

Budget committee meeting, March 7

5:30pm Budget requests

- 1) Behavioral Ecology group
 - a. Friday, April 20, SBS N-503
 - b. Requesting \$330 from Speaker Series
 - c. Approved unanimously
- 2) Karaoke Contest by the SB Karaoke club
 - a. Requesting \$530 from general cultural and social events
 - b. March 26th SAC Ballroom B
 - c. Approved unanimously
- 3) Piano Project 2012, Hommage to Olivier Messiaer: French composer 1800s
 - a. Had for 11 years, last 2 years funded by the GSO
 - b. March 28, 12p, 4p, 8p
 - c. Requesting \$525 from cultural and social events
 - d. Approved unanimously
- 4) "Listening to Language: Topics in Translation, Reference, and Belief"
 - a. Mini-Philosophy conference being held by the graduate students of the Philosophy dept; contemporary philosophy of language
 - b. Requesting \$1,450 from speaker series
 - c. 2 guest speakers (\$400 for travel for each)
 - d. Held in the Wang center, reception in Harriman
 - e. Unanimously approved
- 5) CARA Game Night
 - a. Poker, Three Kingdoms, Snakes and Ladders in Chapin Commons
 - b. Friday, March 23rd
 - c. \$365 from General Cultural and Social events
 - d. Approved Unanimously

6:00pm Issues for the BC until June

- 1) BEG approve \$50 overspending for their event since \$300 is allowed for food
 - a. approved

- 2) SARA overspent food allocation by about \$30.
 - a. Not approved since no more than \$300 can be spent on food for an event
- 3) Recreation line is not being spent
 - a. Staller center events is allowed
 - b. Max allowed to be spent is \$30 is right now
 - c. Approved that max to be spent is \$150 total for each person to be spent per year in any combination
- 4) SB Graduate Music Symposium
 - a. Spent more than expected on travel and lodging for their speaker, but remained within their overall budget
 - a.i. Overspent travel by \$49.50
 - a.ii. Approved since there is not a limit on the expense for travel
- 5) No cash prizes at events
 - a. Individual check written by Gina to the specific individual
- 6) NYC Seminar/Workshop travel
 - a. Add \$200 to the line so that it doesn't run out
 - a.i. Currently \$194.93
 - a.ii. Approved to raise it to \$394.93
- 7) Department Allocation line is not being spent
 - a. Any department can request up to \$1000, first come first serve
 - b. Approved
- 8) Overspending of RAP is eminent
 - a. Suggesting to increase the total of the line to \$120,000 from the Debit

6:24pm Discussion of the NAPGS trip

6:30pm Budget request from SARA

- 1) Post-Saint Patrick's Day party
 - a. \$300 approved for food from general cultural and social events

6:32pm Next year's budget

- 1) Need to revisit the cost of GSO Office telephone to see if we can get rid of it
- 2) Payroll Office stipends

- a. Raise Speaker of the Senate stipend to \$4,000
- b. Treasurer and president stipend to \$5,700
- c. Office manager may need to be raised
- d. Webmaster- want to invest into the website since there will not be a Graduate Student Orientation next year
- e. Public Relations- we are not getting our money's worth right now
 - e.i. Only sending out the weekly newsletter
- f. Event Coordinator- raise to \$4,500

3) Ucafe

- a. May need to increase to \$50-60,000 per year
- b. Events 2 times/week
- c. Need to promote events
- d. Buy TVs and place them in the Ucafe
 - d.i. Wednesday Sports Bar