BAC FUNDING REPORT

10/30/2016
### BAC Meeting — October 30, 2016

**Allocations Summary**

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**Adjustments/Updated**

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Organizational Meetings

Star’ Gate: Star’ Gate requested for new materials to commence their club activities including 3 cameras for astrophotography. They have been using the cameras from the Foggy Bottom Observatory until now. The new cameras will allow them to stargaze in different locations as well as provide enough cameras for club members. The proposal was funded in full, $2,427

SLATE Proposals

University Church: University Church requested for having Donkeys on the Quad. This will serve as a relaxation event. The proposal was denied by the BAC as they felt that it did not sufficiently tie to their mission statement, and there was not a budget breakdown for the proposal.

German Club: German Club requested for purchasing Candy to celebrate St. Nicolaus day like it is done on Germany. Everyone in Lawrence hall will be asked to place their shoes outside class, and members will place candy in the shoes. This is common practice with children in Germany. The event was funded in full, $100

Hiking Club: Hiking Club requested for new materials to commence their club activities including a first aid kit and tools to dig holes for bodily functions. The proposal has been tabled as the BAC is waiting for further information from Hiking Club regarding a line item.

Adjustments

Sojourners Gospel Choir: University Church was asked to hire an American Sign Language interpreter for the GospelFest event. The cost is $780, so the new total is $30,521

University Church: University Church was asked to hire an American Sign Language interpreter for the Reconciliation Day event. The cost is $780, so the new total is $9280

Sanctions

Democracy Matters: The BAC voted to sanction Democracy Matters. The BAC was informed that the club had spent more that what it was allocated for each of its brownbags. The BAC had allocated $251.50 per brownbag for 4 brownbags during the pre-semester meetings last Spring (4/24/16). This decision was in line with the BAC’s initiatives to reduce food costs for student groups. The club was informed of the BAC’s initiatives during the meeting, as well as afterwards
through BAC correspondence on GetInvolved. The club had spent $365.60 and $405.70 for the first two brownbags this semester and has reportedly spent a similar amount for the third. They were requested not to order food during the fourth brownbag in order to not go over the allocation amount.

This discrepancy arose because of miscommunication between multiple parties. The first instance was between the president and the previous treasurer (also the submitter of the proposal), as the previous treasurer did not notify the president of the partial allocation. The latter cases of miscommunication arose between the club’s advisor and the club leaders. Although the advisors did write out vouchers for those amounts, the BAC was made aware that the club had requested the vouchers on the day of the event rather than discussing events with the advisor first. The club had also not discussed their account balance with the advisor at any point during the semester, and a meeting of the sort would have prevented this situation from occurring.

While the BAC does acknowledge the miscommunication from multiple parties, the BAC believes that it is the club’s responsibility to be fiscally responsible and keep track of their funds. The BAC had notified the submitter of the proposal of the partial funding, which is consistent with the BAC’s policy. Given that this misuse of funds was not intentional, the BAC voted on sanctioning the club from using BAC funding for 4 weeks.

The Sanction will be begin on the first day of classes and continue for 4 weeks after, i.e. until 2/20. The club can also continue regular activities during this time but will not be able to access BAC funding during this time period. The club is encouraged to apply for BAC funding for events dated after the sanction period.

**Treasurer’s Report**

We have roughly $27,000 left to allocate for this semester. We will be moving on to our pre-semester timeline and will be rolling over the remaining amount.

We are expecting the Spring to be heavier in terms of programming due to the increased number of clubs and the increased awareness that the BAC is not likely to run out of funds during the first few weeks of the semester.