



MINUTES
DASB FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, February 2nd, 2015
3:30 PM
Student Council Chambers A

Call to Order

3:34

Roll Call

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Rhea	x		
Quang	x		
Nehal			x
Melanie	x		
Julia	x		
Thao	x		
Arjun	x		
Naeema	x		
Drew	x		

Public Announcements

Please note: Members of the public are limited to two minutes.

Approval of Minutes

January 24th, 2015

January 26th, 2015

- Naeema moves to approve minutes
 - Julia seconds.

Business

1. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Title: Budget Preparations and Recommendation Procedure

This item is to discuss how to present the budget to the senate.

Presenter: Rhea Goveas

Time: 90 Minutes

Rhea went over basic procedure and the committee heard from John and Lisa about some points.

2. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Title: Spending Cap Limits

This item is to discuss future spending cap limits.

Presenter: John Cogna

Time: 30 Minutes

- John spoke the committee about the importance of realizing what it means to take on an extra sum of money for new projects. He stressed that once some of these funds are allocated for certain projects, the projects will expect the money year after year, leaving you little money for new projects.

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: New or Additional Funding Request of \$9,000 for Travel for Trip to Washington D.C.

This item is to discuss Additional Funding Request of \$9,000 for Travel for Trip to Washington D.C.

Presenter: Julia Malakiman

Time: 30 Minutes

- Julia presented on this item. 4 senators, 1 PP reserve and Advisor John are going. There needs to be a change in the budget.
- National Student Lobby Day is Friday Night Mar 27-31 is \$275 per student.
- Hostel 1550 for 6 people: \$1550
- 275 for Conference: 1600
- \$55 per day for meals: \$1600
- Airfare \$3600
- About \$9,000 total.
- Arjun asked how much in special allocations now?
- Special allocations 2760 in Fall/Winter
- 3,297 in Spring/Summer
- **Drew moved to approve Additional Funding Request of \$9,000 for Travel for Trip to Washington D.C.**
 - Seconded by Naeema
 - Naeema moves to end discussion.
 - Thao objected and asked what the committee thought about this \$9,000.
 - Discussion continued.
 - Naeema asked why don't we have a budget for conferences.
 - Quang asked who is going to read the essay's and decide who is going?
 - Julia answered that the Senate Advisors would.
 - Julia asked do you want to send this many people? Can we decide to send 5 people and have it be 4 senators and send John as the advisor?
 - Quang says lets not look at the actual cost and not the number of people.
 - Thao said even though the Senate voted already, we as a committee only know how much this is costing us.
 - Rhea said how much would the committee be ok with?
 - Arjun said \$5,000 was being thrown around in Senate.
 - Julia said if we approve \$5,000, then how are those others going to be able to go?
 - Rhea said we give bottom dollar and then they decide what to do.
 - John said you could go one less day.

- Lisa said if staff goes and stays an extra day than what was planned, they pay from their own pocket.
- Rhea says even \$5,000 is a lot.
- Drew said \$6,500 is reasonable.
- Rhea said our job is to fund, not to figure out how to use it.
- Arjun said if we compare this to Sac Trip, these costs are a lot more, and should be considered.
- John said \$1450 per student to go to DC. If you go \$5,000, you can send 3 students with money left over.
- Thao said if we change the price, and backtrack to Senate again, it's going to elongate the process and cause disturbance.
- Julia said \$6500-\$7000 would also work.
- Naeema asked about Bob who is running March in March.
- Arjun said he thinks it's best if we do not take John. He wonders how much without John and one less day.
- Julia said it would be good to have John with us because the other two Professors have 5 students each. This would allow us to have John if we decide to go to the other conference.
- **Arjun moves to strike \$9,000 and amend to \$7,350.**
- Julia said this is why we need John here, because then we don't have to rely on what the PPS is doing.
- **Rhea moves to table the item until next week.**
 - **Arjun Seconds.**

Burning Issues

Announcements/Informational Reports

Adjournment

4:35PM by Rhea.

Approved by the Senate: Date _____

Minutes taken by DASB Secretary Brian Romaine.

- Signed: _____