March 15, 2017 Grants Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 1:02 PM

Present

VP Finance                  Sheila Wang
AVP Finance                 Ryan Lou
Astronomy Representative    Hikari Rachmat
Integrated Sciences Rep     Caroline Sutton
Mathematics Rep             Tommi Muller
Physics Rep                 Arnold Choa

Regrets

Statistics Rep              Oscar Tu
Member-at-Large             Alyssa Yong
Member-at-Large             Talia Ada Ang
Member-at-Large             Thomas Hoang

Moved by Hikari, Seconded by Caroline.

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

March 1, 2017 Grants Committee Minutes
March 8, 2017 Grants Committee Minutes

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Arnold, Seconded by Hikari.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Grants Committee amend the following meeting minutes to reflect the grant amount given to the Integrated Sciences Student Association to the amount given in the “Clubs Operations Grant” section of “March 1, 2017 Grants Committee Minutes” based on the re-reviewed budget section below to:
New Total: \((5 + 17 + 36.5 + 10)/100 = 68.5/100 = 0.685 \times 1,200.00 = 822.00\)

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Club Operations Grants:

ISSA – Re-review of budget

Budget (20/35)
0/5 for Aiming for zero budget
- Large surplus relative to budget (~$700.00), which is not acceptable because there should be more events/initiatives planned to benefit Science students.
4/10 for Detailed Expenses/Revenues
- Only events listed and not broken up into what expenses are for each event
  - Cannot tell what is reasonable
16/20 Are the expenses and revenues reasonable or not?
- Expenses are reasonable for each event and there are no extravagant expenses
- Membership still does not match membership fee listed earlier
- Does list the Club Operations Grant in the revenue section

We capped the amount at 10/35 (half of 20/35) because they submitted an incorrect budget, which has erroneous errors (wrong years, mismatching revenue figures), so we let them resubmit their budget given that they are departmental club and deducted half the marks given.

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Club Careers Night Grants:

STEM Fellowship ($300.00)
- A great series of workshops for people to improve their scholarly writing
  - 3 workshops to address several aspects of scholarly writing
- Helps a wide variety of students in different fields of Science and possibly other faculties
- Gifts go towards to their presenters, who deliver the workshops
- Full Grant ($300.00) approved

Environmental Sciences Student Association (ESSA)
- Has a well laid-out budget that has costs broken down/itemized and is very detailed
- Captures many different career fields in Environmental Sciences
- Good for networking with people from many companies
  - Have to spend a bit more to attract these companies that provide internship opportunities for Environmental Science Students
- Full Grant ($300.00) approved
UBC Women in Science
- Costs are fairly low to feed 40 people at the event
- Event is useful for female students in Science to learn how about future careers and ways to sharpen up their interview and resume-writing skills to apply to co-op jobs or jobs after graduation
- Great idea to have professional headshots taken for their LinkedIn profiles
- **Full Grant ($268.00) approved**

Professional Development Grants:

Jessica Jun
- Expenses are reasonable for the conference (Harvard NCRC)
- Relates to her research she has done in her Directed Studies course for several months
- Presenting her research will help her goals in public health
- **Full Grant ($300.00) approved**

Caroling Gao
- Relates to her life Sciences Major, despite it Enactus being a business club
- Also helps with presentation, leadership and communication skills useful for a career in any field
- Costs were kept low as shown in the budget
- **Full Grant ($300.00) approved**

Arnold Choa
- Co-op work term is very expensive and is definitely professional development as it relates to his degree
- Expenses are reasonable for the Co-op location (Germany)
- Has also sourced other funds from the institute he is doing Co-op at
- **Full Grant ($300.00) approved**

Special Project Grants:

BIOSOC, CMSSA, MISA
- May have happened last year (not entirely sure), but benefits a lot of Science students
  - We will award the Grant this year, but since Special Project Grants should only apply to events that happen once and not reoccurring events that happen every year, we have decided that they cannot apply for next year
- It also will benefit people from other faculties given it is in the Nest
  - Is targeted heavily towards Science students, however
- A fun way for students to destress near the end of term
- Helps the clubs to promote any opportunities they have to offer science students during the summer
- **Full Grant ($500.00) approved**
Student Initiative Grants:

Jacques Martiquet

- Has several events for students to have fun in parties, which is an unmet need:
  - Handles a big taboo in Science which is health and wellness and partying, which is well explained in this initiative
  - Takes initiative because it is a larger scale initiative in health and wellness than ever seen before, even when compared to what SUS has offered
- Patreon page to receive additional funding
- Seeks to reach out to a wide audience of Science students
- **Full Grant ($500.00) approved**

Meeting Adjourned at 1:58 PM