

University of Chicago Student Government

Student Government Finance Committee

Date: 11/9

Time: 7 PM CST

Summary:

RSO Name	Event	Amount Requested	Recommended Funding
UChicago Energy & Climate Club	Cornell Energy Connection 2023	\$1819	\$1819
Society of Women in Physics	Physics Mentorship Program Dinner	\$573.76	\$573.76
neXus Dance Collective	Fall 2023 Dance Covers	\$594.24	\$594.24
Model United Nations Team, U of C	Hot Ones	\$232.35	\$232.35
Kreyol Club	Poster Day	\$573.40	\$563.40
Jade Chinese Music Ensemble	Jade and Game: Multimedia and Game Concert	\$920	Tabled
Dear Asian Youth	Dear Asian Youth and Kanwin Comfort Women Workshop	\$300	\$300
African Caribbean Student Association	Acsa x Read2lead Fundraiser	\$218	\$218
UChicago Plus	Grom	\$3,271.72	\$1,150
UChicago Quantum Society	Speaker Series Event: Dr. Peter Maurer	\$1,193	\$189

Agenda:

- 7:00PM - SGFC Members
- 7:05PM - African Caribbean Student Association
- 7:10PM - Model UN
- 7:15PM - Dear Asian Youth
- 7:20PM - Kreyol Club
- 7:25PM - Society of Women in Physics
- 7:30PM - NeXus Dance Collective
- 7:35PM - Jade Chinese Music Ensemble
- 7:40PM - UChicago Energy & Climate Club
- 7:50PM - UChicago Plus
- 8:00PM - UChicago Quantum Society

Attendance:

Name	Attendance
Gaurav Ajmera	Present
Lauren Harris	Present
David Yao	Present
Jian Park	Present
Jiayi Yue	Absent
Annika Naramreddy	Present
David Liu	Present
Ariel Barnea	Present
Bianca Jortner	Present
Rachel Maya	Absent
Ishaan Goel	Present

Jennifer Spinoglio	Absent
Darius	Absent
Chad Coen	Present
Edward Gu	Present

Organization: African Caribbean Student Association

- Notes on presentation
 - 8th week - fundraiser for Read2lead
 - Run in Ghana
 - Building libraries in Ghana to help underrepresented communities to help children with reading, diff programs, one we're telling about students here is pen pal system - keep track, talk to them about books
 - Selling hot chocolate and donuts in Reynolds club - tabling throughout 8th week
- Questions
 - You need 20 packs of cups, what is the math behind the 20 packs of cups?
 - 6 packs of 20
- Discussion
 - Ariel: All within cost guides, money's allocated.
 - Ariel : Motion to fund in full
 - Ishaan : Second
 - In favor: 7
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion passes**

Organization: Model UN

- Notes on presentation
 - Looking to get funded for our Hot One's fundraiser
 - UChicago fundraiser version of Hot One's where contestants eat questions
 - Turn into fundraiser to fund operations for college Model UN conference in spring March
- Questions
 - Gaurav: What do you expect the return will be?
 - Raised \$650 last year with auction fundraiser, diff theme but same format and smaller group of attendees. Expecting \$650+ return, but considering opening events to all UChicago bodies so more audience. As much as \$1,200
 - Gaurav: Is it a ticket?

- Not ticket for attendance, but participation in game shot format - ask questions
 - Free for any student member of community to attend
 - Some spots to reserve to auction themselves to play
 - Ariel: Besides auctioning off parts, where does fundraiser come from if not selling tickets?
 - Add 15 tickets for \$10, redeemed to ask question or level up
- Discussion
 - Ishaan: Expected return seems unrealistic. Charging \$10 for 15 tickets
 - Ariel: Plus auctioning off spots to participate in the rounds. 4 rounds of 6 people each, 2 rounds for board members, so 12 spots auctioning off for \$20
 - Gaurav: It's in the cost guide.
 - David Liu: Motion to fund in full on basis they're applying according to cost guide
 - Ishaan : Second
 - In favor: 8
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion passes.**

Organization: Dear Asian Youth

- Notes on presentation
 - Fund food costs for workshop during week 9
 - Collaboration with non-profit organization in Chicagoland area to educate and provide resources to Asian community on gender-based violence
 - History of comfort women and impacts it has on Asian community in Chicago
 - About 2 hours, evening with dinner time
 - Usually don't partner with non-profits, so this is special
 - Club itself about 40-45 people, not too sure on attendance → 30-40 is headcount
 - Food from Jade Court or another Rajun Cajun
- Questions
 - Ishaan: Asking for some money for miscellaneous fees, what would those be?
 - I think might've been for delivery fees,
- Discussion
 - Ishaan: motion to fund in full given it fits cost guide.
 - Jian :Second
 - In favor: 8
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion passes**

Organization: Kreyol Club

- Notes on presentation
 - We are doing poster event, students each have poster about haitian culture
 - Print out in Kent 107 so anyone can come walk around and look at them, students presenting what it is
 - Funding for posters from FedEx, and plates, utensils, asking for food from Kizin Creole Restaurant
- Questions
 - None
- Discussion
 - David: Food price is a little too high on per person basis. 20 people, \$300 for food.
 - Gaurav: Get cultural price of \$15 per person, so not too high.
 - Ishaan: I don't think not having this would impact operations. I question about poster prices- not usual rate because specialized?
 - Gaurav: Up to \$500 you just think of it as what it costs to do an event, poster printing not for advertising purposes but what they are doing. So the cost guides the whole thing minus \$10.
 - Ishaan: Raise motion to fund \$563.40 on grounds that we give them everything they ask for except sioda because it doesn't follow cost guidelines.
 - David : Second
 - In favor: 7
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion passes.**

Organization: Society of Women in Physics

- Notes on presentation
 - Runs mentorship program where we pair upper classmen and underclassmen
 - Fund mentorship dinner where we cater from Hyde Park Restaurant, good opportunity for everyone to get to know their mentorship group for the first time
 - Requesting less money than we spent on dinner last year because we have slightly fewer people signed up.
 - Money for drinks, utensils, dinner
 - Dinner from Siam Thai
- Questions
 - None
- Discussion
 - Ishaan: motion to fund in full given that everything fits cost guide which includes, food, plates, forks.
 - Gaurav: second

- In favor: 7
- Opposed:
- Abstained:
- **Motion passes**

Organization: NeXus Dance Collective

- Notes on presentation
 - Kpop dance RSO, every quarter we do dances, film them, live at the end
 - Doing 16 this quarter
 - Cost for dances - reduce amount of clothes we buy effort, but growing very fast, largest dance RSO, 80-90 dancers this quarter
 - Requesting costumes for 80, most are recycled from previous quarters, but problems we have different sizes
 - Asking for funding for new clothes
- Questions
 - Gaurav: Do you have an excel spreadsheet with the entire inventory?
 - Yes, spent whole week in the summer documenting everything.
- Discussion
 - Chad: Cost guide says for decorum costumes, up to \$150 for event for 75-100 people. Does that mean this would not fall under cost guidelines?
 - Gaurav: If cultural RSO that's not dance RSOs trying to rent costumes, then that cap applies to them. But for dance RSOs, the rule is you have to maintain full inventory. But their requests have come down so far.
 - Chad: They don't have inventory?
 - Gaurav: First request we let go this, year but second request ghas to have inventory. I know they have one and its huge
 - David: motion to fund in full on basis it fits into cost guideline
 - Jian: Second
 - In favor: 7
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion passes**

Organization: Jade Chinese Music Ensemble

- Notes on presentation
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- Questions
 - Ishan: Have they already spent money?
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- Discussion

- Jian: Motion to table because they did not show.
- Chad : Second
 - In favor:
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion passes**

Organization: UChicago Energy & Climate Club

- Notes on presentation
 - Education for professionalism in Energy and climate sector
 - Focus on education and skill development
 - Send people to industry conferences - great places for them network and learn from leaders in the industry, ghelp with internships and RSOs
 - Cornell Energy Connection - in NYC next friday, hosted by Cornell
 - Money for flights, 2 nights, registration costs, planning on sending 9 peoples so 9 flights there and 8 flights back
 - \$150 going there, \$106 to go back on Saturday
 - Hotel rooms \$450 a night, so \$900 for two nights - halved is \$450
- Questions
 - None
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- Discussion
 - Jian: Motion to fund in full given it follows cost guide
 - Ariel: Second
 - In favor: 8
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion passes.**

Organization: UChicago Plus

- Notes on presentation
 - Event since 2022, with assistance of Center for Identity and Inclusion
 - Signature event
 - Most proms in high school aren't designed with queer students in mind
 - Space for celebration, sapce where people can be thmselves, get together, cost isn't barrier for attendants - tickets aren't barrier
 - Food, music, dancing, entertainment
 - Over 110 attendees last year, anticipating the same this year
- Questions
 - Chad; Is the Center for identity and inclusion funding any portions?

- Meet whatever is not funded here
 - Gaurav: What number are they comfortable funding ?
 - Funded all of it last year, this cost is around last year's
- Discussion
 - Ishan: If the Center for Identity and Inclusion is funding, we can cost guide it
 - Chad: Do we want to lumpsum fund for \$1,000, especially if the Center funded the entire thing last year? If we fund it for large amount, it might become precedent that every year we will give money for it.
 - Ishan: in favor of giving lumpsum but increase it more. I think food is at \$14, which is a little above cost guide of \$12. I think like \$12 x 125 to cost guide food, and \$150 for decor.
 - Gaurav: With galas, we cost guide food and some decorations.
 - Ishan: Adds up to \$1650, which is half of what they asked for.
 - Gaurav: You're saying fund full food as per cost guide plus full allowances for decorations?
 - Chad: I still think we funded it for \$12 per person for food, I don't know if they're suggesting if they're paying for dinner, sounds more like snacks instead of a whole meal. I would feel more comfortable funding \$8 for 125 people and then decorations.
 - Ishan: So you're saying \$1150.
 - David: I agree with Chad, as a snack.
 - Ishan: I feel like since it's 7-11 pm, they expect it to be dinner.
 - Chad: I disagree, it's not like they're serving everyone plates. Not like a pre-set price for plate, just general appetizers.
 - David : Motion to fund lumpsum of \$1150, \$125 x 8, \$150 for decorations, because Center can fund the rest.
 - Chad : Second
 - In favor: 4
 - Opposed: 3
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion passes.**

Organization: UChicago Quantum Society

- Notes on presentation
 - Snack request - upkeep of club, with annual allocation it seems our membership has grown significantly since last year. Taking a greater number of cookies, chips, etc. We'd appreciate funding to keep until next quarter/a little bit into next quarter.
 - Second speaker event - identical request as last time, but only spent \$650. Seeing as they gave \$1000, we have \$400 left over. So maybe ask for \$200 to do the same thing for the next event. Basically \$650 for this event, because that's all we ended up spending for the last one. So \$250-\$300 is what we request.
- Questions
 - Ishan: Speaker series you're asking for money very similar for next quarter?

- No, that event will be next week or after next (non-Thanksgiving week)
 - Ishan: So recycling some money from leftovers?
 - Yes, we'd roll over some of it from last one
 - Ishan: For weekly meetings, are you asking money for those this quarter?
 - For the rest of the meetings this quarter/next quarter. For next 5-6 weeks.
 - Ishan: How many meetings do you have this quarter left?
 - 1x week, so 3 meetings depending if we do study break.
 - Ishan: If we do study break, use the same money?
 - Yes.
 - Gaurav: How much has your RSO grown?
 - 30 frequent attendees last year, now it's 50 people consistently coming to some sort of event. 40-45 per beginner series. Interest is more high this year
- Discussion
 - Gaurav: 3rd request for quarter, so mandatory 10% fundraising minimum. But also re-using a lot of the money we gave them, more than half of what we would fund for this recurring event. So it works out. \$250 is less than what we would've funded otherwise.
 - The snacks I see are completely fundable
 - Ishan: I feel like at this point its a recurring event
 - David: yeah.
 - Ishan: seh didn't give exact number
 - Lauren: Assuming 5 weeks, 2-3 weeks this quarter.
 - Ishan: So 5 meetings for weekly meetings.
 - Chad: For the speaker series, it sounds like we can fund \$250?
 - Gaurav: So we funded the whole thing, only needed \$650 but we gave \$1000, so they have \$400 extra. Not required to tell us. I would say we don't require 10% minimum because we're going past already, she has \$400 of \$650. So we can fund \$250.
 - Chad: I think we don't have to fund water because its in a classroom with water right next to it.
 - Ishan: Motion to fund \$189, subtracting water costs.
 - Chad: Second
 - In favor: 7
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - **Motion passes.**

Post Meeting:

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