Grants Committee Minutes

January 10, 2018 | Abdul Ladha Room 104

Meeting called to order at 5:06 PM

Present:

VP Finance: Ryan Lou
AVP Finance: Alyssa Yong
Biochemistry Representative: Sean Jeong
Biology Representative: Esther Kim
Microbiology & Immunology Representative: Arshdeep Ganda
Physics Representative: Shawna Narayan
Science One Representative: Amir Moradi
Statistics Representative: YuMing He
Member-at-Large: Fatum Bahamdun

Regrets:

Member-at-Large: Ingrid Mo

UBC Multiple Sclerosis Club – Club Career Nights Grant ($300.00)

- Not very detailed goals; raise money/awareness for MS
- Formatting seems odd
- 40 attendees does not seem like a lot
- Money for food; budget seems slightly exaggerated
- 5x YES: money seems to be of use to supplementing club funds for this networking event
- 1x ABSTAIN: executive in club

UBC Physics Society – Club Career Nights Grant ($0.00)

- Did not fill out the Goals portion of the application
- Did not submit details of tasks
- 5x NO
- 1x ABSTAIN: executive in club

UBC Physics Society – Special Projects Grant ($300.00)

- Helpful to lower year Physics students
- Brief, not as detailed; funds go towards food
- Should have described turn-out/participation number and a more detailed breakdown of first introductory
- 4x YES: point out that there is no science-wide mentorship program; Physics-specific trio of lower/upper year student and professional mentor is a good and effective combination
- 1x NO: vague writing, not very good explanation, only gives a broad description of mentorship
- 1x ABSTAIN: executive in club

Christina Cheung ($300.00)
- Done a lot of research previously
- Reasonable expenses; well-described goals and motivations
- 6x YES: accomplished, presenting at this conference is a very rare opportunity that can greatly impact future career

Rachel Ho ($300.00)
- Sustained interest, 2 years and did not get paid for Directed Studies
- 5x YES: has a lot of previous research experience, previously conducted independent side projects and shows long-term interest.
- 1x ABSTAIN: due to

Environmental Sciences Students’ Association ($828.00)

Membership 5% (5/5)

\[ \frac{\text{% of official Science Students - 60%}}{40} \times 5 = \frac{(100-60)}{40} \times 5 = 5 \]

Events 20% (14/20)

Variety of Events (9.5/10)
- A lot of detail of all previous and events, social and academic variety
- Events include a lot of outdoor (camping, hiking) activities that relate to the club’s goals (environmental)
- Not enough academic events (study sessions)
- 10 + 10 + 8 + 9.5 + 8.5 + 10 /6 = 9.5

Collaborations (0/5)
- No collaborations with other UBC clubs
- 0 + 0 + 1 + 0 + 0 + 0 /6 = 0

Appeal to (Non) Members (4.5/5)
- High quality of events; numerous hikes, camping trips, bake sales
Most appeal towards students in Environmental Science; not as much appealing to non-members

5 + 4.5 + 4 + 5 + 4.5 + 4 /6 = 4.5

Rationale 40% (27.5/40)

Format (5/5)
- Good format
  - 4 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 /6 = 5

Grammar/Mechanics (5/5)
- No grammatical mistakes
  - 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 4.5 /6 = 5

Goals/Purpose (8/10)
- Well described goals (past, present, future); relies heavily on SUS for establishment and continued support
- Goal to unite Environmental Science students is reasonable and seems to be in progress
- No specific/concrete/descriptive goal (e.g. # of events, or # of students participate in events); does indicate specific direction of club (expand exec team etc.)
  - 9 + 9 + 10 + 6 + 7.5 + 7.5 /6 = 8

Beneficial to Science Students (14.5/20)
- Environmental students very dependent on this club for networking and professional development (career fairs); less beneficial to science students in general
- Many events are open to all science students
- Some events are not necessarily beneficial (bake sales)
  - 14 + 13 + 14 + 15 + 16 + 15 /6 = 14.5

Budget 30% (17.5/30)

Aim for Zero Budget (0/5)
- Clearly not a zero budget
  - 6x 0

Detailed (5.5/10)
- Breakdown per event but does not specify how money is spent for each event; could have been more detailed
  - 5 + 5 + 6 + 6 + 5 + 6 /6 = 5.5

Reasonable Expenses (12/20)
- Hard to say because specific breakdown of expenses for each event is not included (e.g. camping trips, graduation)
- Camping trip: $100 for food and overall $2000 for trip (discrepancy in expenses)
  - $14 + $14 + $12 + $10 + $12 + $11 / 6 = $12

Total: \( \frac{5+14+27.5+17.5}{100} \times 1200 = $828.00 \)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 PM