Call to Order (Roll Call)

7:05

Members Present:

Best, Winters, Hodgin, Griffin, Smahlenberg, Aristy, Rojas, Root, Braxton

Members Not Present:

Boyles, Murray, Comporato, Ghosh, Hodeman

Student Group Funding Requests

Winters: Motion to add UNC Sangam to the list

Rep: We weren’t able to get their request in on time because we wanted to get accurate numbers

Root: You guys have a large amount of money in your account, why should you be heard when other groups barely have any in their account? We have limited amount of money.

Griffin: We only have a limited amount of money, I don’t agree with this.

Best: We’ve done this before, why this group and why now?

Griffin: We shouldn’t have done those other groups at those times.

Winters: We’ve done this for the baseball club before.
Hodgin: Can you come back in 2-3 weeks?

Rep: We’re not sure we’re going to be about to get the money that’s one hold if we wait

Griffin: Is Holy Moly a reoccurring event?

Best: Yes.

Griffin: If this happens every year, why is this money problem happening right now?

Motion to vote on the motion.

The I’s have it – motion approved and group added to the end of the list.

Advertising Club

We’re applying for money because we want to get people from out of town to come and speak. Recently had a symposium that 50 students attended and we could only get people to come from places like Richmond, Va. We sponsor trips (New York, Chicago). Asking for $780 total for two different speakers. We want to make the program stronger. Currently in the safe-hold account, we have about $1000 but are trying to allot the money for the trip to Chicago. We don’t have a lot of generated income, so that’s why we’re requesting income. Both speakers are receptive to coming to the university.

Griffin: Are both of the speakers open to the entire student body?

Rep: yes.

Root: move to report favorably.

Second, consent.

Squash (Not there)

Minority Health Conference

We’re asking for money for a huge event that is had through the school of public health. It’s going to happen on the 22 on February. It is an all day event with lots of speakers. We’re asking for $2000 to record/broadcast the conference.
Root: is the recording going on YouTube?

Rep: It’s going on a webinar for anyone who wants to watch it.

Root: says you have GWU, Havard, Chicago are participating, are any of them sharing in the cost?

Rep: We’ve never asked, we usually do the entire funding.

Root: Never asked?

Rep: no.

Hodgin: Describe the conference. Is it a national thing? How do the other schools relate?

Rep: We have speakers from the university, tables set up, there are several ways to participate.

Smahlenberg: where is the other money coming from?

Rep: sponsors, donations

Griffin: Move to strike to 0

Second, Consent

Griffin: move to pass favorably to full congress

Winters: objection – where is the number $2000 coming from?

Rep: Records of the past.

Winters: withdraw objection.

Second, Consent.

EASE
We’re trying to leave a legacy behind and the event for international students. We plan an event around Carolina to get students involved with southern culture. We don't have the money to pay our drivers. Would love to plan trips for a weekend but we cannot afford it.

Root: We can’t fund food or social events. We understand the culture is for international students. If you knew where the destinations were, we could give you the 14 cent/mile reimbursement. We can't give you a blank check. Move to zero out the request, and then move to pass without prejudice.

Second, consent.

Smahlenberg: objection: do you have a list of places to go?

Rep: nothing specific.

Best: other motions?

Root: Move to pass without prejudice

Second, consent.

Alpha Kappa Delta Phi

Rita: I’m the president of the sorority. We’re the only Asian interest sorority on campus. Applying for $485. Last semester we held the philanthropy event. The only reason we didn’t apply was because we didn’t have a closed estimation with the student union and couldn’t apply in time. Hoping to be reimbursed for that. We’re also applying for money to be sent to the national convention. 7% of the house counts are new members and starting this semester they have to pay double for boarding (national board rules). Looking for help because we have to go to the convention or our sorority will lose the charter.

Winters: So the money already paid to the union, but requesting money now?

Rita: we paid for the money out of pocket and our house fee has decreased.

Winters: motion to strike to 0

Second, Consent.
Smahlenberg: objection. You raised money to raise money to donate?

Rita: yes.

Smahlenberg: if it was a fundraiser, were the expenses that you had for the event more than the money that you raised?

Rita: no, raised a lot of money but the fees were expensive.

Winters: How many new members this year?

Rita: 14. The 7 coming back are the only ones that can train them.

Root: you said some girls expressed that they wouldn’t be able to pay for this?

Rita: they’re the first class that has to triple their house fees. So it’s not likely that they’ll be able to go.

Root: training is essential?

Rita: yes, the fine is more than the cost to go.

Root: motion to strike travel expenses to $1797.64.

Second, consent.

Griffin: the main reason why the members can’t go is because you decided to triple your fees?

Rita: The national offices make this decision. We didn’t get a say. It addition to paying double their dues, they will have to pay this travel fee.

Griffin: it benefits the only a small number of students on UNC and is expensive.

Rita: it does benefit more students because we are very active.

Griffin: I’m not sure our funding you will benefit the students here.

Smahlenberg: have you tried to offset the fee?
Rep: yes, but the fee is still expensive. Not counting a separate fee that they have to pay.

Smahlenberg: do all of them go?

Rep: no, just 51% of our sorority sisters

Hodgin: the situation that your in seems volatile. I would be happy to fund you guys if you would tell me how you guys are on probation. I don't want to fund a group that may not be around much longer.

Rep: our house count was too low. It's not that we can't recruit girls; just unexpected reasons have taken them from the sorority. The only reason we would lose the charter is because of the national board.

Root: many people here sympathize, so I'm going to compromise. Move to cut $400 from dues and fees.

Second, consent.

Winters: do you get anything from nationals other than the ability to use their name?

Rep: we don't receive any funding.

Winters: you have to send 51% of the girls, can't apply for help with the funding?

Rep: no, this isn't a problem for all chapters. The problem is that our new girls have to go but can't afford it.

Griffin: I want to attach a rider that says they won't come back within the next 10 years. Otherwise they may come back year after year.

Move to pass without prejudice.

Second, consent.

Hodgin: objection – just want to encourage you guys with recruitment.

Passed.
Inter-Faith Council Pharmacy Clinic IFC

Rep: IFC clinic is a free clinic for the homeless men in Chapel Hill/Carboro. Psych clinic on Tuesdays and general on Thursdays. Want to provide experience to the students as well as care for the homeless men. Students actively participate with the doctors. It is unique to UNC because a different counseling experience. 450 students. Money for prescription vials, and labels.)

Smalenberger: why these supplies?

Rep: because if you can't disperse the medication then you can't teach the students how to educate the patients..

Smahlenberg: so the meds are being paid for by the pharmacy?

Rep: yes.

Rojas: the funds are being used to buy supplies that are not going to the students of UNC. I motion to zero out.

Second, consent.

Root: Motion to pass favorable to full congress.

Second, consent.

Ek Taal

Rep: Indian classical fusion dance team. Aim to bridge cultural gaps with their dancing. Compete at intercollegiate competitions as well as around campus. We're requesting money for two competitions. One was this past weekend at Duke. Another is at Pitt.

Root: good request. I move to report favorably.

Second, consent.

Moonlight Dance Crew
Rep: We’re a hip hop dance team. Requesting money for speakers (audio equipment). Don’t want to be restricted to dance spaces that only have speakers.

Griffin: for travel – motion to move dues and fees to 40 and then travel to 15%

Second, consent.

Griffin: we own speakers that students can request to use. Motion to move equipment rental to $0.

Second, consent.

Griffin: motion to pass favorably to full congress.

Second, consent

AIESEC

Rep: We’re a local chapter of the largest student org in the world. We’re an international internship organization. We bring students abroad to the US. We’re an organization under the business school. Asking for funding to improve outreach for this group as well as the students experience at UNC. Asking for funding for a conference – require new members to go. They receive training. There is also a national conference. Send only executive board – receive training about how to be a functional board. It is over the summer. Also asking for money for publicity. We’re asking for money for flyers and operational costs. Asking to join to Raleigh, Durham, chapel hill commerce.

Winters: motion to cut $1044.12 from travel.

Second, consent.

Griffin: I have a potential friendly. I don’t feel comfortably sending 35, would rather send 12.

Rep: This is vital to the group.

Winters: motion to zero out benefits.

Second consent.
Griffin: all of the funding comes from Chapel Hill.

Griffin: motion to strike money from travel.

Second, consent.

Griffin: motion to strike half of dues and fees

Second, consent.

Root: I think you should talk to the business school and see if they can fund some of this because they have a lot of money and we only have a little.

Rep: they don't have an account to give to the business school organizations.

Smahlenberg: I feel like it's a substantial amount of money and would feel comfortable zeroing in out.

Winters: what are the dues?

Rep: $20. Subsidize conference fees. This is mandatory.

Winters: how many have to go?

Rep: 30 members have to go based on the amount we have in the organization now. For national conference, 7 people (board)

Braxton: you're supposed to ask for your funding at the beginning of the school year. (also in an organization through the business school)

Root: when are the conferences?

Rep: There’s one in December and one in July.

Hodgin: do you apply for grants to the business school?

Rep: In theory.
Root: we need to attach a rider to this. If there is an annual budget process, then that is where you should go to get the money.

Best: I do not feel comfortable barring groups.

Griffin: friendly – make sure that they go through the process through the b-school. As long as you attempt, will be okay with us. (← this is the rider.) If they don’t they’re barred from borrowing from student congress

Second, consent.

Winters: I want to zero out the cost for the national conference because it is in August. So you can try to find money for that/come back. I motion to move dues and fees to $1350 because funding 18 of the members fully.

Second, consent.

Griffin: what’s the $200 for the global village event?

Rep: It’s a nationwide event that ring cultural awareness through the whole campus. They can learn about international student events. We need money for decorations, promotional materials.

Griffin: do other groups have to pay?

Rep: no.

Winters: Motion to strike travel to $491.54. That’s full funding for trip to savannah for 5 cars.

Second, consent.

RootL Move to pass favorable to full congress.

Second, consent.

Graduate Romance Association GRA
Rep: This is the 19th annual conference for romance literature. Speakers come from all over the world and do presentations for them. There are also 130 participants doing their own presentations. Good for undergrad, grad, and post grad. There are 4 keynote speakers. Asking for money for the honoraria for travel and hotel costs. The total asked is not all that we need, we’ve been asking other organizations.

Griffin: Is the event sponsored by the department?

Rep: not technically but we need their support so that we can have the conference.

Griffin: do only grad students put it on?

Rep: yes but not just for them.

Griffin: what are other sources of your funding?

Rep: grad school, mems, institute of the studies of the Americas, we’re receiving money through these organizations.

Griffin: what is the other money going to?

Rep: travel grants to bring in other grad students from universities nationally, banquets, low conference fees,

Griffin: what are the fees?

Rep: $35 for UC grads, $45 for other university grads, $90 for professors

Winters: have these flights been booked?

Rep: Adjustment. Lowering prices.

Winters: in the future, try to fund the most expensive speakers or look more locally for your speakers.

Rep: the budget will be different every year because it depend son who we are inviting. Will always be international travel because of the type of group this is.

Best: confused as to what undergrads get from this. Do they pay?
Rep: undergrads attend for free. Encourage students in the departments to attend.

Root: move to strike two speakers because they are large parts of the entire budget. Move to strike first honoraria to $2000

Second, consent.

Root: move to strike travel to $712

Second, consent.

Root: move to strike lodging to $720:

Second, consent.

Root: move to pass favorably to full congress

Second

Winters: objection. Do they have to stay for four nights?

Rep: the internationals, yes.

Winter: how much revenue does this generate?

Rep: I don’t have an estimate for you.

Root: motion to pass favorably

Second, consent.

UNICEF at Carolina

Last semester we didn’t receive funding because we had complications with faculty advisor. We do water week in April so we need money for publicity.

Aristy: $150 for capital expenditures?

Rep: we need money for publicity.
Aristy: how many events will you be having?

Rep: water week is the entire week.

Aristy: move to strike dues/fees to $0

Second, consent

Aristy: motion to strike dues and fees to $0

Second, consent

Aristy: motion to strike p/p to $50

Second, consent.

Aristy: motion to strike equipment rentals to $0.

Second, consent.

Aristy: motion to strike capital expenditures to $0.

Second, consent.

Aristy: if you do figure out what exactly you’re buying, come to full congress next week.

Smahlenberg: motion to report without prejudice.

Second, consent.

Cadence All-Female A Cappella

We’re a service-oriented group. We receive no funding from anyone else. Requesting money for the spring concert

Aristy: motion to strike publicity to $0.

Second, consent.

Aristy: how much money to you make for fund raising?
Rep: $800.

Winters: motion to $0 out the request
Withdraw.

Aristy: I still want to move this to fundraising.
Withdraw.

Griffin: motion to pass favorably:
Second, consent.

Student Action With Workers
We applied for subsequent funding for travel. It's 11 hours each way
Aristy: miles?
Rep: 827 each way.

Griffin: motion to strike to $231.36. that's 14 cent/mile
Second, consent.

Griffin: motion to report favorably.
Second, consent.

Honduran Health Alliance
Rep: We're applying to have debt smoothed over because there were complications. Have already contacted the treasurer.

Best: I talked to Shrija. It was an error not done by the group

Artisy: motion to pass favorably
Second, consent.
Newman Catholic Student Center

Rep: Asking for funds for speakers and events.

Aristy: only do $25 per event for publicity. Motion to move p/p to $100

Second, consent.

Rep: the building rental was donated, so we don't need it.

Aristy: how did you come to the travel?

Rep: miles there and back with 14 per car.

Griffin: I thought students fundraise or pay for their own way.

Rep: yes, that's true. For the trips you pay some portion but with other fees we're trying to help them.

Winters: how'd you come up with the Jamaica plane fare?

Rep: past expenses. They pay for 500 and the rest is subsidized.

Aristy: because such a large amount of money, would the committee be okay with funding a portion?

Smahlenberg: no.

Winters: motion to strike $66 dollars from this lecture. Is congress funding all of this?

Rep: no, we have an endowment. Don’t know how much it’s giving.

Aristy: where is the spring conference?

Rep: I think it’s in the great hall

Winters: motion to cut $150 from speaker fees.

Second, consent.
Winters: motion to cut $300 from travel.

Second, consent.

Winters: motion to cut $90 from lodging.

Second, consent.

Smahlenberg: students going on the alt. spring break, what are they getting out of this trip?

Rep: going to a place with impoverished people, I’d hope you’d gain something. You’re experiencing a different culture.

Smahlenberg: the amount going toward that in your bill, how much is going toward that?

Rep: $800

Smahlenberg: motion to strike to $1937

Second, consent.

Griffin: friendly – then withdraw

Passes.

Griffin: motion to pass favorably

Second, consent.

Triangle College of Clinical Pharmacists – Student Chapter (Not here)

Carolina Scientific

We print 2 issues per year and have an online edition of 4 issues. Asking for money to print another magazine in the spring.

Griffin: what’s the $2400

Rep: that’s the fixed cost.
Griffin: what’s the $3000?

Rep: for the 800 copies.

Griffin: what’s the average cost to print an issue?

Rep: $3481 to print 800 copies, which is one issue

Smahlenberg: the $2400 is a quote?

Rep: it’s given to us by quotes.

Griffin: motion to make the number $2202.40

Second, consent.

Winters: motion to pass favorable.

Second, consent,

Vision

This is the first year that we’ve ever requested funding. Usually use money we get with fundraising. Don’t like to charge for our concerts/events. We have two events and both events are in the spring. Requesting $650 but have made calculation errors with publicity. Don’t want to deplete the accounts so we’ve come to ask for help. Are asking for money for other people as well.

Winters: motion to strike publicity to $50.

Second, consent.

Smahlenberg: equipment rental – what’s it for?

Rep: mics, sound, techs, lights. Must pay for it for the event.

Smahlenberg: motion to report favorably.

Second, consent.
Sexuality and Gender Alliance SAGA

(Aristy abstains)

We’re having a unity conference that is free for UNC student, $25 for non. It is our 10th year doing the conference. Asking for money for speakers. Also asking for an honorarium for the drag show. Asking for money for publicity and for rental for the union for a two-day conference. We’re trying to reserve genome science building.

Smahlenberg: concerned about to size of the fundraising. Motion to strike fundraising to $500

Second, consent.

Smahlenberg: I want to strike honorarium to $0. There is possibility that students could function in that role. Giving someone a salary doesn’t seem necessary to the event happening.

Winters: motion to make the travel fee to $600.

Second, consent.

Smahlenberg: do you receive revenue?

Rep: no.

Best: so no generated funds?

Rep: I don’t know the number.

Smahlenberg: motion to report favorably

Second, consent.

Institute for Healthcare Improvement – Open School (Not here)

VDAY Carolina

Rep: changing the request – lowering requests. Requesting money for shows
Griffin: 70% goes toward a profit. How much profit do you generate from this event?

Rep: $820, but we donate to charity. We don’t have the money to pay now.

Griffin: we could put the money in fundraising.

Best: Because you’re making a profit, we’re asking that you pay off the debt before you make a donation

Griffin: motion to continue to pay the pro-labor fees then put the rest in fundraising.

Motion dies.

Winters: motion to move everything except p/p and labor fees into fundraising and zero everything else.

Second, consent.

Smahlenberg: tickets are subsidized for students?

Rep: yes. Rest of money goes to charity.

Smahlenberg: the fact that there will be money left over makes me feel that we’re taking money away from another organization that would have no money. Motion to move everything into financing.

Winters: friendly – motion to move everything except p/p

Smahlenberg: accepted.

Second, consent.

Smahlenberg: motion to report favorably.

Second, consent.

Carolina Love and Fidelity
We had a speaker come last month and have another coming. Asking for funding for them. Have been providing funding traveling/lodging from other sources.

Winters: have you gone to outside groups?

Rep: yes.

Winters: how much wiggle room do you have?

Rep: only a little bit.

Winters: motion to cut $500 from speaker fees.

Second, consent.

Griffin: how many people went to your event?

Winters: I would want to take a little more out of speaker fees and fund p/p

Smahlenberg: motion to report favorably

Second, consent.

(Aristy vote no)

Christians United For Israel at UNC-CH

Rep: We’re having two events. One is a film and the other is lecture with the consul general to the southeast. We’re asking for staffing to be covered.

Smahlenberg: are you charging admission?

Rep: no

Smahlenberg: two events?

Rep: yes.

Oramge: motion to report favorably
Second, consent.

UNC Sagam

Asking for money for Holy Moly Event

Smahlenberg: one event?

Rep: two

Smahlenberg: we can only fund $25 per publication

Rep: the $900 also comes from a magazine expense for publicity.

Griffin: what’s your average cost to print an issue

Rep: $290/issue

Smahlenberg: motion to cut to $674.40

Second, consent.

Smahlenberg: what’s the building rental for?

Rep: having an event there for students.

Smahlenberg: shuttles apart of your funding?

Rep: no

Winters: the fundraising coming back to congress, where’s that from?

Rep: last semester there was money leftover

Smahlenberg: the problem is that it’s $7000. It’s expensive

Rep: we have a lot of technicalities to doing this event (clean up/prevention)

Griffin: motion to strike $1050.
Motion dies.

Smahlenberg: getting more packets because you ran out last year?

Rep: yes, but not increasing admissions

Smahlenberg: motion to strike to $2950

Second, consent.

Objection.

Voice vote. I's have it (Aristy abstains)

Winters: generated funds?

Rep: none for this event

Smahlenberg: motion to report favorably

Second, consent.

Bills & Resolutions

Announcements

Adjournment

Adjourned 10:05

*Aristy abstains from the Catholic Church (Jamaica strip)