

UC Gen Minutes
10/30/16

Fall Grants Pack 6

- No cut week!

Amendment: FiCom will fund \$935.00 to the Society of Arab Students instead of \$3015.00 which represents a cut of 80% in regard to food for projected attendance at their event.

- Have never thrown an event like this before. Will be bringing a lot of people onto campus, but not Harvard students - have always been sub 100.
- Try to operate under system of truthfulness, taking this to larger body.
- Could this organization apply for a retroactive grant from GOHC? Would be a separate application.
- This conference would not be able to go through without any upfront spending.
- Do you hold this same level of scrutiny for all grants? Perhaps a little more, but because this is a very substantial amount of money.
- Con: Worry that there may be some discrepancies in the way people interview, the amount of scrutiny certain people give, etc.
- Pro: Definitely a lot to assume 500 people will be there. Why this particular cut, 80%?
- Con: Can we reach out to them- this is not a legitimate number probably, but perhaps we can learn more? Do they have any awareness that you're planning on cutting this funding? Do they have any fallback plans?
- Pro: Mentioned this will be highly contentious.

Passed by voice vote

- Reforms to allow clubs to get retroactive funding more efficiently? Should publicize this

Passed by unanimous consent

Ivy Council Proposal

- Twice a year, Ivy Council throws a conference to talk about policy ideas. Important because we have had no connection to the Ivy Council unless UC members wish to attend.
- Concerns because the Ivy Council has thrown into debt - is this a scheme for them to "bamboozle us" into giving them money?
- What benefit does this have? Get to hear ideas from all other Ivy Universities
- Technically be under the SFC umbrella
- General structure? Several chairs that connect internal relations - can connect to UC
- Is this just more bureaucracy? Will apply for funding as a student group - therefore will be funding itself through Fi Com?
- Con: Very disorganized.
- Pro: Eduardo has a lot of thoughts and feelings about this - boom and bust. Institutionalization could hopefully help retain relevance & structure. Also with

funding? Co-chairs have also really thought about this - trying to go forward with making this a student group to rectify this, but OSL suggested that this is too similar to the UC.

- Con: Could we budget for them in our budget? No, would just apply normally. If they became a student org, would fund them anyway
- Pro: In favor of seeing some institutionalized structure & communication between Ivy League schools, might help to have people this more seriously, etc.

*Would have to come out of a committee/allocation? How would we enable checks and balances? Fi Com policy guide

- Con: If this were to be an organization that would drain our time and energy for a minimal addition, would be against this. Hesitant to approve this without knowing how much we would fund this.
- Pro: If we think this is a judicious use of our funding, no reason we shouldn't allocate funding to this cause

*Only funding would be conference fees; 35-40 dollars per person.

Motion to table: Passed by voice vote

GOHC Grants Pack

- Working toward institutionalizing Sophomore Declaration Event - hits on social spaces & mental health.
- What is the funding going toward? Annenberg, which is ridiculously expensive, food, etc.
- What would happen if we chose not to fund this? Would still happen - this money is going to the big draws of the event - T-shirts, raffles, etc. Very much still a pilot program - no body exists to do this right now. Hopefully if this is institutionalized, can get larger venues in the future
- One other grant applied, reached out to them, asking them a few things.
- Con: Hesitant, GOHC should be used for new, innovative initiatives - is this really a pilot
- If you like piña coladas and getting caught in the rain
- If you're not into yoga, if you have half a brain
- If you like making love at midnight in the dunes of the cape
- Then I'm the love that you've looked for, write to me and escape
- Pro: Should get people of the same class together as many times as possible.
- Con: The con is not that this event was bad, it's just that this event would happen without it, not sure it needs this additional money.
- Pro: Hoping to add reflective component and alumni component. In the future, would not go through GOHC

Passed by hand vote

EBA

- SIC take a \$1000 this semester to be given out in grants not exceeding \$100. For anything taking place in a house. Want to support house-centered initiatives. Will cover everything from food to music to decor to favors.
- Encouraging people to apply for DAPA grants first - DAPA can't fund everything and also usually prioritize high-risk nights.
- A need for smaller scale events to build up house community
- Only fund 10 parties? Can't ensure that every house could get a party. Evaluating breakdown, don't want people to just flat apply for \$100. For this semester only, doesn't mean we can't take more money from our budget next semester.
- Other mechanisms to determine how well people pub this? Email list & we are CC'ed.
- Freshmen are going to work on their very own legislation similar to this, using FCC fund.
- Will this be retroactive or upfront? Only upfront. How will we ensure people don't just lie? No problems with GOHC. Also have to submit receipts & attendance.
- Neel is going to make a Qualtrics survey

Passed by voice vote

New Business: **Tabled**