

**University of Chicago Student Government**

Student Government Finance Committee

Thursday, February 29, 2024

7:00 PM

Summary:

<b>RSO Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommended Funding</b>
Environmental Research Group	Final Project Presentations for Club Food	\$121.10	121.10
The Ransom Notes	2024 Ransom Notes Photoshoot	\$300	300
Promontory Investment Research	Spring Quarter Printing with Grace Printing	\$748	Rejected
UChicago Socially Responsible Investing Group	Mentor Mentee Cluster Event	\$1144.40	Rejected
Kababayan	Midwest Filipino American Summit (MFAS)	\$1144.62	547.85
Black Action in Public Policy Studies	Black Policy Review	\$1500	930
Kappa Theta Pi	KTP Formal	\$1301	0
Platypus	Platypus International Convention	\$42509.74	0

Agenda:

7:00 - SGFC Members

7:05 - Environmental Research Group

7:10 - The Ransom Notes

7:15 - Promontory Investment Research

7:20 - UChicago Socially Responsible Investing Group

7:25 - Kababayan

7:30 - Black Action in Public Policy Studies

7:40 - Kappa Theta Pi

7:50 - Platypus

Attendance:

Name	Attendance
Ishaan Goel	Present
Lauren Harris	Present
David Yao	Present
Jian Park	Present
Darius Johnson	
Chad Coen	Present
Edward	
Jiayi Yue	Present
Shanice Handley	Present

## General Notes

→ SGFC could run out of money during this session

## Environmental Research Group:

- Notes on presentation
  - Final end of quarter presentation
  - Want to supply veggie pizza - 4/person
  - Requesting for remaining to be funded by GSFC
- Questions
  - Ishaan: why veggie pizza?
    - Veggie pizza is cheaper and most of ppl in club are vegan/vegetarian
- Discussion
  - Motion to... Chad: fund 120.10 on basis it's cost guided
    - In favor: 5
    - Opposed: 0

- Abstained: 1
- **Motion pass/fail**
  - **Motion Passes**

## The Ransom Notes:

- Notes on presentation
  - Requesting for photoshoot
  - 1st sunday of spring quarter
  - 2800 in account - funds are for allocations
  - Rest of fundraised money will be used for getting a venue for concert
  - Photoshoot gives update for new members and rso
  - Creates content for RSO and new album
  - Will occur over 4 hours
  - Hiring Vanessa for 100 per hour
- Questions
  - Ishaan: photographer is a current undergrad?
    - yes
  - Jian: Is she a professional photographer?
    - No, but prof will cost more
    - Confident in her ability to shoot well
- Discussion
  - Ishaan: can't fund this
  - Jian: key question - do we believe if they can't buy service they'll have to find a professional photographer
  - Jiayi: they could find another undergrad student to do for free
  - Chad: 100 for photography isn't too bad, they fundraised
  - Motion to...300 on basis they fundraised a quarter of it and the alternative would be far more expensive
    - In favor: 6
    - Opposed: 0
    - Abstained: 0
    - **Motion pass/fail**
      - **Motion Passes**

## Promontory Investment Research:

- Notes on presentation
- Questions
- Discussion
  - Ishaan: if they're not funding printing, what is money being used for?
  - Lauren: this is their second deferral
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- Motion to...Chad: rejected on basis that they did not attend SGFC last week
  - In favor:
  - Opposed:
  - Abstained:
  - **Motion pass/fail**
    - **Motion passes**

## UChicago Socially Responsible Investing Group:

- Notes on presentation
  - Plan to do a mentor mentee outing in different clusters as a social event
  - Clusters of 2 mentors with mentees getting food at hyde park restaurant and talk about career interests, socially responsible investing
  - This event will strengthen relationships and underclassmen (make up majority of cohort) will get chance to ask questions
  - 33 general members, 18 mentors
  - Priced around 17/meal at hyde park restaurant
    - With tax/tip, came to requested amount
- Questions
- Discussion
  - Chad: motion to reject on basis that SGFC won't fund events solely for food
  - Ishaan: could cost guide to 12/person
  - Motion to...
    - In favor: 4
    - Opposed: 2
    - Abstained: 0
    - **Motion pass/fail**
      - **Motion passes**

## Kababayan:

- Notes on presentation
  - For midwest filipino american summit, annual event, recurring
  - Understand how to operate as a cultural group for group that's underrepresented on campus
  - Help to learn how to gather resources and bring them back to university campus
- Questions
  - Ishaan: have some money in account, will it be used?
    - Are happy to use it, 628 in account is left over from allocations
  - Chad: for item 4, avg daily cost of ground transit, is there public transit in St. Louis?
    - Estimated cost
    - When talking to people from event, ground transit is more ideal
    - Group being sent is 6 people, not a huge number

- Discussion
  - Jian: do other universities attend
  - Chad: connects cultural groups across several universities so yes
  - Jiayi: cost guiding ground transit
  - Chad: item 2,3,4 cost guided
  - Ishaan:
  - Motion to...fund 547.85 on basis cost guiding
    - In favor: 6
    - Opposed:
    - Abstained:
    - **Motion pass/fail**
      - **passes**

## Black Action in Public Policy Studies:

- Notes on presentation
  - Requesting 1500 to help print publication/website subscription for black policy review
  - Purpose of BPR - as grad students, they are quantitative program and don't get practice in writing skills
  - Creating initiative to hone these skills and explore intersections between race and public policy
  - 20 student writers
  - Bringing this to general body, harris community and wider community
- Questions
  - Ishaan: print 100 copies?
    - General body is 70 people, working on alumni network which is fairly small
    - Want to be sure there are copies for offices on campus
  - Jian: line items or bottom item correct?
    - Exploring idea of launch party - in the works
    - Budgeting for this event
    - Also looking at catering/community donors
    - 300 in addition is to secure that
  - Jiayi: Is Harris supporting you?
    - Rso funding has more guidelines around printing
    - With harris funding bc it's quarterly, allocations are lower and won't meet needs
  - Ishaan: What do you need squarespace for?
    - Digital website for ongoing years and housing previous publication
    - Thinking about doing submissions for undergrads from OBS and other black students
    - Will be an annual subscription
  - Chad: have you purchased a subscription/printing?
    - Yes to subscription

- question
  - For harris, doing BPR specific instagram page
  - Working on overall social media
  - A lot of OBS students have reached out
  - Connected with chicago policy review
- Discussion
  - Chad: funding items 2 and 3
  - Jiayi: they haven't gone to harris to talk to about funding
  - Lauren: got email about the launch party before sgfc
  - Motion to...930 on basis can't fund item 1 and total cost of items 2 and 3
    - In favor: 6
    - Opposed:
    - Abstained:
    - **Motion pass/fail**
      - **Motion passes**

## Kappa Theta Pi:

- Notes on presentation
  - Money for spring formal
  - Used to cover venue fees, 3000
  - 2100 for food, rest is service/admin
  - Will cover costs with ticket sales (\$15 or \$20)
- Questions
  - Ishaan: last time, issue was they didn't have quote
    - Didn't have proper quote
- Discussion
  - Jian: they fundraised a lot
    - Chad: they're just funding tickets
  - Jian: zero out food since it wasn't itemized
  - Ishaan: included in venue fees
  - Chad: actual dinner
  - Jian: doing snack food would still fall within cost guidelines
  - Ishaan: can't cost guideline
  - Lauren: annual allocations already cover this
  - Motion to...fund 0 on basis
    - In favor: 6
    - Opposed:
    - Abstained:
    - **Motion pass/fail**
      - **Motion passes**

## Platypus:

- Notes on presentation
  - Platypus educational project on the Left
  - Several chapters globally and nationally
  - Host panels throughout the year
  - Funding for annual convention at uchicago (since 2010)
  - Event is meant to put a summary of the state of the Left
  - Try to get prominent speakers from around the world, hosting a conversation
  - Conference will consist of panels
  - Funding is for flights/other arrangements to travel to chicago
    - Trying to secure lunches and residence
  - Main focus is funding their trips
  - Last year they got \$23k
- Questions
  - Jiayi: why not charging students/attendees tickets
    - Always been an open conference
    - Try to get a wide range of people
    - Attendance would drop
  - Chad: have you done any fundraising/work with other organization?
    - Haven't yet
    - In previous years, have been able to get funding
  - Chad: talk about projected attendance and number of attendees last year
    - Last convention was around 250
    - They are pretty well-attended
- Discussion
  - Chad: Can reject on fundraising requirements
    - But also didn't have notice of new guideline
    - In previous years, they got some
  - Chad: suggest they reach out to partners on campus such as IOP
  - Jian: we fund speaker travel
  - Jiayi: talked to jimmy and it was unlikely they would get all the money from SGFC
  - Jiayi: notion that individual fundraising is last resort isn't
  - Motion to...fund 0 on basis there's been no fundraising and suggest to reach out to other campus partners
    - In favor: 6
    - Opposed:
    - Abstained:
    - **Motion pass/fail**
      - **Motion passes**

## Post Meeting:

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

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