoshoots
 - Money already allocated for magazine
- For magazine, what is used?
 - Not sure, magazine uses their own software
- Discussion
 - The show is already funded, can you fund creative cloud again?
 - Argument for both
 - How are they making magazine
 - Using canva
 - Going into debt before show
 - They only asked for food
 - It's not a physical/capital investment, only lasts for 6 months
 - Could be useful, intrinsic to function
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 - Motion to... fund in full for 239.88 on basis that they will use it, necessary and proper for
 - In favor: 5
 - Opposed: 1
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**

- **Approved**

Organization: University of Chicago Buddhist Association

- Notes on presentation
 - Submitted second one, only reviewing the food request
 - Update on event: lots of events for other religions
 - Event has gotten a lot of attention, 45 within 2 days being opened
 - Bring in well-known Zen master/Buddhist teacher
 - Not many people like this professional around Uchicago area
 - Current request for food, serve veggie thai food
 - Intro talk, lunch, dharma talk > interest in both (food will provide common space)
 - Experiencing high growth in registration > south lounge reserved (75 ppl)
 - Another cost: moving to larger room, have to cap number of attendants~ \$
 - 648 for security guard in div school, have to hire on weekends for 7 ½ hrs
 - 45 is only through online marketing
- Questions
- Hiring security guard
 - Uchicago has process for allowing events to hire armed guard
 - Flat rate of 85/hr; 10:30 - 6;
- 648 is figure from divinity
 - Quota from uchicago website
- 143 in account, plans for allocation
 - Emergency reserve,
- Clean up fee?
 - 300
- Food source
 - No specific carrier known at the moment
 - Gonna use same process to get food, local thai restaurant in area
- Discussion
 - No funding for 648
 - They didn't know it was needed
 - Didn't plan on a space for 50 people but requested the space
 - Funded as cultural food and within cost guidelines (11.06/person)
 - Above guidelines for lunch
 - Security: no funding
 - Security is low compared to other events
 - Don't believe this is a correction, they garnered more interest for event eve going past their expected attendance
 - Is food single serve items > per person cost
 - They might not have realized size of room
 - But room tells you size of room and number of participants allowed
 - They have emergency money
 - Not funding in full, fund original, not funding security

- Motion to...fund original request in full on basis that it fits cost guidelines, not deducting emergency, not funding security
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**
 - **Passes**

Organization: Juggling Enriching Life Like Yours (did not attend)

- Notes on presentation
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- Questions
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- Discussion
 - Motion to...defer
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**
 - **passes**

Organization: Dear Asian Youth

- Notes on presentation
 - Requesting 750 for 50 ppl
 - Event is for outing
 - Facilitate intimate place to discuss, outing lasts multiple hours
 - This quarter, each single family group is conducting community service outreach allowing them to eat while doing this
 - Priority to eat at local hyde park restaurant
 - Stressing local business
- Questions
- People ordering their own food
 - Person will order for group and receipts will be reimbursed
- 50 ppl attendance
 - Based off last quarter
- Discussion
 - Fits cost guidelines
 - Motion to...fund in full
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:

- Abstained:
- **Motion pass/fail**
 - **Passes**

Organization: College Republicans

- Notes on presentation
 - Request for food during meetings
 - Budget of 135 for food/meeting, 9 meetings, total of 1215
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- Questions
- How many meetings already had
 - 2 already, with no meeting this week, leadership out of town
- What dates
 - Thursdays, week 4-9, 6 more meetings instead of 7
- 8 meetings total for quarter, correction
- Where is 25 attendance
 - Previous attendance
 - Food for meetings increases attendance
- Discussion
 - Policy for recurring > half
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 - Motion to...fund 405 on basis can't fund for last 2 meetings and 6 for current, and halved because they're recurring
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**
 - **passes**

Organization: Catholic Student Organization

- Notes on presentation
 - 2 requests
 - 1 for OLAY mission
 - Out of Humboldt Park
 - 15-20 students, 7:30 am-12, 30 min travel time, students working in food pantry
 - Money to feed students
 - They are up before dining halls are open
 - Retreat
 - Done every spring at seminary
 - Great experience for 20 students, 1 hr by Metra
 - Leave studies and take time for spiritual reflection

- From last year, 3100 in funding
 - Paying for meals, lodging, also taking donations
 - Fee for conference room from visiting priests
- Questions
- 3 meals?
 - Get dinner 1st night, breakfast lunch for the following days
- Room for each person
 - Yes
- Is 20 attendants for events based on past events
 - Capped at 20, done for past 2 years
- Discussion
 - For OLA cost guidelines, 10 for lunch, 8/breakfast; 200
 - Can't cost guide the donations
 - Fund in full for retreat
 - Fund 33% for rooms
 - Deducting 1053 for rooms, for food, deducting 240, grant 400 in donations, deducting 893
 - Ignoring donations, fund/cost guide the rest
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 - Motion to...fund OLA for 200 on basis that's the cost guidelines
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**
 - **Passes**
 - Motion to...fund 1767
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion pass/fail**
 - **passes**

Organization: Asian Policy Forum (did not attend)

- Notes on presentation
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- Questions
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- Discussion
 - Motion to...defer
 - In favor: 5
 - Opposed: 1

- Abstained:
- **Motion pass/fail**
 - **passes**

Organization: Latino Medical Student Association

- Notes on presentation
 - Midwest conference at CWRU med school
 - 15 students interest
 - Build and develop professional development
 - Providing network opportunities, workshops to learn about specialties
 - Helpful to give opportunity to undergrads
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- Questions
- For meals, quantity is 112?
 - Allocated for 8 meals/person
 - Mistake: each person is getting 8 meals (3 meals on fri, developing details on conference but not sure if conference will provide meals, 3 on sat, 2 on sunday-traveling)
- Explain airbnb costs, 600/night
 - Airbnb cleaning costs and taxes
 - Less costly than getting hotel
 - Tried to reduce costs a lot with advisor
 - Driving rather than flying
 - Road fees - tolls
- Taking 4 cars - toll estimate
- Rental car come with toll card
 - Not sure, will have to check
- Gas costs for single car
 - For all 4 cars
- Only renting 1
 - Everyone else has their own car
- Screenshot has quote of 185 for car, budget says 264
 - Extended times for pickup/dropoff, default times
- Discussion
 - Cost guidelines
 - Registration fee: funded in full
 - Meals: cost guide 8 meals, 10/meal
 - Lump sum
 - 4784.96, lump sum at 4750
 - Motion to...lump sum fund for 4750 on basis of full price for item 1 and cost-guiding the rest
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:

- **Motion pass/fail**
 - **Passes**

Post Meeting:

- Send completed minutes to College Council Chairs, Committee Chair, and Advisors
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