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BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Dina: Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM

Dina: Today we will figure out the prelim budget that we will present to exec board and senate for 2019. Larger budget (bgt) to work w due to increase in student fees. Straw polls on individual Q’s

Cristi: convo before decisions?

Dina: Yes

Max: 0 means deficit, currently budget is balanced

Max: recv stu fees every stu every yr. This year $245 per student per yr, next year $285 per student per yr. Have $30,000 more approx. We have our expected student revenue, then we put together all exp & caps for exp. For eg if senior class pres has $20,000, they can spend upto that much. Row 128 is max amt we can use if all money is used (which realistically won’t happen). If rev exceeds total max exp, we will have extra money will go into endowment after rainy days. Deficit is max exp> rev. If all money is spent we would have to dip into other source to cover funding. Balanced means rev = exp.

Dina: Are you discounting the student fee for increase in stipends?

Max: No, it’s the net increase in the bgt, stipends are a line item in the bgt.

Dina: isn’t it around 50,000?

Max: Might be more than 30,000. Don’t get from students who are abroad.

Dina: ignore events budget till chandler is here

Dina: **Music Mania and East 6th Street**

Crsiti: when clubs get recognized its on wufoo which gives the rules, sign name at bottom. #1 rule on the list is that 80% of the club comprises cmc students. Cannot fund clubs below this limit. They have less than 80%, can’t go through CMC budget allocations. Certain concerns about whether or not they knew that, my response to that is they signed a doc, if they didn’t read that list, not our issue.

Kamara: not meeting limit they are supposed to. But not funding them entirely isn’t the right thing to do, because both clubs focus on artistic expression that CMC lacks. If they don’t have budget to exist, it’s a prob for artistic expression on our campus.

Max: if this was 2 diff clubs, reasoning should be applied the same to each club. Unfortunate coincidence, not something we should take into consideration

Avi: In the case of these 2 clubs it would be best to send them another email, asking if it’s the updated final roster. They were a little bit unsure of the roster when we questioned them on it.

Crsiti: I understand we want to fund, but not the right precedent. We can’t go and ask, they should have applied for 5c funding. They can still get discretionary from all the 5C’s. Purely procedural & policy standpoint.

Dina: Don’t feel comfortable not applying a rule to a club, it’s a procedure.

Sobe: I agree w Kamara, but imp bc it’s a cultural club, is it poss to fund w stipulations?

Max: haven’t offered that same options to clubs

Andrew: everyone was given the same opp, not fair to give after the fact treatment to any clubs, multiple clubs not getting funded, not fair to the rest of them.

Dina: opps for these clubs to apply for funding for specific things, both clubs had the chance to apply for 5C funding

Cristi: policy perspective, no chance to be able to fund them, not a cmc club by our reg and policy. Are we theoretically gonna fund them in a diff way?

Kamara: once we reach out and tell them, can we outline how they can get funding in diff ways?

Dina: Avi can you make sure that happens. Can’t fund unfortunately, moving on

Dina: **Stipends**.

Massive inc in stipends, there’s a disagreement among members on how much work, expectations in order to get full stipends. To make sure everyone’s on the same page on what expectations are?

Sobe: should we have discussion w all exec board members or budget comm?

Dina: eventually we will be having convos in budget comm to justify the stipend they are getting?

Max: current $53,800 that everyone is getting. We should allocate the full amt, if we don’t allocate then bgt comm has power to move money. on semesterly basis that is $26,900. If we don’t use the full thing, we have the power to move it elsewhere. This comm has the power to do that.

Danielle: If there’s a guideline or an outline of something that you need to do in order to be able to get your funding, that should be sent out to the board.

Dina: we have opg proc, explicit guidelines, ppl should have an understanding, should there be an understanding? Extraordinary work? Or normal expectations?

Max: Does everyone agree that we should keep 53,800

Bryan: we should have it in the budget either way.

Dina: consensus

Dina: **Events**

Max: for bg, i asked chandler to look and come w feedback. I don’t have much understanding of events. Wanted to provide a forum for that

Cristi: what does pirate party rev mean?

Max: theoretical tank sales

Chandler: when we’ve done tank sales in yrs prior, barely break even, have a bunch of extra and dont make money.

General comments: changed sm things, monte carlo, how high the budget is is dependant on. Some members wanna do no ticketing, w $21,000 might be possible but if we do 5 dollars a head, could be good.

Wedding party: solid plan on how to cut budget, no dinner part of wedding party. Instead of renting catering from bon appeitit, we could ask them to do a wedding theme dinner at collins by giving a little money and decorating, cuts $10,000 and everyone can go. Potentially could cut more. That’s just food and staffing. May not need as many tables and chairs. One of the ideas that made it seem possible

for MC, never planned bc it’s junior class pres, but from my understanding it does cost a fair amt of money, but the way the bgt is, there is no rollover because of endowment. Can’t say no ticketing.

Dina: are you saying you want to have small changes and put that money into Adhoc and VPSA budget?

Chandler: vpsa fund dropped to 1000 to balance out the budget

Chandler: doesn’t have reimburse from Kahoutek yet. I didn’t request increase 2 yrs ago when we redid discretionary budgets, think adhoc needs to be a lot higher. One sunday snack is ~$4000. If we want kegs more, as a lot of students want, then we need a higher adhoc budget than $5000

Dina: i don’t think it is 0 that we have to ticket one party to pay for the other. Wouldn’t be opposed to 5-7000 written in deficit, and put that toward adhoc or something else because i don’t think everyone is going to equally spend. It’s fiscally resp to account for that

Kamara: for mc have u thought of ways to get it down to $5 vs the usually.

Chandler: normally we spend $3-6000 net. Ticketing has historically covered line items. The way max budgeted this year means we would have $21,000. Past years $24-26. Its poss w 21,000 i think but i’m not johnson, depends on him as well.

Max: this is andrea’s actual, and she had a good budget. They capped it at $1000. Normally its $1600-2000.

Cristi: do we ask other schools for funding for events besides PP?

Chandler: Historically we have, didn’t this year. Never asked for ticketed events because students have to pay regardless

Cristi: that being said, if we’re gonna ask money then it seems fine

Max: took out ticketing, took out ticketing and saw how tight it would be if we want balanced budget, generally pretty tight, not a bad thing. That being said, we could get 5c funding for those. Here’s how much your students would normally pay to get into this event, give us the equivalent of that

Dina: if no ticketing, we can ask the other 5cs for events like Toga as well. But it would be great to have no ticketing for MC.

Cristi: PP actuals?

Dina: Can u explain why u wanted PP to go from 15k to 17500?

Chandler: if we r going to ask for other events, for eg pit events board cleared out their budget. Reason we were able to get so much for pp this year bc We hadn’t asked for anything else i made that explicit. For mc, scripps normally pays half of tenting but haven’t in the past 2 yrs. I spoke to new vpsa and she’s is down to talk about it, so i am confident we can get at least some funding.

Dina: what about the other events

Chandler: If we request stuff throughout the year, they wont give us as much for pp. So that’s why i’ve raised the budget for it. The line item in here, devon was asked by grace if she had a rough est. so that is not a realistic number if we aren’t getting typical funding.

Dina: since these numbers depends on overall budget, lets go to a diff conversation.

Cristi: i disagree don’t think pp needs 17500. We have a lot of EC, paying them for hrs, we want exec board to have have fun. When we’re trying to make it tight, idk if thats the smartest way. If we’re increasing stuff, is it cause we’re spending money on ECs that we haven’t in the last year?

Chandler: Gino wanted to provide consistent empl opps, a lot of ppl on EC is works study, ppl get in fall as work study hours. Ppl on it do wanna work hours.

Crisit: compl agree. Hoping to make ginos job on EC. eg when other schools ask to use our equip, we say “this is cost of labor to move equip”. 5c clubs are paying this, looking for ways to make profits able to offset that balance

Dina: could u make pp work if we put 15,000 in the budget?

Chandler: it would be smaller, things would get cut

cristi: after budget freeze, clubs and dorm pres may not spend that much, you may have a lot.

Dina: **board of directors fund & discretionaries**

Dina: a lot things should be going to general or senate for funding. A lot more sense to fund a club out of discretionary, but then we don’t have a thoughtful convo as a board. But some things we should put through general or senate instead of through discretionaries.

Bryan: co chair, priority that we have extra money for clubs. Setting aside money for clubs aside from other things. Specific to clubs. We should talk about discretionaries of evp, pres, where the money isn’t as clearly defined or has a clear purpose.

Max: second what bryan said. all class pres funds have well defined purpose. CO, Vpsa relatively clear; funding 5c events, and supporting inner event team things.

Dina: vpsa fund in my opinion, if a 5c event comes should go through general or exec. Idk why discretionary would fund it.

Chandler: it’s for emergency stuff eg kahoutek fencing. I think that i will using it primarily for event related stuff. Eg if board under funded an event and they need 100-200 more, likely to use it for that.

Cristi: At the retreat we will discuss what to actually use it for. One form for bgt request, one for discretionaries. CO chair dont touch 10k across the board, def underused it this yr. Vpsa i would up it to 1200. We should look at the top, evp, pres d&i chair

Avi: the no. for discretionary that was 21000, v confused if a similar 21k comes my way, im worried about 10,000.

Dina: it think 10000 is a lot of money, to me it doesn’t scream we have to put more than 10,000.

Max: co is less reliable by discretion. Funds other than the ones i said, they have much less clearly defined roles. In the past their usage has not been standardized. I generally lean towards lowering them.

Dina: pres, evp, dac and d&i chair -- is everyone ok w that?

Avi: what is dac used for?

Cristi: programming w ras etc

Avi but ras have their own fund

Cristi: i think 2-3 is fine

Max same thing w co chair. I think our reasoning for not lowering co chair should be same as dac.

Dina: co chair is more clearly defined

Cristi: historically dac hasn’t been spent. I would maybe lower to 2000.

Kamara: sent **my suggestions** to ascmc exec board

Dina: pull up what kamara sent. Have u spent any money

cristi: see the chair more as an advocate than to be a programer. We have affinity groups, we have cpb d&i. Don’t throw more events, change culture on campus. I don’t think handing out food and having people congregate helps w that

Kamara: both events in spring before spring break

Max: indep of what terms are. We are giving the next vpsa, this is ur money for PP.

Dina: we should have money for next di chair. Why should it be 30,000 each

Kamara: i budgeted based off what was given last year

Crisir: affinity for love actuals this year? Don’t see it costing a 1000 but don’t see it costing more

Kamara: increase to 750 at least. Klab also helped. Not opposed to get external funding. But nice to have some money for myself

Dina: 1000 is a fair est.

Avi: kind of similar to why what to do w that money, supposed to be collab, not a programmer.

Max: trying to apply same standards to same student orgs. Eg to clubs u can’t have this money. But we’ll give each other money cuz we have it. Adding all affinity 32500. Supports cristi’s point. More of advocate and supporter, well funded groups

Kamara: aff groups. I see them as a way to come together. They have their own money but events for their spec orgs. Sometimes they collab but not all the time. They see it as a way for them to collab.

Dina: ur job as a advocate. Worry that this budget is too program heavy to advocate for actual changes. Imp for camp culture, but too much besides these 8 events

Sobe: as a member of multiple affinity groups. We have a place at the table, think its imp on students who are here who feel comfortable. Allows students outside the affin groups who come and get engaged. As long as they are broadcasted to the greater cmc comm. 2 diff cmc’s.

Dina: this number of events doesn’t seem realistic

Andrew: more effect if u got them to collab themselves than spend ur own money. Facilitate that. Not this large a fund in order to do that. Get them to do that themselves

Max: events of the type, do this, learn that, in my opinion have reached a saturation point

Kamara: they have already submitted their budgets, and brought up ideas for diversity showcase, they didn’t budget for these events, asking so that they can collab. Did not budget for it

Cristi: straw poll. Don’t know if 1000 is a necessary not

Bryan: idea that we should use affinity budget. Diff in goal. D&i bridging gap bw marginalized comm and cmc. Don’t they have a committee that can plan this programming? Maybe 3500. Mission is diff for both.

Danielle: experimental, diversity showcase, diversity fair. D&i chair figure out so u can explore that would be great. Apam is 10-12. Not sure if theyr’e all gonna be able to give the same share.

Chandler: d&i being someone who helps put events together. More that because aff groups have budget line items they submit for, makes sense to have a di fund that they can use to fund these events. Eg 3-4 wanna hold a diversity event or something, u can have ur own opinion. But di prerogative to choose how to come up w events is the way to go, then she should be given a budget that allows her to do that.

Max: i agree that we should try events and see what happens

Crsiti: i agree, if u wanna create visible events. If we give someone a budget. Idk if i in good conscious after 650 this year to give another 4000.

3000 currently. 4000 this year.

Avi: aff groups are supposed to focus on their groups, and spreading cultural awareness abt their groups. That’s the convo i’ve been having w club leaders thus far

Kamara: i feel like there’s spaces on campus where u dont feel comf so ur aff grp is where u feel comf, it’s not their job to educate the public, they don’t need to hold the weight on them to change their programming.

Dina: straw poll on fund.

Bryan: do u think it should be more than 3000?

Yes: 6.

Cristi: 750 per event is 3250, i would increase to that.

Max: event descrip it would cost more 1000 , ascmc not expecting to full. I see the event costing more than we should bgt, i don’t see a reason for ascmc to fund. I think institutional funding.

Kamara: care has no money.

Bryan: 3500 would be good, a nice compromise. Also relevant looking at past funding.

Cristi: you’ve never done an ascmc event before, present the board with a full bgt.

Dina: straw poll on 3250. Yes: 10

3500. Yes: 7

Dina: do u feel good abt 3500?

Kamara; yes,

Dina: present to board an itemized budget,.

Dina: evp and pres discret not muc to say. If we wanna factor in a board bonding event, it’s in the 500 dollar range might be a reason to raise.

Max: board of directors retreat is the retreat budget.

Chander: we normally do beg of term, after ppl get appt or elected. Eg doubletree. Normally it’s overnight. W more extensive planning.

Bryan: we could reduce mine by 250?

Dina: u have senate chairs

Max: dina brought up point that pres fund should be used for pres advisors… can be used for bonding event. Generally fi we fund big things lets discuss in exec board. Giving 1500 both, we wanna empower senate, this says that

Dina: 1500 each on both. Yes: majority

Dina: can we go back to **events**? Perhaps no ticketing, have a small deficit and be fine

Max: can we go thru easy events approve those and get thru?

Cristi: johnson would have spent all by end of the year, so they throw less events, technically less ppl cuz abroad, but not that big of a deal. MC excess funds could come from junior class. Also to have 500 increase as the years increase.

Max: w soph class pres its 2715. Do not include rev. He made money selling shirts. Events will be scaled down cuz of less ppl.

Cristi: we shouldn’t rely on johnson to make profit, its going to be brought up at board.

Dina: raising it to 3500? Is that comf. Table it

Danielle: did seniors spend more?

Dina: would u be comf raising events to what chandler suggested

Max: can raise it to 1200 vpsa

Max: pp reasoning makes sense. How much would u expect from events?

chandler: 2-3000

Max: will split that 1250 each.

Dina: changing pp to 17500.

Dina: weird that increasing pp

Chandler: safety net cuz dk how much dos will fund. This yr they are funding more, last year they didn’t fund. Don’t think dos wants to fund much in the future. The unknowns for pp are medical triage, public safety, story house work order fees.

Dina: do we need to inc pp cuz we dont expect from other colleges? Max are u comf raising it if we were also to raise adhoc

Dina: straw poll 16800 for pp line item (last years). Yes: majority. Do we have budget to increase adhoc?

Chandler: if we budget 18,000 is a more realistic budget of how much it will cost w/o catering. Mckenna palooza is good at 10k.

Chandler: group of freshman who wanna do a hip hop event with one outside headliner. We would need to put forward 5000.

Dina: you’d prefer larger adhoc?

Chandler: yes cuz it gives larger flexibility to events team

Cristi: if we increase, then how much deficit?

Max: 5000 which i would be ok with. Deficit = ascmc gambling, we hope ppl dont spend full funding. Rainy day fund very hard to access. Like to avoid it. Its 30,000 we can’t go over at all.

Dina: we won’t

Max: couple of clubs who don’t spend their fund. I’d be comf w 10-15 max deficit

Chandler: Mistletoe scripps will fund, they need to cuz they used to, we could drop MS by 2000 and could that go to adhoc? That’s way more useful for events. There’s huge variance between events. 601 was 4000 this year.

Dina: don’t love this argument.

Cristi: MS happens first sem we can always revisit.

Max: rec straw poll 12500.

Chandler: if hip hop happens then that’s 5000. Baldy tnc 1500 if we do it. I’m not asking to move things outside, just within.

Cristi: id prefer moving after 1st sem. Not the safest way to go about it. Want u to have the budget to be able to do so.

Max: i don’t think 2 yrs ago budgeting is a good standard. Whatever we have left is pp. Much more in favor of looking at it rn.

Dina: any other points?

Dina: straw poll from 11-9 mistletoe and put 2 in adhoc. Everyone fine w that,

Max: a lot more break down of actual events, i think we could put 2 in general or senate.

Dina: special fund that senate would control. If we have 2000 then we could do that.

Cristi: don’t have any info on that

Chandler: doesn’t make sense to line item in case a new item comes up.

Dina: 12500 vs 14500.

Max: we’re doubling the budget, and we didn’t have line item for pp or other events.

Chandler: events has the prerogative to have the flexibility. Should go thru committee.

Dina: are u ok w 12500 for now ?

Chandler: yes if money can we moved from other places its fine.

Chandler: then can we put MS back at 11?

Dina: don’t feel comf moving that up and down.