Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Meeting called to order at: **5:30pm**

Roll Call: **Sara Kim, DeVaughn Davis, Haneen Daham, Hannah Khan, Taylor Good, Morgan Mayer, Daniel Rodriguez, Ayshah Mahmud, Robert Hubley, Sohini Kundu, Trent Bae, Sara Leidner**

**Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship (cont.)**

Description of event:

Questions:

-initially request for transportation; this for hotel; 6 rooms for 28 people; price on bottom

-Sara: initially you said the expected number was 26; you changed it to 28; in terms of advertising; are you gonna do flyers; how are you gonna advertise?

-talked to christian groups

-Taylor: are you planning any public advertising?

-yes; planning fundraisers

-Taylor: during the fundraiser are you gonna advertise the event as open to all students?

-yes

-Sara: are the 28 students predetermined?

-no

-Taylor: will umbc students have priority over non-umbc students

-not able to make that decision; at this poing in time

-Haneen: can you take non-umbc students?

-plan to fill bus with 28 studentss

-Sara: where is the conference?

-kansas city

Discussion:

-Taylor: now that we can debate on the request; I don’t see the benefit it can bring to the campus as a whole; something we usually bring up.

-Haneen: in response to Taylor; event appeals to specific students; we as the finance board have the responsibility to get orgs to promote; chess team brings prestige; chi alpha group benefits students that are in it

-Taylor: with my own thoughts; definitely see how this benefits the org; would like to see concrete benefit to other students; not for this event because I don’t see the benefit it has to the body as a whole

-Hannah: I’m in support of benefitting any leadership event; still think it will have a campus benefit

-Haneen: another point; SGA has plenty of leadership conferences that only appeal to a specific set of UMBC students. What’s important to consider is how those events help those UMBC students; sometimes, events cannot appeal to the masses, but we shouldn’t discredit them because of that limitation.

Vote: 5 members for; 1 opposed; 1 abstaining; 0 not present

funded: $2,800

**Freedom Alliance**

Description of event:

-trying to bring Andrea Gibson to umbc

-Thursday Feb. 27 in university center ballroom

-charge $10 in advance; $12 at door for non-umbc students

-performed before

-cosponsors: WILL, Qumbc, GWST

Questions:

-Sohini: how did you come up with the number 350 participants?

- university center ballroom cap is 450; went off what she got at other shows

-Trent: can you briefly run through the event?

-doors will open at 6:30pm; start at 7:30; maybe have student performers; take about half an hour then introduce speaker; have 60 min set; then leave

-Hannah: how do you guys intend to use your marketing package?

-social media; flyers

-Morgan: how many people are in your org?

-number fluctuates; social; conversational meetings; facebook group; turn out about 15-20 per meeting; sometimes more

-Sohini: will participants be able to meet her after she speaks?

-I would love to; her agent might not

-Haneen: the performers you're gonna have; are they student performers?

-gonna open auditions

-Hannah: so you mentioned she has a big following; what would you predict the ratio of umbc students to non umbc students?

-guess it would be more umbc; don’t really know; I don’t know; hope for fairly large ratio to non

-Taylor: you spoke briefly on how it would benefit the non-queer population; can you elaborate?

-spoke on world issues

-Sara: in email you stated that you want a flat-rate without the workshop?

-yes; needed to cover transportation

Discussion:

-Morgan: extremely in favor of event; appreciated org already negotiated prices; show-off non stem talent; something new; I am for this event

-Hannah: appreciate amount of collaboration org is doing; really good

-Taylor: echo everything; like org hosting relevant event; draws to greater community

Vote: 6 members for; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining; 0 not present

**Muslim Student Association**

Description of event:

-centered on professionalism

-series of short presentations

-presented by students/alumni

-based on the roles of muslims in various professions

-3 sessions

-focus on developing muslim identity

-past event really successful

-some jobs include: police officer; engineer; architect; photographer; IT, chef

Questions:

-Taylor: thanks for listing the speakers; where are the speakers coming from?

-either students or alumni

-Ayshah: how are you gonna advertise?

-social media; finance board event; working with common vision; talking to local mosque

-Sohini: how did you come upon the number of participants?

-facebook

-Daniel: how would you describe the role of the alumni in your org?

-we try to keep alumni very involved; see them as guidance

-Taylor: where did you come up with the idea for this specific event?

-longtime coming; something I experienced; encouraging excellence in community

Discussion:

-Ayshah: like tune religious

-Haneen: creative event; appreciate the outreach

-Hannah: applaud org for reaching beyond; making career oriented lasting impact; stretching boundaries

-Tyler: echo everyone; like that it’s related to Islam but accessible to everyone; like that org said they want to encourage excellence

-Trent: like how the speaker covered broad careers; like how the speakers are students or alumni

Vote: 6 members for; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining; 0 not present

funded: $177.50

**The Debate Team**

Description of event:

-help umbc back up its claim to be an honors society

-food is a standard

-help club and school prestige

Questions:

-Taylor: could you walk me through the event?

-come into soundheim 101;; will have dinner; go to bed; then go to lecture hall; go and get lunch; dinner; 4 rounds

-Haneen: do you know which universities are attending?

-deal with college park; hopkins; st. mary; american university; very good schools

-Haneen: Is the 120 members an estimated number?

-should have wrote down 75

-Sara: so the number of expected attendees now 75?

-yes

-Morgan: how much time are you allocating for dinner/lunch?

-an hour

-Morgan: people from other universities with people from umbc; is that already organized?

-yes

-Trent: done in past; how did it go?

-typically well

-Haneen: for clarification sake, where are you holding the event?

-soundheim 101; then moving to lecture hall; holding debate around classrooms; last round in lecture hall

-Sara: is soundheim 101 and the lecture hall reserved?

-yes

-Ayshah: how many students in the org are participating in the event?

-everyone

-Ayshah: how many people is there in your org?

-around 7 to 8

-Hannah: so if you have 7 to 8 members; are you reaching out to other umbc students?

-both; judges coming from both umbc people and non-umbc people

-Taylor: will you be advertising the judges training? how?

-yes; flyers

-Taylor: explain the role of the charge for non-umbc students?

-it’s good because everyone charges; need ot charge for transportation; use money to go to their tournaments

-Ayshah: out of curiosity, when you requested this event in the past did you get funded?

-i’m not sure

-Morgan: if I heard about this event now; and i wanted to take part in the debate; would you be willing to work with me?

-yeah; all the time

-Sara: I remember you saying there is food at other schools; what exactly?

-pizza and donuts

-Sara: are there seats for people?

-yeah; these are classrooms; open to everyone

-Sara: the charge; is that how someone observing would be charged

-no, charged per team

-Hannah: could you describe how your past events were wonderful?

-no issues; went perfectly

-Trent: for umbc students who want to participate, do you have to sign up before?

-no; you can just show up

-Sara: so the food you want to allocated, how is that spread out?

-3

Discussion:

-Haneen: i like the event; cost effective; still considering whether to fund food

-Morgan: I agree on the merits of the event; think it could get the debate team out there; ify on the pizza; okay with the donuts

-Ayshah: really like the event; give students opportunity to use their skills; uncomfortable with the food; uncomfortable with funding other students to eat; in rough spot

-Taylor: echoing the good statements; agree with Haneen: more cost effective; advise the org on the event; understand the need for food

-Haneen: (to Taylor) so are you in favor of funding the food as well?

-Taylor: yes

-Daniel: think this is good to get debate team back up there

-Hannah: like the idea; very ify about the food; the way we look at things in the past; 29 fits serving size thing we were doing; they asked for 36 boxes; still ify; made me feel better; it’s close

-Haneen: disagree with both Ayshah and Hannah regarding food; professional setting; it’s a national collegiate conference that is intended to improve UMBC’s status as a credible debate team; universities that attend these types of conferences expect the host school to serve refreshments/food;

-Sara: for me; I see a huge difference in this event and other events; in other events there was mostly umbc students

-Taylor: agree with Haneen; what do we define as a meal?; don’t see this as a meal; would look bad to charge other universities for food

-Hannah: not for funding pizza; ratio to umbc to non-umbc very significant; lot of fees going to feeding non-students; don’t think it’s fair to other students

-Morgan: would want the number of donuts to be brought down; haven’t changed my views; don’t consider this like the professional events; they were geared towards umbc students; first thing we’ve seen like this; can’t compare

-Ayshah: leaning more towards not funding the food

-Haneen: understand that it’s new; expect it to be there; it’s the org’s first request

-Trent: actually for food; not requesting a lot of food; don’t think we should cut down on the pizza; think it’s crucial to umbc to provide the food as a courtesy; it is there first time

-Morgan: think our school is above saying we need to provide pizza to be remembered

-Sohini: agree with alot of things Trent said; view as someone coming to my house; see what Morgan pointed out

-Taylor: my option is a compromise between keeping the pizza or cutting the pizza

-Haneen: think we should open to questions to ask org if they wanted papa johns

-Morgan: still don’t think we should use student funds to pay for other students

Questions:

-Sara: in regard to papa johns, would you be willing to get papa johns?

-yes; no delivery fee

-Trent: to clarify the pizzas going for 3 meals; would you order all the pizza at the same time?

-order half

-Sohini: would the org be ok with fundraising?

-we’ll see what we could do

-Taylor: if you were to have a fundraiser for this event; how would the funds raise impact this event?

-event close; very quickly

Discussion:

-Morgan: split votes will skew;

-Hannah: still on the fence about things

-Taylor: issue at hand is do we fund the food with the student allocation funds; can see this event without the food

-Morgan: personally, I don’t think it’s fair to let people who aren’t umbc students to get paid for to eat with student funds

-4 straw poll options: funding food in its entirety; funding 19 boxes; no pizza; no funding of food at all

-Sara: not saying food isn’t integral; funding is from undergraduate students; Morgan did mention she went to mock trial event and she was charged for food

-Vote: 19 boxes of pizza; new total: $710.73

-Taylor: want to applaud org for sitting through this

Vote: 7 members for; 0 opposed; 0 abstaining; 0 not present

funded: $710.73

Meeting adjourned at: **8:04pm**