Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017, 1:30-2:00 PM, Ladha Room 103

Present:
Ryan Lou VP Finance
Wendy Guo AMS Representative
Ronan Kerr Astronomy Representative
Monica Hsu Coordinated Sciences Program Representative
Arshdeep Ganda Microbiology and Immunology Representative
Jacqueline Zheng Member-At-Large
Mimi Nguyen Member-At-Large

Regrets:
Alyssa Yong AVP Finance

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM.

II. Budget Amendment Presentations and Discussions:

1. Budget amendment to include dinner for Council Meetings in Term 2 and possibly next year – Julia Wu, VP Internal (~20 Minutes)
   - First time we had Council during dinner time (5:00-7:00 PM)
   - Other constituencies provide dinner for their Council meetings:
     - EUS: $4,000.00; $13/person, done through AMS catering
     - AUS: $5,000.00, but not done through AMS catering
   - Proposing $3,000.00 for next year; $1,500.00 per term
     - Each dinner $200.00; pizza or sushi + drinks
     - 33 people, so $5.71/person
     - $1,600.00 for term 2 of this; $100.00 extra for AGM (Annual General Meeting)
   - Wendy: if it’s by catering, or externally?
     - Catering is too expensive; $15.00/person.
   - Wendy: Who will be responsible for the food?
     - Maybe talk to Ricardo, but club menu is expensive.
   - Ryan: Money will be coming unallocated funds of around $8,000.00 this year.
- Ronan: is a good thing for the Council, the representative for science students.
  o Improves the functioning of the society, however there are problems with having food for just for the Councillors.
- Wendy: We are all volunteers; public service for the students
  o 1 meal once every 2 weeks isn’t too much to ask since we aren’t being paid for doing our jobs.
- Ronan: We are elected and we are supposed to represent the science student body.
- Arsh: If councillors don’t participate, then there isn’t anyone to make these events that benefit science students.
- Julia: Provides an incentive for people to attend the meeting after a long day
- Wendy: Having food would improve morale and improve the functioning of the society.
- Ronan: Pizza should not be the sole incentive for people to come to Council Meetings.
- Ronan: From our perspective, yes, we should have food but with the perspective of everyone else, no.
- Julia: We haven’t allocated money towards feeding groups of student leaders except volunteer appreciation, whereas other constituencies have allocated money toward this.
- Ronan: There is Council Retreat, which builds a cooperative environment for councillors and executives, but don’t see food as something that building morale in Council so it does not improve functionality of Council, except for the AGM.
- Julia: Should there be a budget for it?
- Ronan: No, there shouldn’t be a budget except for AGM since it is a meeting open to all members of the society.
  o Ex: Astronomy Club: Organizers do not get more than the members get; food for an event will go to everyone that attends.
- Arsh: We should provide it for those student leaders who make these events happen.
- Wendy: Food encourages members-at-large to come to the meeting and stay for the entire meeting at AMS Council.
  o Included for students-at-large, proxies and provides an incentive for them to get involved with the AMS.
- Ronan: Since we could have food, we should advertise when we have meetings so that people can come out to these meetings and get involved with SUS.
- Wendy: Maybe get people to come in and stay for the whole event, and not just for food. Also, to appreciate those who take time out of their evenings to come out and get involved.

III. Motions

Moved by Arsh, Seconded by Ronan,

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Budget Committee extend time by 2 minutes.”

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Moved by Wendy, Seconded by Arsh.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Budget Committee, that Council approves and allocates $1,600.00 to the Internal Portfolio, under a new subheading called ‘Council’ and labelled ‘Food and Refreshments’.”

In Favour: Wendy, Arsh, Monica, Mimi
Against: Ronan

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IV. Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM.

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Ryan Lou
VP Finance