Grants Committee Minutes

November 8, 2017 | Abdul Ladha Room 104

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

Present:

VP Finance
Ryan Lou
AVP Finance
Alyssa Yong
Biochemistry Representative
Sean Jeong
Biology Representative
Esther Kim
Microbiology & Immunology Representative
Arshdeep Ganda
Member-at-Large
Fatum Bahamdun
Member-at-Large
Ingrid Mo

Regrets:

Science One Representative
Amir Moradi
Statistics Representative
YuMing He
Physics Representative
Shawna Narayan

Angela Sunario (Continued) ($ 300.00)

NOTES FROM NOV. 1 MEETING:

- Ability to get Visa mailed/shipped from Toronto (confusion as to why she is required to fly to Toronto and increase expenses)
- Should have specified background information and reason/necessity; consulate in Vancouver to get an internship Visa
- No clearly specified timeline
- Will request for more information about amount requested for flight from Vancouver to Toronto (GRANT REVIEW TO BE CONTINUED)

EMAIL:

- “I actually contacted the German Consulate in Toronto and asked if I can apply the internship visa in Vancouver. It turns out that the Consulate in Vancouver is only for short term (less than 3 months) tourist and business visas. For internship, co-op, work related and long term visas (>3 months), I have to apply in-person in the Toronto Consulate. I have attached screenshots of my email correspondence with the Consulate in Toronto.

NOTES FOR NOV. 8 MEETING:
- 5x YES: requires grant for internship, will be beneficial to her future career

**Psychology Students’ Association (Continued) ($ 90.95)**

**NOTES FROM NOV. 1 MEETING:**

Membership 5% (--/5)
- Disregard as this is an interdisciplinary club
- Total grant will be marked out of 95

**GRANT REVIEW TO BE CONTINUED**

**NOTES FOR NOV. 8 MEETING:**

Events 20% (16/20)

Variety of Events (10/10)
- Movie nights, prof talks, social events (parties, ice breakers); appeal to different years
- End-of-year gala; event costs range up to $3000
- Typo “2016” – bad formatting
- Lots of variety; grad school focused events, career-related etc.
- $10 + 10 + 10 + 9 + 10 /5 = 10

Collaborations (3.5/5)
- Collaborate with grad programs; few collaborations with clubs
- Fewer attendance for events with collaborations
- Workshops for letter of recommendation etc.; arts co-op collaboration (not for science), prof talks etc.
- Few collaborations with behavioural neuroscience (only info session and social) – fewer science representation than arts
- Career nights and faculty workshops
- $4 + 3 + 3 + 4 + 3 /5 = 3.5

Appeal to (Non) Members (2.5/5)
- Specific to neuroscience, not appealing to non-members
- Only events for non-specialization students include de-stress events
- Not specific to science students but workshops
- $2.5 + 2.5 + 3 + 2.5 + 2.5 /5 = 2.5

Rationale 40% (19.5/40)

Format (4/5)
- $4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 /5 = 4
Grammar/Mechanics (4/5)
- $4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 \div 5 = 4$

Goals/Purpose (6.5/10)
- Only some events for Behavioural Neuroscience majors (BSc)
- Did include paragraph about possible future contributions to science
- $8 + 6 + 5 + 7 + 6.5 \div 5 = 6.5$

Beneficial to Science Students (5/20)
- Few events appeal to BSc (even though they can attend), only few science students
- Only an information session and social for science students
- Most events designed to benefit BA students
- Club seems to be more catered towards arts students; should try to recruit more science students and/or promote more events catered towards them
- Less incentive for science students to attend
- $5 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 5 \div 5 = 5$

Budget 30% (9.5/30)

Aim for Zero Budget (0/5)
- Large deficit = unmet needs = $4400
- Not financial sustainable
- 5x 0

Detailed (7/10)
- List of events but not itemized breakdown
- Easy to follow; listed events but not specific enough
- $5 + 7 + 9 + 6 + 7 \div 5 = 7$

Reasonable Expenses (9.5/20)
- Unreasonable number of events per month
- $450 for an icebreaker seems unreasonable but turnout/attendance appears high
- Gala unreasonably expensive
- Cost seems reasonable taking into account number of events but unreasonable number of events
- Some expenses appear inflated; not show reason for such high expenses (cost breakdown)
- Need to be more realistic about number of events; should be reasonable in budgeting
- $10 + 9 + 10 + 9 + 9 \div 5 = 9.5$

Total: $(16+19.5+9.5) \div 95 \times $1,200.00 = $568.42 \times 9.6/60 = $90.95$
- Note: $9.6/60$ the formula of %Science students / 60%
Meeting Adjourned at 5:48 PM