4th Meeting of the 14th Financial Board FY20
Campus Center Morgan Room
February 12th, 2020
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

I. Call to Order
II. Treasurer’s Remarks
III. Old Business
IV. New Business
   A.3 Recommendations of the Appropriations Sector
      F.27 Men’s Club Ice Hockey ($540.00) - Passed
      F.28 Student Alumni Association ($194.39) - Passed
      F.29 Tech News ($140.00) - Passed
      F.30 Tech News ($100.00) - Passed
      F.31 BRASA ($173.85) - Passed
      F.32 Freestyle Wrestling ($141.00) - Passed
      F.33 National Society of Black Engineers ($5,052.71) - Passed
      F.34 Robotics Club ($1,421.32) - Passed in the amended amount of $1,202.75
      F.35 Snap App ($1,323.00) - Passed
      F.36 Student Comedy Production ($2,563.00) - Passed
      F.37 Student Rock Association (Reallocation - $644.00) - Passed
      F.38 Alpine Ski Team ($4,344.49) - Passed in the amended amount of $3,887.36
      F.39 Alpine Ski Team ($6,000.00) - Passed in the amended amount of $5,320.00
      F.40 Foisie Business School Social Society (Reclassification- Class I) - Tabled

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas
VI. Adjournment
F.27 Men's Club Ice Hockey - ($540.00)

Purpose of Funds:
   To pay for the expenses of the transportation for the Playoff Game.

Presentation:

Questions:

Discussion:
   PRO: They need the ice time and it's important to the success of the club.

Outcome: Passed in Full
F.28 Student Alumni Society - ($194.39)

Purpose of Funds:
The SAS will be purchasing stickers (A goat wearing a rugby) for promotional use at activities fairs and other table sitting opportunities with the intent to promote the SAS.

Presentation:

Questions:
How much can they spend on promotional materials?: $200.00

Discussion:
PRO: I think this will provide a sense of community around campus and they're cute so when you see the sticker you'll think of SAS.
PRO: Redbubble is a reputable company that uses artists' work so a WPI student could have designed it.

Outcome: Passed in Full
F.29 Tech News  - ($140.00)

Purpose of Funds:
T-shirts to promote Tech News and help recognize the staff.

Presentation:

Questions:

Discussion:
PRO: It'll be nice to see people on campus with Tech News shirts because not everyone knows about them.
PRO: It'll be like walking PR for them.

Outcome: Passed in Full
**F.30 Tech News - ($100.00)**

**Purpose of Funds:**
PR event to promote Tech News help recruit future staff members.

**Presentation:**

**Questions:**

**Discussion:**
PRO: Trivia is always popular and they'll be giving out nice prizes so I think it'll bring awareness to a club that's not so well-known.

**Outcome:** Passed in Full
**F.31 Brazilian Student Association - ($173.85)**

**Purpose of Funds:**
The funds will be used to buy food supplies for the Strogonoff lunch.

**Presentation:**

**Questions:**
Is this an event between BRASA and TKE?: No it's a BRASA event, but it's hosted at TKE because they have more room. The event is open to anyone.

**Discussion:**
PRO: Seems like a reasonable event. They've been doing it for a few years so I support it.

**Outcome:** Passed in Full
F.32 Freestyle Wrestling - ($141.00)

Purpose of Funds:
To provide members with soap to prevent the spread of skin stuff.

Presentation:

Questions:
Does the special school rate mean schools buy this in bulk often?: Yes
How long will this last you?: Until D-term

Discussion:
PRO: He said that Varsity Wrestling uses this so Freestyle Wrestling should get the same.
We also don't want "skin funk" going around.
PRO: Other schools buy this for their wrestlers.

Outcome: Passed in Full
F.33 National Society of Black Engineers - ($5,052.71)

Purpose of Funds:
66% of Hotel Cost for the NSBE National Conference.

Presentation:

Questions:

Discussion:
PRO: I appreciate they went to other places for funding.
PRO: It follows our bylaws.
PRO: We fund other conferences like this and they got funding from other administration and groups.
PRO: I think it's important for them to go so I'm in favor.

Outcome: Passed in Full
F.34 Robotics Club - ($1,421.32)

Purpose of Funds:
Travel and accommodations for robotics competition.

Presentation:

Questions:

Discussion:
PRO: They seem to have calculated everything well that they need and have taken the bylaws into consideration. Since they're going to this competition they should get this funding.
POI: The numbers don't add up.
Motion to amend down to 66% of the hotel room.
PRO: It follows our bylaws.
PRO: I'm in favor. It's a cool event.
Motion passes
PRO: I agree with this total.

Outcome: Passed for Amended Amount of $1,202.75
**F.35 Snap App - ($1,323.00)**

**Purpose of Funds:**
The initial cost is for 3 4G-enabled iPads and 1 Wifi-only iPad for the SNAP department purchased through IT.

**Presentation:**

**Questions:**
Would it be student run?: We don't believe so. We're working with someone in IT that's an employee of WPI that's willing to take this on.
Do academic projects get funding?: No but in the future once it's developed it won't be an academic project it would go into our mandatory transfers.
Could they ask WPI to fund it?: They haven't seeked out any other funding.

**Discussion:**
PRO: I like the idea because we are a tech school, but our transportation isn't always reliable.
PRO: Although it is an academic project right now it won't be and we fund snap.
Motion to add a stipulation that everything funded must stay with SNAP.
PRO: Just making sure everyone is on the same page and that everything stays with SNAP is a good idea.
Motion passes
PRO: It would be convenient for students without vehicles and it could be safer.
PRO: I once waited 40 minutes for SNAP so I'm in favor.
PRO: It'll hold the drivers more accountable for students.

**Outcome:** Passed in Full
F.36 Student Comedy Productions - ($2,563.00)

Purpose of Funds:
Better equipment for Kilroy's termly shows and regular filming of other groups. SCP's current camera bought by SGA funds is broken and we are using students' personal camera and audio equipment, which is unsustainable.

Presentation:

Questions:
Can you rent from the ATC?: Yes but we would need to rent it for the whole term and you can only rent from the ATC for 2 days at a time.
How often do you film?: For about 3 weeks, multiple hours of each day.

Discussion:
PRO: It seems pretty integral to their club to have a camera.
PRO: They said their past camera was funded by SGA in the past so we should fund it again.

Outcome: Passed in Full
F.37 Student Rock Association - ($644.00)

Purpose of Funds:
Reallocation for Equipment Purchase

Presentation:

Questions:
How many events do you do a year?: We do 2 a year. We only ever had the money to have 2 shows, but with this, we could have more shows a year.
Are we okay with them buying used items?: It'll still be cheaper and it looks like they've tried them out and feel comfortable making this purchase. I trust their expertise over my own.

Discussion:
PRO: I think this is a great idea because it will save us a lot of money for not needing funding for LNL.
PRO: It's good quality stuff and they're buying it for a lot less than how much it should cost.
PRO: Even if it only lasts one year, this will still be less expensive and allow them to do more shows than with LNL.
PRO: This is a reallocation so they're being fiscally responsible.

Outcome: Passed in Full
F.38 Alpine Ski Team - ($4,344.49)

Purpose of Funds:
The funds will be used to cover the cost of the bus and the housing for this race weekend for the team for Whaleback. The team will cover the cost of the tickets.

Presentation:

Questions:
Is the housing 66%?: No, it's the full amount.

Discussion:
PRO: It seems necessary to the club and the purpose of the club. They must be doing well so they should be able to go.
Motion to amend housing costs down to 66% for $887.36.
PRO: It follows our bylaws and it goes towards an annual thing that was cut from our bylaws.
Motion passes
PRO: Follows our bylaws so I support it.
PRO: I'm in favor of this we fund other things like this.

Outcome: Passed for Amended Amount of $3,887.36
**F.39 Alpine Ski Team - ($6,000.00)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

The funds will be used to cover the cost of the bus and the housing for this race weekend for the team. The team will cover the cost of the tickets.

**Presentation:**

**Questions:**

**Discussion:**

- Motion to amend down housing to 66% for $1,320.00
- PRO: It fits our bylaws
- Motion passes
- PRO: If they’re competing at regionals, they’re representing WPI in a positive way.
- PRO: They've mentioned they've been going for a few years so we should support that.

**Outcome:** Passed for Amended Amount of $5,320.00
F.40 Foisie Business School Social Society

Current Classification:
Class 1 - Special Interest

Requested Classification:
Class 4 - Selective Membership

Current Club Membership:
30

Questions:

Discussion:
Motion to reclassify the Foisie Business School Social Society to Class 4: Selective Membership.
Motion to table this request to Financial Board next week.
PRO: It sounds like a good idea because we have to table so the club can get notification of this.
PRO: We need them to be in Class 4 to follow our bylaws.
Motion passes

Outcome: Tabled