February 15, 2017 Grants Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:06 PM

Present

VP Finance                      Sheila Wang
AVP Finance                     Ryan Lou
Integrated Sciences Representative Caroline Sutton
Mathematics Representative      Tommi Muller
Physics Representative          Arnold Choa
Member-at-Large                 Talia Ada Ang

Regrets

Astronomy Representative       Hikari Rachmat
Statistics Representative      Oscar Tu
Member-at-Large                 Thomas Hoang
Member-at-Large                 Alyssa Yong

Moved by Arnold, Seconded by Caroline.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grants Committee approve the following meeting minutes:

February 1, 2017 Grants Committee Minutes
February 8, 2017 Grants Committee Minutes
February 15, 2017 Grants Committee Minutes

...MOTION PASSES

Club Operations Grants:
MISA

Membership (4.5/5)
- 59/61 = 97% of students are in Science
- Formula: $\frac{(97\% - 60\%)}{40} \times 5 = 4.5\%$

Events (11.5/20)
6/10 for Variety of Events
- A bit too many social events
- Academic events are not gathering enough attention
2.5/5 for Collaborations with Other Clubs
- Really only collaboration with BIOSOC
3/5 for How well these Events Appeal to Members and Non-Members
- The events attract people who are non-members
- Attendance is too small to attract different people, probably mostly recurring people

Rationale (27/40)
3.5/5 for Following Directions
- Is not 1.5 spaced, but if it was then it wouldn’t exceed the page limit
3/5 for Grammar/Mechanics
- Answered the questions but was not really persuasive
6/10 for Goals of the Clubs
- Goals are there to help MBIM and BIOT students with career paths and interaction with other majors
14.5/20 for How the Club Benefits Science Students
- With the small turnout, it cannot be determined how it benefits many science students
- Does provide MICB students with social activities that are fun

Budget (29/35)
5/5 for Aiming for a Zero budget
- The $101.07 is relatively low compared to their overall budget of around $12,370.00
9.5/10 for Detailed Expenses/Revenues
- Well itemized budget with good detail for each event
- Formatting is not the best as there are no sub-headers, but the details are most important
14.5/20 for Reasonable Expenses and Revenues
- Grad cruise was not listed in the events above (no attendance)
  - $3,500.00 subsidised by the club, but there is no attendance to see benefits
- There are some other events in the Budget section that are not listed above in the events
- Has sourced funding from other organizations (AMS, PREP 101, MICB Department)

Total: $(4.5 + 11.5 + 27 + 29)/100 = 0.72 \times $1,200.00 = $864.00$
CMSSA

Membership (5/5)
- 132/138 = 96% of students are in Science
- Formula: \( \frac{(96\% - 60\%)}{40} \times 5 = 5\% \)

Events (16/20)
9/10 for Variety of Events
- Good mix of social and academic events
- Academics have less attendance than their social events though
3/5 for Collaborations with Other Clubs
- There is collaboration with MHAC and possibly with other clubs in Sci Grad (not listed)
4/5 for How well these Events Appeal to Members and Non-Members
- The social events appeal to a wide variety of members

Rationale (32.5/40)
5/5 for Following Directions
- Followed formatting directions; kept it under 2 pages
4/5 for Grammar/Mechanics
- Was persuasive but generic
8/10 for Goals of the Clubs
- Can tell very well that they are enthusiastically trying to get their name out in order to have larger attendance
- However, they are not supporting students as much as they are claiming
15.5/20 for How the Club Benefits Science Students
- They do help CMS students network as their degrees are really broad and do not focus on one specific area like most Science majors do
- Study sessions help bring students together in a quiet room together to help each other study for final exams, but just CMS students

Budget (21.5/35)
0/5 for Aiming for a Zero budget
- If the club operations grant is included, then the budget would have a very large surplus
6/10 for Detailed Expenses/Revenues
- No breakdown, only headers
- There are separated expenses
15.5/20 for Reasonable Expenses and Revenues
- Hard to gauge without events broken down into categories
- Banner is good for promotion and the expenses are reasonable
- Not sure where the CMSSA apparel expenses are (in relation to income)

Total: \( \frac{(5 + 16 + 32.5 + 21.5)}{100} = 0.75 \times $1,200.00 = $900.00 \)
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Membership (0.5/5)
- 11/17 = 65% of students are in Science
- Formula: \( \frac{(65\% - 60\%)}{40} \times 5 = 0.5\% \)

Events (9/20)
4/10 for Variety of Events
- All social events, not trying to put on academic events, but it is understandable given the club’s fundraising nature
0/5 for Collaborations with Other Clubs
- No collaborations with other clubs
5/5 for How well these Events Appeal to Members and Non-Members
- The food appeals non-members and benefits a good cause as well

Rationale (16/40)
5/5 for Following Directions
- Followed formatting directions; kept it under 2 pages
4/5 for Grammar/Mechanics
- Was persuasive in that the cause was well explained and
4/10 for Goals of the Clubs
- To fundraise for underprivileged kids and to show that SUS is not just about socials and informational events about careers
  - However, it is more focussed on providing awareness among first years
3/20 for How the Club Benefits Science Students
- As a fundraising club, it provides volunteering opportunities but not much else
- Seems to only reach out to first year Science Students (philanthropy)

Budget (12.5/35)
0/5 for Aiming for a Zero budget
- Large deficit due to large donation expenditure
6.5/10 for Detailed Expenses/Revenues
- There’s more detail, but still not itemized
- Expenses and revenues well separated
6/20 for Reasonable Expenses and Revenues
- Some of the expenses are reasonable and expenses are par for the course (prizes, food)
- But since the profits are being donated, we would like to see a better attempt at trying to run the club better to be more sustainable; not relying on grants in the future

Total: \( (0.5 + 9 + 16 + 12.5)/100 = 0.38 \times $1,200.00 = $456.00 \)

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM