University of Chicago Student Government

**Graduate Council**

February 3, 2014

Booth C09

5:45-7:42 PM

**Bold=In attendance**

**Law School:**

**Gillian Seaman
Hunter Vance**

**Booth:**

Kristen Uyemura

**Zeynep Gunay**

 **Eric Adler**

 Jason Forte

Humanities:

**Ahona Panda**

**Daniel Morgan**

Social Sciences

**Ella Butler**

**Harris:**

**Andrés Pérez**(proxy)
Emilio Franco

**SSA:**

**Julia Tier
Aaron Mallory**

**SSD:**

**Tom Worth**Misha Teplitskiy

**BSD:**

**Erin McAuley**
Jeffrey Steimle

**PSD:**

**Anthony Martinez**
Noumaan Shamsi

**Div:**

**Ted Good**(proxy)

**Pritzker:**

**Hannah Roth**
Dominic Catalano

**Arthur Lundberg**

**Josh Johnston (chair)**

**General notes,** 5:50-5:52

* Approximately $20,000 left in the GC budget, 5 funding meetings to go

**International Immersion Program Fundraising Request,** 5:52-5:55

* Request for $210.38 for a cinnamon roll fundraiser at the Law School
* Motion to fund in full ($210.38) – **Passed**
	+ 12 in favor
	+ 0 opposed
	+ 0 abstentions

**Travel Fund Proposal**, 5:55-6:10

* Request for $500
* Proposal doesn’t reflect what the travel fund was created for
	+ Created for people to present their research at conferences, events, etc.
	+ Kara Ingelhart has been accepted for a research program abroad, and is trying to get funding for the project
	+ Initial recommendation was not to fund because
* Her project may fall into a loophole
	+ She would be working with a research institute that is writing an amicus brief for the Indian Supreme Court– she’s going to write a research paper on LGBTQ issues in India for the Indian Supreme Court
* Kara’s proposal
	+ Would be working with an LBGT advocacy group in India
	+ Amicus briefs would be presented to a judge; legal realm is the only safe venue for this research to be conducted
	+ Questions
		- Will you be presenting your research?
			* Best way to present research on this topic in India is through the court system; there aren’t other opportunities like conferences, etc., in India
		- Have you approached GSA (Graduate Student Affairs)?
			* Yes, but they sent her to GC. She seems to be outside
			* Has approached Graduate Program in Health Admin. and Policy, Study Abroad Office, Rotary, GSA, COSAS (South Asian Studies Dept. funding body)
		- Why do you think you have received funding from other bodies?
			* Some bodies have already allocated available funds; it’s also a controversial topic
		- Duration of trip?
			* A few weeks
			* Request is for travel there – the organization is covering cost of living while there
		- Do you think your presentation/research will have an impact on the court system in India?
			* Not immediately, but maybe eventually
		- Will your trip have an impact on the UChicago community?
			* Partnership between UChicago Law and the Jindal Global Law School in India 🡪 UChicago has a fellow there now
* Deliberation
	+ She’s pursued every potential funding opportunity; her project just falls outside of the narrow parameters set forth by every funding body
		- Opportunity to build a relationship with the Indian organization she’s working with
	+ Concern about setting a precedent; we’ll have to expand the scope of the Travel Fund – it is a pilot program
		- But we are halfway through the year, and we haven’t spent anything out of the Travel Fund; $20,000 left
		- We should maintain a wide scope for the first year of this fund’s existence; the worst thing that can happen is that we burn through the $20k faster than expected
		- And we wouldn’t lose money by not spending it; leftover funds would probably rollover into next year
	+ $500 cap on funding via the Travel Fund
	+ Funding her through the General Fund is an option too
	+ She’s not just going to conduct research in India – her research will be presented while she’s there (though she herself may not have the opportunity to present it)
	+ **6:17** Motion to fund $500 from the Travel Fund and amend the language of the Travel Fund to expand the scope – **Passed**
		- 13 in favor
		- 0 opposed
		- 0 abstained

**Alchemy in Color/Intersectionality speaker series** – 6:19-6:36

Rachel Watson, Div School

* Alchemy in Color was founded in 2012 as a network for underrepresented minorities at the Div School
* Both events have initial funding; requesting additional funds to be able to open the events to the entire school
* First event: Christopher Benson Lecture
	+ History of Hyde Park; hoping to fund both lecture and refreshments, as well as a small dinner for students who are more interested in his research
	+ Requesting $1,140
	+ Deliberation
		- Motion to fund in full ($1,140) – **Passed**
			* 13 in favor
			* 0 opposed
			* 1 abstention
* Second event: Intersectionality
	+ Primary funding is from GSA ($10,000)
		- For airfare, honoraria, hotel, research costs (to hire students to do ancillary research prior to the event)
	+ Collaborative project between students and faculty
	+ 3 Women of Color speakers who affiliate with Divinity but are associated with a number of other disciplines, including anthro, sociology, and more
	+ GC funding will provide for hospitality costs – receptions, lunches, & dinners with each speaker
	+ Requesting $4,800 from GC
	+ Questions
		- What if you got less funding than the request?
			* Would probably cut down costs for the events
	+ Deliberation
		- Seems expensive for what it is
		- Policy on funding small-scale events?
			* No precedent, really
		- This will be an interdisciplinary event
		- Want a more detailed budget; after all, we’re meeting next week
		- How much have they fundraised? They got
		- Motion to ask her to come back and present a more detailed proposal next week – **Passed**
			* 13 in favor
			* 0 opposed
			* 1 abstention

**Intimacy in Africa,** 6:36-6:58

* Requesting $2,000 for the screening fee and honorarium for the filmmaker of *God Loves Uganda* on May 13th
* Part of a film series, alternating Tuesdays in spring quarter
* Questions
	+ What happens if you don’t receive full funding?
		- Confident this will happen, will find funding elsewhere
	+ What’s the breakdown between the honorarium and the screening fee?
		- Don’t know, was given a flat fee
	+ Expected attendance at the *God Loves Uganda* screening?
		- 250-300 people; expect 85-90% from the University community, but there has been interest from outside the University
		- Also inviting scholars from other universities to attend
		- Max P cinema can accommodate ~400
	+ Can you not have the filmmaker come?
		- Film was released in 2013; can’t screen the film without the filmmaker here
* Deliberation
	+ Seems like an event that will draw a large audience; 300 people is a lot
	+ Potential for ticket sales?
	+ Non-University outreach/draw?
		- Reaching out to faculty/scholars at other universities around Chicago
	+ She suggested that this event could be held without our funding
		- Should we give her partial funding and tell her she can come back if she isn’t able to procure the rest of the money?
		- We want GC to be a last resort; why is this a criterion?
			* It’s a matter of necessity – we have limited funding, and want to be able to make it through the end of the year
			* Last year, we overspent and couldn’t fund groups significant amounts at the end of the year
	+ Motion to fund $1,200, and she is welcome to return to GC if she is unable to procure the remaining funds – **Passed**
		- 13 in favor
		- 0 opposed
		- 1 abstention

**China IIP Program Fundraiser** - 6:58-7:08

* Requesting $500 for a Chinese bun sale at 3 different locations (Law School, Booth, main quad); got GC support last year
* Raising money for an 8-person trip to China over spring break to meet with businesspeople, government officials, and UChicago alumni
	+ Goal is to gain awareness of local culture, business practices, and law
	+ Attendees are required to present a detailed research project on their area of interest in Chinese law upon their return – open to the entire campus community
		- Plan to advertise as open to campus community?
			* Yes; outreach emails will go out to various student groups and divisions
* Each trip-goer is required to raise/contribute $750 each; substantial support from the Law School; other fundraising efforts
* Deliberation
	+ Motion to fund in full ($500) – **Passed**
		- 12 in favor
		- 0 opposed
		- 2 abstentions

**Law School Musical –** 7:08-7:19

* Requesting $795
* Total cost is ~$8,000
	+ Has procured funding from I-House, LSA, Dean of Students, IIP
* Requested GC funding would cover one night of the performance
	+ Part of the I-House contract – reserving the space costs $795/night
* Free beer
* Questions
	+ Last year’s attendance?
		- Sold out the first night (500 attendees), which was a Friday
		- This year the performances will be Thursday/Friday
	+ Why would non-Law students attend?
		- It’s funny
		- Themes in the musical are not specific to the law school – applicable to grad students’ experiences more generally
	+ Do you charge for tickets?
		- Yes, $10/ticket
	+ Advertising methods?
		- Widely distributed posters; list-serv emails
* Deliberation
	+ How many non-Law students attend?
		- Approximately 100 non-Law students last year?
	+ We should make sure they market it more broadly and send us the promo email & flyer
	+ What about the money from ticket sales?
		- If 900 people attend,
	+ Ask Ben Hudgens (director of the group) to come present next week
	+ Motion to table the request pending information on ticket sales – **Passed**
		- 14 in favor
		- 0 opposed
		- 0 abstentions

**Grad Student Speed Dating Event (REMEDY)**, 7:19-7:42

* Requesting $2,850
* REMEDY is a global health outreach organization that partners with a local health organization in Peru; sends med students to Cusco every September for the last 4 years
	+ Trip focuses on providing pap smears and raising awareness of cervical cancer
	+ They donate money to the organization every year as well, partly as a gesture of gratitude for partnering with new groups of students every year
* Speed Dating event will be held Saturday at GCIS
	+ Tickets cost $28; last year they raised $4,500
	+ Capping registration at 180 (currently have 160) – requesting funding from GC so that any money raised can be donated to the Peruvian organization
* Cannot receive SGFC funding because the event is only open to graduate students; med students only make up about 10% of the registered attendees so far
* Question about inclusivity – offering refunds to LGBTQ-identified students who have registered because they didn’t have many LGBTQ students register – underwhelming response
	+ Tried to meet with the Office of LGBTQ student affairs, but the meeting was cancelled due to weather
* Deliberation
	+ The event is well-attended by non-Med students
	+ If we funded this event, we’d essentially be funding a direct donation to the local Peruvian organization
		- This is similar to subsidizing fundraisers for other student organizations, as we have done twice already tonight
		- But, on its own, this event is completely aligned with what GC likes to fund – fun, social events open to all grad students
	+ Med school organizations are underrepresented
	+ Cost of the event is $2,850
		- If they did have 180 attendees, they would make $5,040-$2,850 = $2,190
		- If they had 160 attendees (the number currently registered), they would make $4,480-$2,850 = $1,630
	+ Motion to fund in full ($2,850) – **Passed**
		- 9 in favor
		- 2 opposed
		- 3 abstentions

Questions or comments? Contact Grace Pai, SG Secretary, at gracepai@uchicago.edu.