

University of Chicago Student Government

Student Government Finance Committee

Date: 11/16

Time: 7 PM CST

Summary:

RSO Name	Event	Amount Requested	Recommended Funding
The Ransom Notes	Hot Chocolate Fundraising	\$147.59	\$147.59
Hellenic Student Association	Bowling Event for New Members	\$250	150
JGrads Chabad at UChicago	Shabbat Dinner	\$290	\$290
Kappa Theta Pi	Tech Study Breaks	\$439.08	\$294.54
Neuro Club	NEURO Club x Women in Neuroscience Social	\$650	\$540
Taiwanese American Student Association	Taipei Cafe	\$1500	\$0
Japanese Animation Society	ACEN trip	\$5,148.57	\$3,110.37
Students for Life	March for Life	\$29,813.20	\$7,000
Real Estate Investment Group	Real Estate Site Visit Series (5 Sites)	\$1,875.00	\$375
Real Estate Investment Group	Real Estate Alumni Speaker Visits (2)	\$2,000.00	\$384
Dirt Red Brass Band	Congas	\$399.99	
Dirt Red Brass Band	Portable Power Bank	\$799.00	

Agenda:

7:00PM - SGFC Members

7:05PM - The Ransom Notes

7:10PM - Hellenic Student Association
 7:15PM - JGrads Chabad at UChicago
 7:20PM - Kappa Theta Pi
 7:25PM - Neuro Club
 7:30PM - Taiwanese American Student Association
 7:40PM - Japanese Animation Society
 7:50PM - Students for Life
 8:00PM - Real Estate Investment Group
 8:10PM - Dirt Red Brass Band

Attendance:

Name	Attendance
Gaurav Ajmera	Present
Lauren Harris	Present
David Yao	Absent
Jian Park	present
Jiayi Yue	present
Annika Naramreddy	Absent
David Liu	Absent
Ariel Barnea	Absent
Shanice Handley	Present
Rachel Maya	Present
Ishaan Goel	Present
Tiayi	Present
Darius	Present
Chad Coen	Present
Edward Gu	Present

Organization: The Ransom Notes

- Notes on presentation
 - Fundraiser this week (not able to fund in time), happening 9th week,
 - Selling hot chocolate, drink carriers, cups, marshmallows
 - Fundraising for tours, happens once every 2 years
 - Funds in account are for other things
 - Allocations are for music video, want to keep
 - Requesting
- Questions
 - Ishaan: Is it achievable to raise 850?
 - Yes
 - Guarav: how is album going?
 - Release date - end of feb
- Discussion
 - Darius motion to give funding in full, basis that it's getting colder
 - In favor: 7
 - Opposed:
 - Abstained:
 - Motion passes

Organization: Hellenic Student Association

- Notes on presentation
 - RSO for greek students
 - Funding for bowling event (main event during year)
 - Way to get new members/get to know first years
 - \$125 each lane, 2 lanes, for 2 hours
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- Questions
 - Ishaan: will every member of club be involved?
 - Give new students a look into club
 - Guarav: Is this for lanes or food?
 - Only for lanes, doesn't include food
 - Jian: Expect to fit 30 people into 2 lanes?
 - Yes
- Discussion
 - Guarav: could be treated as new member welcome, \$150 max, the prices are wrong
 - According to what they're asking should be \$120 total
 - 2 lanes is not enough for 30 people
 - 30 people doesn't seem like a real number
 - Ishaan: 180 for 3 lanes, concerned about ability to fit people, should be treated as welcome event, recommends \$150

- Chad motion to fund \$120 minus \$37, given \$83, reason: funding for 2 lanes for 2 hours
 - Seconded by no one
 - Motion fails
- Motion to fund 150 because 2 lanes doesn't seem like enough for 30 people
 - Jian seconded
 - In favor: 5
 - Opposed: 1
 - Motion passes

Organization: JGrads Chabad at UChicago

- Notes on presentation
 - Once a week, jewish ppl get together for family dinner
 - community building exercise for grad students, developing community in hyde park and chicago
 - Funding for food and service taxes
 - Request for
- Questions
 - Specific plans for \$1300
 - Submitted request for half of it,
 - JGrad: for refunds, should i make excel with receipts?
 - Lauren: reimbursements are for purchases, not funding
 - Funding requests should only be allocation
 - Ishaan: idea where food will come from?
 - 15 request, kosher food
 - Purchasing food at grocery store and then cooking, cooking at chabad house on woodlawn
- Discussion
 - Chad motion to fund for 290, basis that it follows cost guidelines

Organization: Kappa Theta Pi

- Notes on presentation
 - Funding for dinners for tech study breaks
 - Giving training for members
 - Occurring 2-3x a week
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- Questions
 - Any study breaks been held?
 - Just have snacks not associated with any funding
 - Avg 15-20 people
 - Tech focused study breaks get more attendance
 - Balance is 1470, some goes toward formal in spring
 - Other money went to recruitment and marketing

- Ran through it veery quickly, basically gone
 - Chad: is open to everyone on uchicago campus?
 - yes
- Discussion
 - Guideline was half of total fundable,
 - Jian motions for fund 294.54 Falls within cost guidelines
 - In favor: 7
 - Opposed
 - Motion passes

Organization: Neuro Club

- Notes on presentation
 - Chipotle catering event
 - Expecting more people
 - Working with women in neuroscience
- Questions
 - Jian: where did projected attendance come from?
 - Doing with women in neuro, in past quarters, 20-30 ppl
 - Signup of 65 ppl,
 - Have a much larger room for event
 - Expecting 35-45 people
 - Jian: are women in neuro requesting funding?
 - They can't get this type of funding since they're not an rso
 - What exactly are you ordering from chipotle
 - Amount if about 600 including delivery fee
- Discussion
 - Double protein is \$12
 - 14.45 per person
 - Jian motions for fund \$540, basis that it provides food
 - Ishaan seconds
 - In favor: 7
 - Opposed:
 - Motion passes

Organization: Taiwanese American Student Association

- Notes on presentation
 - Hosting taipei cafe
 - Ordering food from cafe during week 9 as study break
 - Partially subsidized by sgfc funding
 - Aren't sure how many people will be ordering
 - Requesting \$1.5k, had total of 110 orders

- Reason: Planning on marketing more due to increase in membership
 - Questions
 - Chad: rso account, have under \$12,000, allocated towards other events
 - Would be taking from own
 - Jian: where are you getting food?
 - Taipei cafe in chinatown
 - How often does it happen
 - First time this year
 - Where are numbers for event
 - Turnout was 110, with expected 70
 - Will food be free?
 - Based on how much, will be partially subsidized; if enough people order, will be covered in full
 - Everyone gets to order?
 - People fill out google form and put in order for taipei and hand out to students
 - If there's an excess, how do you
 - People venmo ahead of time, if not, they can pay day-of
 - TASA will pay them back after they make deposit
 - How much was used by \$1k allocated and by student purchases?
 - Ordered 1500, 500 split between 70 students
 - Chad: also for socializing, people place order and will they grab and go or will people stay?
 - Book rooms in the library, people are welcome to stay if they want, people usually leave but some stay
 - Ishaan: \$2000 worth of orders, will you wait until end to get excess
 - More like a deposit, they deposit full amount to make sure they pick up order, then they calculate and venmo the money back
- Discussion
 - Chad: is there an event if they're just having people order it
 - They paid for 4 members food
 - Using personal venmo for RSO is illegal
 - Sounds like a money generation scheme
 - Stipulation: in person audit, no venmo(can't get personal venmo accounts)
 - Don't understand free range of everyone ordering what they want
 - Could take orders until they hit \$1500, they take loss if they don't reach it
 - It's a subsidy but you're getting a deposit

- If they're not collecting funding, students don't have 1500 to fund it
- Does this event have any merit? There's no social aspect, not enhancing student life, would be different if people were sitting in Hutch eating
- Jian: how does this advance the goals of TASA?
- Jian motions to not fun basis that venmo thing is illegal, doesn't advance TASA goals
 - In favor: 7
 - Opposed:
 - Motion passes

Organization: Japanese Animation Society

- Notes on presentation
 - Funding for annual trip to anime central
 - One of 2 biggest events
 - Tradition since 1997
 - They go and experience culture, network and compete (last year got 1st place as well as honorable)
 - Hotel and travel expenses funded (keeping trip cheap, accessible)
 - Open to all Uchicago community
 - Helping prepare for masquerade performance (props, etc)
- Questions
 - Jian: How many people went last year?
 - 30-40 people
 - Ishaan:
 - Hotel/travel cost is from last year
 - 40 people in 4 hotel rooms
 - Transportation
 - Bus from first charter
 - \$300 food
 - For the duration of the conference, funds dinners
 - Some food is ordered in, some for snacks
 - Why don't you leave and come back and not get a hotel?
 - Not worth it to just commute regularly
 - Not feasible to 3 days straight
- Discussion
 - Chad: don't understand why they don't commute
 - Driving there is 40 min
 - Wouldn't be cheaper
 - If we half expenses, wouldn't be in best interest to force different recommendation
 - It's not feasible to come back/get ready at 5 am for event to just drive
 - Ishaan: Bus route wouldn't be an option at 2 am
 - Chad: wouldn't expect people to get hotel downtown for chicago event
 - Jian motions to fund 3110

- Seconded
- In favor: 5
- Opposed: 1
- Motion passes

Organization: Students for Life

- Notes on presentation
 - Going to march for life in dc
 - Money for travel, accommodations, conference (25/person)
- Questions
 - Jian: did you send interest form?
 - 55 people signed up, undershot with budget asked
 - Guarav: what's changed for rso
 - Big emphasis on activism
 - Quad display and meeting topics being more intellectual, driven up interest
 - Making sure to find people who are interested
 - Previously only marketed for students for life, making effort to reach out to other rsos
 - Ishaan: where hotel/flight costs?
 - In expedia:
 - Google flights:
 - Sending email
 - Guarav: when rso have travel requests, usually falls short. What is a realistic number?
 - Last year: 12 people signed up, 11 went
 - At most, expect 5 people to drop but above what they requested
 - People understand what it demands of them
 - Make up of group is low income people
 - Completely in person?
 - All in person
 - Asked about pro rates for hotels in DC
 - March for life has specific recommended hotels but prices have gone up
 - No better prices than what was found
 - Ishaan: what time for commuting?
 - Commuting thursday evening for student schedules
 - Messes up flight prices
 - Applying for \$1k, any other fundraising?
 - 3 main goals: activism, community service, education
 - It's for service, they donate the money
 - Can't see them doing an on-campus fundraiser
 - \$1k would be given retroactively, would go towards next year
 - Award was helpful for paying for march last year

- Last year's allocations had to be dipped into
 - Lauren: Have you communicated with your advisor?
 - Approved request but have documentation
 - University has discounts for flights (recommended by Lauren)
- Discussion
 - Ishaan: abstaining from voting aspect
 - Jian: chose most expensive hotel
 - Guarav: they pick most expensive knowing it will be halved,
 - Decide the count of people to send (40 is very big)
 - Chad: they're not expecting personal contribution for a high-ticket event
 - Unrealistic to send every single member
 - Ishaan: going by number of people, it's reasonable
 - Don't know any club that sends 40 people, debate and MUN don't send that much
 - Chad: fund them lump sum amount if they have student contributions, factor in cheaper/realistic hotels (flights are reasonable)
 - Traveling in broad daylight, ubers are unnecessary to hotel
 - Cap food at \$60/person
 - Jian: conference tickets get discount for groups of 10+ (not necessary for lump sum)
 - Guarav: keep in mind other high requests, people can see what was funded
 - Lauren: funded general meeting costs, could this be recurring?
 - Jian: Halving everything except tickets, 20 people attendance
 - \$3435 last year (doubled last year)
 - Giving lump sum gives sgfc more leeway
 - Chad: is \$7000 too much/little?
 - Funds Attendance is for 20 people
 - Jian motion lump sum of \$7k because allowing attendance to double
 - In favor: 5
 - Opposed:
 - Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes

Organization: Real Estate Investment Group

- Notes on presentation
 - 2 requests
 - 1 is for real estate site visit
 - With 5 local real estate property managers, plan to meet in late fall/early winter to see projects
 - Accessing them through public transit, funding for food, and getting to know community
 - This fall, they toured UChicago's real estate, funding allowed them to eat in Hyde Park at Bob's Pizza

- In spring event, had 90 students attend and are only real estate RSO
 - The second is for travel accommodations for speakers
- Questions
 - Ishaan: Is this for an alumni event, the second event? Other business RSOs choose to do events over zoom
 - Having people to provide better interaction because of lack of opportunities
 - Job was received through speakers brought through this event
 - Ishaan: on flight costs, 630 for roundtrip to NY
 - Based on spring event, 2 speakers flown in
 - They went over allocated
 - One was over \$1k and 500
 - They were happy to bridge gap, but they felt 600 was conservative
 - Jian: meals for visit, when is it occurring, how long are visits
 - early/late afternoon
 - Haven't figured out dates yet, but seems to be most available to speakers
 - An hour/hour and a half
 - Also depends on programming
 - Chad: are site visits open to REIG/uchicago community?
 - In past, all events have been geared towards REIG
 - Has listhost with 100+ names
 - Working to open it up to more people
 - For speaker in november, is there a date
 - Based on work schedule
 - No exact date
 - Late fall, early winter
 - Are you marketing nov speaker event? Expect 32 people to come?
 - No because no date, might change to early dec
 - Had 90+ students register so 32 students is reasonable
- Discussion
 - Ishaan: 600 for flights is outrageous
 - Chad: doesn't believe they're open to all students
 - Guarav: you can't be exclusive society
 - Chad: events that will have impact on large number of people, more discretion to them
 - Jian: should this be funded for lunch/dinner?
 - Ishaan: shouldn't be funded at all
 - Chad: funding for 10-15 people (recommendation)
 - Lunch for 10/person
 - 15 people attendance

- halving
 - Total of 375 for funding
- Chad: motion to fund 375 lump sum for first event
 - In favor: 5
 - Opposed: 1
 - Motion passes
- Ishaan: they can do virtual events
- Motion to fund 380 basis recurring, not playing for flights for grads
 - In favor: 6
 - Opposed:
 - Motion passes

Organization: Dirt Red Brass Band

- Notes on presentation
 - 2 Funding requests, equipment
 - To have money left over for other events,
 - First request: powerbank, 4 members rely on amplification
 - When in NOLA, there aren't power outlets and can't be heard, affects sound
 - Second request: congas
 - Hard for percussionists to join band
- Questions
 - How is the current balance 4600 being used?
 - Making purchases for other equipment (500 - cymbals, 500 - 700 - floor tong, mixers - 1.5k)
 - Need money for NOLA trip
 - Ishaan: why'd you pick that specifically?
 - No set of congas
 - jazz/latin music is played and it's the most fitting instrument
 - Ishaan: How long do congas last?
 - Will be an investment, at least 15 years
 - Keeping inventory
 - Lockers at Logan
- Discussion
 - Ishaan: long lasting investment, funding in full
 - Is there a cheaper option?
 - Congas are fine
 - Power banks, \$300 coupon
 - Guarav: whatever they don't spend will go towards NOLA
 - Jian: congas funded in full because it's long term investment
 - Seconded by Cody
 - In favor: 6
 - Jian: motion to fund power bank because it's also long term investment

- In favor: 6

Post Meeting:

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