

University of Chicago Student Government

Student Government Finance Committee

November 6, 2025

7pm-8:45pm

Summary:

RSO Name	Event	Amount Requested	Recommended Funding
Tennis Club	Tournament in WI	4533.28	\$3,102.27
Midway Venture	Venture Capital Seminar	\$2248	568
Game Music ensemble	Fall concert	\$2178.96	\$660.88
Tango club	Advanced workshops	5000	\$0
Black Action in Public Policy	Downtown trip to the art institute	336.5	\$232.50
Dear Asian Youth	Family outing	\$840.00	deferred
Furries	Trip to convention	765	660
International Student organization	Cultural ignite	800	800
Math Club	Grad Student Q&A	306	85
OUTPatient	Mixer and networking	390.5	390.50
UChicago Computational Biology Outreach	Training workshop for teachers	300	300
UChicago Maya Dance Company	Winter show	2400.69	2000.00
UChicagOrigami	Speaker event	125	125
University Ballet of UChicago	Costumes for a show	1803.13	1803.13

Agenda:

6:45 - SGFC Members (USG Office)

7:05 - Tennis Club

7:10 - Midway Ventures

7:15 - Game Music Ensemble

7:20 - Argentine Tango Club

7:25 - Black Action in Public Policy Studies

7:30 - Dear Asian Youth

7:35 - Furrries at UChicago

7:40 - International Student Organization

7:45 - Math Club

7:50 - OUTPatient

7:55 - UChicago Computational Biology Outreach

8:00 - UChicago Maya Dance Company

8:05 - UChicagOrigami

8:10 - University Ballet of UChicago

Attendance:

Name	Attendance
Liya	Present
Carsten	Present
Leonardo	Present
Fred	Present
Grace Cheng	Present
Kevin	Present
Grace	Present
Caitlin	Present

SGFC Meeting Recap

1. Opening Discussion

- Caitlin opened the meeting by addressing Club Tennis and its classification issue. She explained that the club has shifted from its original intent of being a recreational group to functioning more like a sports club, meaning College Council must determine how to handle funding.
- Fred added that they plan to move this decision to a later date to ensure fairness and explained that the club originally focused on watching tennis matches.
- Grace commented that it doesn't make sense to limit club sports simply because varsity teams exist. Caitlin and Fred both agreed.
- Caitlin said she wanted everyone to come to a group decision. Leonard asked a question about the club's purpose, and Kevin said the goal today was to decide whether to fund them or not. Fred clarified that they're leaning toward not funding tournaments or competition travel going forward.

2. Club Tennis

Presenter: Representatives from Club Tennis

Request Summary:

- Funding to attend a tournament in Wisconsin, including Airbnb, hotel rooms, car rentals, and registration fees.

Discussion:

- Kevin asked if there was one registration fee, and they confirmed there was.
- Kevin also confirmed it was the same tournament format as before.
- Kevin said SGFC shouldn't determine club classification and should fund based on past precedent.
- Liya agreed, saying if it was funded previously, it should be funded again.
- Fred said the car cost seemed high, but Liya noted the Airbnb was cheaper than expected.

Motion:

- Kevin motioned to fund \$3,102.27.
- Liya seconded.
- **Outcome:** Motion passed unanimously. Funded \$3,102.27.

3. Midway Ventures

Presenter: Representatives from Midway Ventures

Request Summary:

- Hosting a seminar with multiple speakers and custom gifts.

Discussion:

- Liya asked about the speakers, and they listed them.

- Fred asked if they were paying each speaker \$100; they said no, they're gifting them items instead.
- Fred asked about the total number of attendees; they said over 50 had registered.
- Kevin confirmed that food can be funded and giveaways cannot.
- Caitlin clarified that honoraria must be in cash, and Fred reiterated SGFC doesn't fund giveaways.

Motion:

- Kevin motioned to fund \$568 for food and other cost-guided expenses.
- Motion passed unanimously. Funded \$568.

4. **Game Music Ensemble**

Presenter: Representatives from Game Music Ensemble

Request Summary:

- Funding for concert expenses, including food for performers, videography, posters, and new drums.

Discussion:

- Caitlin asked about transportation; they said it's for carrying drums.
- Fred asked if the poster printing cost was \$31 total; they confirmed.
- Liya asked about food, and they said it was for 30 performers.
- Fred questioned the videography cost and whether the student videographer was being paid; Caitlin reminded that SGFC doesn't fund payments to current students.
- Fred expressed concern about storing the drums safely.
- Caitlin said there needs to be better tracking of the items bought from capital investments as there is a concern that large investments are just used until the president graduates and the funding is not actually going to the club; but is rather being "lent" to the club by whoever is housing the capital investments.

Motions:

- Liya motioned to fund \$660.88 for the concert. Passed unanimously.
- Liya motioned to fund approximately \$800 for the drums. Kevin seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. **Argentine Tango Club**

Presenter: Representatives from Argentine Tango Club

Request Summary:

- Funding for supervised practices and advanced technique workshops.

Discussion:

- Leonardo asked about membership fees; they said \$30–\$45 depending on the level. UChicago members pay \$30 while members outside pay \$45
- Fred asked how many students attend; they said 27 total, with 15–20 beginners and 10–15 intermediates.
- Kevin asked how much membership they collected and where it went; they said toward transportation and DJ costs for events.
- Fred and Kevin agreed the budget didn't make sense for 27 members.

- Caitlin said they subtracted \$1,075 and will have their treasurer clarify the numbers.

Outcome: Deferred for audit and further review.

6. **Black Action and Public Policy**

Presenter: Representatives from Black Action and Public Policy

Request Summary:

- Funding to attend an art exhibit downtown related to their mission.

Discussion:

- Liya asked what their balance was for; they said recruiting and future events.
- Caitlin asked about Uber costs; they said they're taking public transport there and Uber back.
- Kevin said rideshare should be removed.
- Grace said Uber back made sense for safety but Fred said SGFC shouldn't fund it.

Motion:

- Fund everything except the \$105 Uber cost. Passed unanimously.

7. **Dear Asian Youth**

Presenter: Representatives from Dear Asian Youth

Request Summary:

- Funding for a family outing and dinner for around 70 attendees.

Discussion:

- Grace asked how they estimated attendance; they said based on family count and interest.
- Kevin asked about the date; they said it's flexible.
- Fred said they're already funded for food and can host elsewhere.

Motion:

- Carsten motioned not to fund. Grace seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. **Furries of UChicago**

Presenter: Representatives from Furries of UChicago

Request Summary:

- Funding for convention tickets and Lyft transportation back.

Discussion:

- Liya asked how attendance was estimated; they said interest forms.
- Grace said she's comfortable letting clubs take Lyft after 10 p.m.

Motion:

- Carsten motioned to fund \$660 excluding transportation. Leonardo seconded. Passed.

9. **International Students Organization**

Presenter: Representatives from ISO

Request Summary:

- Funding for Cultural Ignite, a Thanksgiving event for students on campus.

Discussion:

- Leonardo asked how attendance was estimated; they said based on the

last two years' numbers.

Motion:

- Liya motioned to fund full request (\$800). Carsten seconded. Passed unanimously.

10. **Math Club**

Presenter: Representatives from Math Club

Request Summary:

- Funding for Grad Student Q&A event.

Discussion:

- Grace asked how long the event lasts; they said one hour.
- Fred said numbers doubled, and Kevin supported funding additional food.

Motion:

- Grace motioned to fund \$85 for additional attendees. Passed unanimously.

11. **OUTPatient**

Presenter: Representatives from OUTPatient

Request Summary:

- Mixer and networking event for pre-med and pre-law students.

Discussion:

- Caitlin asked about undergraduate attendance; they confirmed undergrads are invited.
- Kevin asked if the law school is co-funding; they said yes.
- Grace asked about the next law school event; they said it'll be funded by law school.

Motion:

- Kevin motioned to fund in full. Grace seconded. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

12. **UChicago Computational Biology Outreach**

Presenter: Representatives from Computational Biology Outreach

Request Summary:

- Funding for food during teacher training workshops.

Discussion:

- They said it helps motivate grad student volunteers.

Motion:

- Motion to fund in full. Passed unanimously.

13. **UChicago Maya Dance Company**

Presenter: Representatives from Maya Dance Company

Request Summary:

- Funding for their winter show, mainly costumes.

Discussion:

- Fred asked if costumes are reusable; they said yes, but new members require new pieces.
- Caitlin clarified that capital investment is capped at \$2,000 per quarter per RSO.

Motion:

- Liya motioned to fund \$2,000. Carsten seconded. Passed unanimously.

14. **UChicago Origami Club**

Presenter: Representatives from Origami Club

Request Summary:

- Funding for event with international origamists, plus snacks.

Discussion:

- Caitlin reminded that SGFC funds honoraria up to \$500.

Motion:

- Carsten motioned to fund in full. Leonardo seconded. Passed unanimously.

15. **University Ballet of Chicago**

Presenter: Representatives from University Ballet

Request Summary:

- Funding for costumes for their upcoming show.

Discussion:

- They reuse some previous costumes but need new ones for added performers.

Motion:

- Carsten motioned to fund in full. Leonardo seconded. Passed unanimously.

16. **Meeting adjourned**