

**University of Chicago Student Government**

Student Government Finance Committee

October 30, 2025

7pm-8:00pm

Summary:

<b>RSO Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommended Funding</b>
Law Magazine	Adobe Subscription and food	\$6,329.50	\$0
The Ballroom Dance	Purdue dance competition	\$2,390	2187
Singapore Society	Group trip to Premium Outlet	\$500	\$0
Harm Reduction	Policy awareness event	257.50	\$140
Midway Venture	Seminar & Social event	\$2,746 (2 events)	\$300
Midway Radio	Halloween event	\$1381.00	\$0

Agenda:

Call to Order

Attendance

Law Magazine

Ballroom Dance Association

Singapore Society

Harm Reduction Project

Midway Ventures

Midway Radio

Closing Discussion

Adjournment

Attendance:

Name	Attendance
Addy	Present
Liya	Present
Carsten	Absent
Leo	Absent
Emmet	Present
Grace Chain	Present
Kevin	Absent
Grace Beatty	Present

## 1. Opening and Process Review

- **Caitlyn** opened the meeting and reviewed the updated SGFC process and timeline.
- She reminded everyone that the **Google Drive** folder with RSO materials would be available after the Tuesday invitation emails, and that members should review requests before Thursday's meeting.
- **Kevin** suggested members could come 10–15 minutes earlier to skim applications to make discussion smoother.
- Attendance was taken; all members introduced themselves.

## 2. Law Magazine

**Presenter:** Representative from Law Magazine RSO

### **Request Summary:**

- Requested funding for food at socials, speaker events, workshops, printing, and Adobe subscription.
- Total request: **\$6,329.50**

### **Discussion:**

- **Liya** asked how they calculated printing costs.
  - **Law Magazine:** said they referenced previous years' requests and used the university's printing vendor.
- **Fred** asked how long they've used **Adobe** and if SGFC has funded it before.

- They confirmed they've used Adobe for years and SGFC has funded it in the past.
- **Liya** asked them to explain their **RSO balance**.
  - They said they have about **\$2,000**, but cannot use it for printing or they'll run out for other events.
- **Caitlyn** clarified that **all their requests were already funded last quarter**, including two publication issues and Adobe.
- **Kevin** noted that SGFC previously approved their **winter and spring release parties** and **Adobe subscription**, meaning this request was already covered under past funding.

**Motion:**

- **Liya** motioned **not to fund** the request.
- **Grace B.** seconded.
- **Outcome:** Motion passed. Law Magazine was **funded \$0**.

**3. Ballroom Dance Association**

**Presenters:** Representatives from the Ballroom Dance RSO

**Request Summary:**

- Funding for attending a **Purdue competition**.
- Total request: **\$2,390**
- They requested **50% of total cost**, with 30% covered by members and 20% by the club.

**Discussion:**

- **Leo** asked about **car rentals**.
  - They said two volunteer cars would receive mileage compensation, and they'd rent two additional cars.
- **Kevin** asked them to **break down food costs**.
  - They said it covers **snacks and hydration** (Gatorade, protein bars, chips) for two full dance days.
- **Fred** asked how **mileage reimbursement** was calculated.
  - They followed the **SGFC mileage rate**.
- **Kevin** said **tolls** shouldn't be funded because a no-toll route exists.
- **Fred** noted the **attendance number should be adjusted from 22 to 21**.
- Members discussed **Cost Guide compliance**:
  - Food is **cost guided** at \$15 per day per person for away events.

- Toll fees are not typically covered.

**Motion:**

- **Kevin** proposed funding **\$2,187** (adjusted for 21 participants, removed tolls).
- **Outcome:** Passed unanimously. Ballroom Dance funded **\$2,187**.

#### **4. Singapore Society**

**Presenter:** Representative from Singapore Society

**Request Summary:**

- Requested funding for **transportation** for a group shopping trip to the **Premium Outlet near O'Hare Airport**.

**Discussion:**

- **Addy** asked where the location was; they said it was near O'Hare.
- **Kevin** questioned if the event was **open to the public**, noting SGFC only funds open events.
- The representative said they'd confirm before posting flyers.
- **Liya** asked why they chose an outlet instead of **downtown Chicago**.
  - They said it's **cheaper**.
- **Kevin** and **Caitlyn** debated eligibility:
  - Caitlyn clarified SGFC rules don't require RSOs to make internal events public, but Kevin said **funding guidelines** still require events to be open to all students.
  - Kevin said the trip was **not relevant to the RSO's purpose** and **could use public transportation** instead of a chartered bus.
- Members agreed it wasn't appropriate for funding.

**Motion:**

- **Kevin** motioned to fund **\$0** because the event wasn't relevant to the RSO's mission and public transit was available.
- **Outcome:** Passed unanimously. Singapore Society funded **\$0**.

#### **5. Harm Reduction Project**

**Presenter:** Representative from Harm Reduction Project

**Request Summary:**

- Requested funding for a **policy awareness event** with local partner organizations.
- Total request: modest, mainly for catering (small food spread) and speaker transportation.
- Event partners include:
  - Illinois Harm Reduction and Recovery Coalition
  - Students for Sensible Drug Policy
  - Coalition to End Money Bond
  - Jail Solidarity Network

#### Discussion:

- The representative explained that the event combines **policy advocacy and community organizing**, highlighting funding cuts and their collaboration with Chicago groups.
- **Kevin** asked if they receive **Community Service Fund** money.
  - They said they were applying but it's directed toward outreach, not policy events.
- **Kevin** also asked **who the speakers were** and where they're from.
  - All are **based in Chicago**, so only **local travel (rideshares)** is needed.
- **Kevin** asked about flyer alternatives.
  - They said regular flyers get torn down, and thicker material is a cheaper long-term option.

#### Motion:

- **Liya** motioned to approve full funding.
- **Grace B.** seconded.
- **Outcome:** Motion passed unanimously.

### 6. Midway Ventures

#### Discussion:

- **Kevin** said after review, he was inclined to **fund the seminar** but **not the social event**.
- **Fred** noted there were **not enough details** on the speakers, so the **seminar** was **deferred** to next week.
- The **social** was **not cost guided**, so Kevin recommended reducing **10% for fundraising** and limiting **dinner to \$12 per person (max \$300 total)**.

#### Motion:

- **Addy** motioned to fund **\$300 for dinner**.
- **Leo** seconded.
- **Vote:** 5 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstain.
- **Outcome:** Motion passed.

## 7. Midway Radio

### Discussion:

- **Addy** motioned to **fund \$0** because the request was submitted **too late** for the event timeline.
- **Outcome:** Passed unanimously. Midway Radio funded **\$0**.

## 8. Closing Discussion

- **Kevin** confirmed next meeting's agenda will include **deferred items** like Midway Ventures Seminar.

## 9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by **Caitlyn**.