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Association**

## Appropriation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/22/2023

### I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:15

### II. Roll Call

Name	Position	Present/Absent	Required Attendance
Anne Martinez	Chair	Present	Yes
Mikele Mancuso	Vice Chair	Present	Yes
Alyssa Andreus	Member	Present	Yes
Hua Hui Vogel	Member	Present	Yes
Gabriela Mendez Ruiz	Member	Present	Yes
Chanita Jacques	Member	Present	Yes
Tim Lozano	Deputy Comptroller	Present	No
Karina Hernandez	Senate Floor Leader	Present	No
Hayley Serpa	Secretary of Health and Wellness	Present	No
Kaily LaChapelle	Senate President	Present (arrived 5:30)	No

### III. Unfinished Business

- a. Chair Martinez clarifies exactly what we will do and three options of denying, approving a partial request, or fully approving the request for the sustainability fair, and if we only want a partial amount, agree on what amount,
- b. Chair Martinez says we will allocate 20 minutes of the meeting unofficially toward this request to make sure that the items on the agenda are all to be requested,
- c. Chair Martinez then reviews the appropriations request for the sustainability fair and the documents attached to the request for the money, reviewing every part of the request,
- d. Senator Vogel asks in regard to the request if it is possible for us to email it to them,

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- e. Chair Martinez agrees and sends the request to senator Vogel
- f. Floor Leader Hernandez says that she will also send the updated version of the certain documents to everyone via WhatsApp,
- g. Chair Martinez ensures that Vice Chair Mancuso also has access to the request,
- h. Senator Vogel says that in the request it was difficult to open a file,
- i. Vice Chair Mancuso says the file that they were unable to open was to be sent by Floor Leader Hernandez,
- j. Chair Martinez asks a question to Senate President LaChapelle about the process for an appropriation request and confirms that after the committee approves or partially approves a request then that request can be made into a bill where it will then be sent back to the appropriations committee as a bill and then rules and then the senate floor,
- k. Chair Martinez then has us all move on to look at the other documents about the sustainability fair,
- l. Floor Leader Hernandez reminds Chair Martinez that the right documents which are updated were sent on whatsapp not by email,
- m. Chair Martinez allows Floor Leader Hernandez two minutes to describe the request and any changes made, the main point being that the price was brought down by about two thousand dollars,
- n. Senator Vogel motions to skip discussion and go directly into voting,
- o. Prior to approving the voting, Vice Chair Mancuso asks a question about the motion as the motion did not specify if the voting would fully fund or deny or partially fund the request,
- p. Senate President LaChapelle clarifies that it is in fact true that in the motion to vote the quantity should be specified,
- q. Chair Martinez asks Senator Vogel if they would like to amend their motion
- r. Senator Vogel amends their motion to vote to fully fund the request,
- s. Senator Andreus asks to clarify what exactly we would be allocating and Chair Martinez clarifies that it will be on the new amount of 5,129.61\$,
- t. We vote to move on to a roll call vote:

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- u. The vote passes with 5 in favor and 1 against so the fully amount is allocated to the sustainability fair bill,
- v. We now move on to discuss the Model USAID request,
- w. Chair Martinez now has us review the Model USAID request after Vice Chair Mancuso raises a point of information stating that the request is different than a past request incorrectly submitted by himself,
- x. Chair Martinez then gives Hayley Serpa 2 minutes to talk about the Model USAID event and gives a general description of the event,
- y. Chair Martinez then shares the request for everyone to review,
- z. Since at this point we are approaching 6:00PM, Vice Chair Mancuso motions to extend the duration of the meeting by 5 minutes, the motion passes,
- aa. Senator Vogel asks a question about the motion and who can second a motion since Deputy comptroller Lozano seconded the motion in the chat as a joke
- bb. Chair Martinez clarifies that Deputy Lozano cannot second,
- cc. Chair Martinez then has us thoroughly review the financials and the itinerary of the Model USAID event,
- dd. Senator Vogel asks a question about the possible accessibility of the Graham Center back up room
- ee. Secretary Serpa responds saying that the backup room will definitely be accessible to everyone
- ff. Senator Mendez-Ruiz asks why we are budgeting for 100 if we expect around 60,
- gg. Secretary Serpa responds that optistically, there will definitely likely be more than 60 students attending,
- hh. Senator Vogel asks a question regarding the room cost for the backup room in the Graham center
- ii. Secretary Serpa responds saying that the backup room will only be used if the SIPA 2 room is not ready when it is,

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- jj. Chair Martinez asks question about maybe allocating for 80 instead of 100 students in terms of food,
- kk. Secretary Serpa responds saying that 100 is necessary as USAID officials and those organizing the event should be fed as well,
- ll. Senator Vogel motions to allocate full amount of \$1,512.80 by roll call, motion passes
- mm.

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- nn. The vote passes and the full amount is allocated,

### IV. New Business

### V. Reports

- a. Senate Leadership
  - i. Senate President LaChapelle thanks everyone for their patience,
- b. Committee
  - i. N/A
- c. Advisor
  - i. N/A

### VI. Announcements

- a. N/A

### VII. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:14

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