

University of Chicago Student Government

Student Government Finance Committee

January 15, 2026

7-8:30pm

Summary:

RSO Name	Event	Requested	Recommended
American Medical Student Association	1. Funding Request for 2026 APAMSA National Conference 2. Pritzker Formal 2026	1. \$6157.4 2. \$23157.75	\$13,000
Midwave Radio	Frostpunk	\$1806.46	\$1,206.46
Cana	Veritas Weekend 2026	\$1490.7	\$1490.7
OUTPatient	OUTPatient "Lunch and Learn	\$200	\$200
Rural Student Alliance	PBR Travel Expenses 2. Ice Skating	1. \$939.8 2. \$199.98	\$1,139.78
Dear Asian Youth	Winter Quarter Project	\$820	\$620
Hindu Sangaam	Maha Shivaratri Concert and Puja	\$900	\$800

Muslim Student Association	Quran Club Meals	\$2609.28	\$1057.21
Outdoor Adventure Club	OAC Ski/Snowboarding Trip (+ Lessons for First-Time Skiers!)	\$4378.42	\$3703.42
UChicago Bhangra	Naach Augusta Bhangra Competition	\$6685	\$5017
Game Music Ensemble	Winter Concert	\$1647	\$1621.4
Black Student Fellowship	Week 5 Prayer and Worship Night	\$167.96	\$167.96

Attendance:

Name Attendance
Caitlin Mooney - Chair Absent
Liya Luk - Vice Chair (Proxy)
Cambron Bice - CLI Advisor Present
Andy Lin - Member (Proxy)
Grace Cheng - Member Present
Addison Marshall - Member Present
Grace Beatty - Member Present
Kevin Guo - Member (Proxy)
Carsten Chow - Member Absent
Leonardo Quai - Member Present
Fred Lee - Exofficio Member Present

American Medical Student Association

Presentation

AMSA presented their request for their **formal on March 6**. They noted that the main concern from their last presentation was whether the event is open to everyone. They clarified that students under 21 can attend, but alcohol will not be served to them and IDs will be checked before serving drinks.

Q and A

Fred asked if there is a separation of cost between the dinner/menu and the bar.

AMSA said yes, and that about 20% of the total cost is associated with the bar and 80% is associated with the dinner.

Fred asked if DJ and AV are necessary.

AMSA said AV is part of the venue contract, and that a DJ has been included historically for many years.

Fred asked if they could find a DJ for a discounted price.

AMSA said yes.

Deliberation

Fred stated everything must be cost guided and alcohol will not be funded.

Fred also stated that if everything is cost guided, ticket revenue should cover remaining costs.

Addison said she feels like they should receive some funding because this is a prestigious annual event and they received funding last year.

Fred made a motion to fund a lump sum of \$13,000 on the basis that this is a slight increase from what was funded last year.

Motion passed.

Midway Radio

Presentation

Midway Radio presented a request for a basement show (7:00 PM). They requested funding primarily to pay bands (student bands and Chicago community bands) and also requested food and beverages.

They stated they are selling tickets, but all ticket revenue will be donated to an organization that provides clothing to homeless Chicagoans for the winter.

They stated they also requested funding for the venue rental fee to maintain the relationship with the venue.

They noted they have money in their account, but it is earmarked for their website, and they did not receive funding for their last show.

Q and A

Caitlin asked which bands are student and which are not.

The presenter clarified that Sleazy Disco is a student band and the other three are non-student

Fred asked how many people would need food.

The presenter estimated about 24 people (band members and venue staff).

Leo asked for the venue name.

The presenter said the venue is called Dean's Commons.

Addison asked whether the venue has a water station or water fountain.

The presenter said they did not believe it did.

Grace asked them to describe the venue.

They described it as a basement venue in an apartment complex.

Deliberation

The committee discussed excluding funding for student bands.

Fred made a motion to fund \$1,206.46 on the basis that the committee will not fund the alumni band portion of the request.

Motion passed.

Cana

Presentation

Cana requested funding for part of their flights to Boston for a conference with 30+ universities and a chance to represent UChicago.

They stated 12 students are going, including 9 first-time attendees.

They stated the total trip cost is over \$10,000 and they are requesting \$1,490.70.

Q and A

Addison asked how they select who can go.

They said anyone in the club can go, and the club is open to anyone.

Fred asked about hotel rooming.

They said two people per room.

Deliberation

The committee noted the request appeared cost guided.

A motion was made to fund in full \$1,490.70 on the basis that everything is cost guided.

Motion passed.

OUTPatient

Presentation

OUTPatient requested \$200 for lunch funding for a monthly lecture series called Lunch and Learns, meant to educate the student body about LGBTQ health topics.

They estimated attendance of 30 to 40 students.

Deliberation

A motion was made to fund in full \$200 on the basis that it is cost guided.

Motion passed.

Rural Student Alliance

Presentation

Rural Student Alliance presented a request for a welcome back winter quarter event called **Skating Into the New Year**. They requested funding for **skates and food**.

Q and A

Kevin asked what size pizzas they are getting and how many people a pizza feeds.

They said **large pizzas** and estimated about **8 people per pizza**.

Deliberation

A motion was made to fund in full on the basis that food is **cost guided**.

Motion passed.

Dear Asian Youth

Presentation

Dear Asian Youth requested funding for their **winter quarter project**. They stated they are working with **six nonprofits** and that **two require site visits**.

They requested funding for **lunch and transportation** for the site visit groups, noting some sites are not easily accessible by public transportation.

Deliberation

The committee discussed that at least one location could be reached via public transportation (**red line**).

Addison made a motion to **cost guide lunch** and **remove \$60** in transportation for the site visit that can be reached via public transportation, for a total of **\$620**.

Motion passed.

Hindu Sangaam

Presentation

Hindu Sangaam requested funding for a **Hindu holiday event** involving performances and a worship service. They requested funding for **food, audio, and transportation**.

Q and A

Fred asked what transportation is for.

They said it is for **Uber** for the artist from the airport to campus and back.

Kevin asked how they calculated the transportation cost.

They said it was an **estimate** for a two-way Uber (about \$50).

Deliberation

The committee discussed that **public transportation is available** and the Uber request should not be funded.

A motion was made to fund **\$800** on the basis that **transportation will not be funded** due to public transportation availability.

Motion passed.

Muslim Student Association

Presentation

MSA requested funding for **Quran Club meals**. They stated Quran Club happens weekly (**Tuesdays 7 to 8**) and has been funded by SGFC in past years. They stated attendance is about **40 students** and increases as Ramadan approaches.

They requested pizza because the meeting is late and food should not be a barrier. They stated they need **halal** options and pizza is the most cost effective.

They stated they have money in their account but need to reserve it for **Ramadan** expenses and are fundraising for Ramadan. They also stated they bring a **speaker** for Quran Club.

Q and A

Grace asked how many people they expect.

They said **40**.

Kevin asked if they have received funding in the past for this event.

They said yes, for the past **five years**.

Fred asked whether they receive **annual allocations** funding for this.

They said no, because they typically focus annual allocation requests on Ramadan.

Deliberation

Fred said he does not think they need pizza.

Grace said food is necessary for this meeting.

Kevin made a motion to fund **\$1,057.21** (the amount requested).

Motion passed.

Outdoor Adventure Club

Presentation

OAC requested funding for a **ski trip to Bittersweet Mountain**. They stated the trip prioritizes **first-time skiers** and that about **100** people have signed up, with additional students on a waitlist.

They stated the trip is 70 to 80% funded through ticket sales, and they are requesting funding to provide financial aid for students who cannot afford the ticket cost.

Q and A

Caitlin asked about financial aid.

They said it is for people who cannot cover the ticket cost, and they collect this info during sign-ups.

Kevin asked how they calculated the financial aid amount.

They said students indicate the aid amount they need on the form.

Deliberation

Caitlin noted the request is smaller than what OAC has requested in past years.

Leo asked how much they requested last year.

Caitlin said about \$17,000.

Kevin made a motion to fund \$3,703.42 on the basis that financial aid will cover 50% for students who need it.

Motion passed.

UChicago Bhangra

Presentation

UChicago Bhangra requested funding to attend a competition. They requested funding for hotel, flights to Atlanta, rental cars, and food. They stated they have raised \$750 to contribute.

Q and A

Fred asked them to explain the deposits.

They explained the organizers require two deposits that cover hotel rooms and other bundled costs (security deposit, water for competitors, mixer, backstage/competition-related costs).

Andy (proxy) asked for travel dates.

They said January 23 to January 25.

Deliberation

Fred stated food needs to be cost guided and recommended cutting food to \$350.

Fred stated gas will not be funded.

Fred made a motion to fund \$5,017 on the basis that food and flights are cost guided and gas will not be funded.

Motion passed.

Game Music Ensemble

Presentation

Game Music Ensemble requested funding for their quarterly concert. They requested funding for

venue fees, tech/sound, piano tuning, dinner for performers, posters, and supplies.
They stated they have 30+ performers and plan to order food at around \$12 per meal.

Q and A

Fred asked who will be in charge of tech.

They stated the venue hires approved staff and they do not personally select the technician.

Fred asked who is doing piano tuning.

They said the university hires the tuner.

Deliberation

Fred stated SGFC should not fund cutlery.

Andy (proxy) stated printing is not 35 cents per page but 21 cents per page.

Addison made a motion to fund \$1,621.40 by cost guiding posters and removing food delivery.

Motion passed.

Black Student Fellowship

Presentation

Black Student Fellowship requested funding for food for an outreach and worship night. They stated food supports longer conversations and community building.

Deliberation

Fred made a motion to fund in full on the basis that the request is cost guided and food is integral to religious events.

Motion passed.