

University of Chicago Student Government

Student Government Finance Committee

April 2nd, 2026

Summary:

RSO Name	Need	Requested	Recommended
Undergraduate Law Magazine	Spring Fundraiser	\$199.50	Funded in full.
Ukrainian Society	Easter painting event	\$289.73	Funded in full.
Everest Society	Club launch	\$844.75	Funded in full.
Remedy	Panama Service Trip	\$13,452.35	Denied.
Black Student Association	Week 3 bible study	\$156.89	Partially funded \$78.45.
Nexus	2026 Spring Showcase	\$1656.40	Funding in full.
Survivors	Season 5 premier	\$140	Funded in full.
Muslim Student Associations	Quran club	\$2,789.28	Partially funded \$1239.68.
Game Music Ensemble	Square Enix Concert	\$1190	Funded in full.
CS Student Activities Council	Uncommon Hacks - Hackathon	\$4050	Denied.
UChicago Bhangra	Collegiate Bhangra Competition	\$5942	Partially funded \$3104.50.
Kheyal	Dance and drama	\$8450	Partially funded \$1237.50
JGrads	Two different events.	\$1,733 and \$1,500.	Deferred.

Attendance:

Name	Attendance
Caitlin Mooney	Present

Liya Luk	Present
Cambron Bice	Present
Andy Lin	Present
Grace Cheng	Present
Addison Marshall	Present
Grace Beatty	Present
Kevin Guo	Present
Carsten Chow	Absent
Leonardo Quai	Absent
Fred Lee	Present
Nikolai (Nick) Kopaliani	Present

Undergraduate Law Magazine

Presentation

- *Kevin* presents on behalf of the Undergraduate Law Magazine
- RSO did a fundraiser in Autumn (made \$128), but did not know that SGFC covers one fundraiser per year
- This is their only fundraiser request of the year

Q & A

- *There are no questions.*

Deliberation

- ***Liya* motions to fund the request in full (\$199.50) on the basis that it is a fundraiser and that all is valid.**
 - **Andy seconds.**
 - **3:1:0 - *Grace B.* votes no on the basis that she was absent for the presentation (couldn't abstain).**

Ukrainian Society

Presentation

- Requesting funding for an Easter egg painting
- Requesting funding for paint, eggs, and Ukrainian food
- Expect around 30 participants

Q & A

- *Fred* asks what the club is doing with the candles.
 - *Presenter:* They are using wax to paint the eggs, it's a cultural exercise.
- *Caitlin* asks how they are advertising for the event.
 - *Presenter:* They are advertising through email lists and Instagram.

- *Fred* asks if Ukrainian Society is a new RSO this year.
 - *Presenter*: Yes.

Deliberations

- *Kevin* moves to fund in full (\$289.73).
 - *Addi* seconds.
 - All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Everest Society

Caitlin explains that many of the RSOs today are new and have no account balance.

Presentation

- Planning to initiate initiates
- Haven't requested any previous funding, have been using their own money
- Event is trying to get new members to join and launch club for the first time
- Requesting funding for food

Q & A

- *Caitlin* asks where RSO got their expected attendance number of 75.
 - *Presenter*: They have an interest form that people have filled out.
- *Kevin* asks if the event is open to anyone.
 - *Presenter*: Yes.
- *Fred* asks what kind of event this is.
 - *Presenter*: This is just a social launch event meant to attract new members and raise interest for our upcoming speaker event.
- *Cambron* asks if the Everest Society is a new RSO as of this year
 - *Presenter*: No, last year.

Deliberations

- *Members* note that the event is cost-guided
- *Fred* inquires why they are doing a launch if they are not a new RSO from this year.
 - *Grace B.* explains that she believes the club has been started for some time but was quite small, and is now opening up to more people. She believes they were sort of on a need-to-know basis.
- *Addi* moves to fund in full on the basis that it is cost-guided for dinner.
 - *Nik* seconds.
 - All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Remedy - Club not present.

- *Caitlin* explains that technically she doesn't believe Remedy should have passed the advisor stage because they requested something for August, which means the request is supposed to be a part of the next budget. She states that she already emailed the club to notify them of this, but the request still needs to be formally voted on,
- *Liya* moves to deny the request on the basis that the event is in August and that it pertains to a different budget.
 - *Addi* seconds
 - All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Black Student Fellowship

- *Before presentation, members confirm that BSA was already funded for Bible studies through AnnAll.*

Presentation

- Bible study
- They are requesting funding for catering.

Q & A

- *Kevin asks if the club was funded for this through AnnAll.*
 - *Presenter: We were funded for oranges and chips. It was intended for the same types of events as these. It was not there intent at AnnAll*
- *Kevin asks if the request from AnnAll was intended for the same types of events as these.*
 - *Presenter: Yes.*
- *Kevin asks if it was the club's intention at the time of AnnAll to request further funding for the same events.*
 - *Presenter: It was not at the time.*
- *Grace B. asks the presenter to describe how this new request of chicken and fries adds to the original AnnAll request of chips and oranges.*
 - *Presenter: It allows us to draw more people to our event because we are having meetings at dinner time. It can be hard to get people to come if we don't offer dinner.*
- *Kevin asks if it is their intention to have more food at this level for regular weekly sessions or if this event is something special.*
 - *Presenter: We would like to, but at the moment we cannot.*

Deliberations

- *Liya asks if members consider this a general body event.*
- *Kevin wonders if they should fund a portion of this event because they already funded this through AnnAll.*
- *Fred inquires whether SGFC did not already set a standard that bible study meetings are separate from general body meetings.*
- *Addi wonders if it is not of the same pretense if they have the meeting weekly and have food often.*
 - *Fred believes that from the standard SGFC has, the event has to be cost-guided as a recurring event.*
 - *Kevin agrees, stating he believes there is a bigger purpose to this event than just a general body meeting.*
- *Caitlin asks if the committee would consider their AnnAll request of weekly bible readings for Spring quarter as part of this request.*
 - *Fred notes that this means SGFC already funded their event.*
 - *Caitlin believes they were already funded, but notes that if members believe there has been a change that justifies greater funding, that would be in line with the Cost Guide.*
 - *Kevin believes the change here is that they hadn't thought of providing dinner back then.*
 - *Addi believes they just used the money for their other bible studies.*
- *Addi notes she wouldn't mind cost-guiding this as a recurring event (Halving it)*
 - *Members calculate a total of \$78.45.*

- *Grace B.* motions to fund \$78.45 on the basis that the request was cost-guided for a recurring event.
 - *Addi* seconds.
 - 7:1:0, Motion passes, *Kevin* abstains

neXus

Presentation

- Requesting \$1656.40 in funding for 2026 Spring Showcase
- Funding for Logan performance hall (\$960), Logan Center technicians (\$576), Logan ticketing fee (\$38.40), Logan ticket checkers (\$108), wristbands and light sticks and lanyards (\$200), and catering
 - They subtracted from this the anticipated ticket revenue
- They anticipate \$200 from a fundraiser they are planning
- They have discounts through food catering and tax exemption status
- Open to all UChicago students

Q & A

- *Caitlin* asks if the food is available to the entire audience.
 - *Presenter:* Yes food will be available during the hour before the showcase. It is available for all attendees, dancers, and stage managers.
- *Caitlin* asks if the expected attendance of 220 includes the dancers.
 - *Presenter:* Yes, we have 160 planned external-to-neXus guests, and then 40 internal dancers and staff.
- *Fred* asks who the Logan ticket checkers are.
 - *Presenter:* Logan requires that neXus uses their box office and ticket system. The checkers are the people who check tickets as attendees walk in. These people are from Logan center.

Deliberations

- *Kevin* asks if the wristbands should be subtracted (assuming they are giveaways), considering the ticket sales.
 - *Members express that they believe wristbands are necessary and not giveaways for this event.*
 - *Caitlin* notes that even then, the giveaways would not be subtracted because they would be covered by either fundraising or ticket sales.
- *Kevin* moves to fund in full (\$1656.40).
 - *Liya* seconds.
 - All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.

UChicago Survivor - Club not present

- *Addi* notes that the Survivor request is only one line-item, which is the registration fee for Logan to do some sort of screening.
- *Kevin* moves to fund the request in full (\$140).
 - *Addi* seconds.
 - All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Muslim Students Association

Presentation

- Request is for a recurring event—their most popular event—where they learn about the Quran from a scholar
- SGFC has been funding the event for the last five years
- The event overlaps with dining hall hours, so the club wants to provide dinner so there are no barriers to people attending. Food must be halal.
- The place they cater from is the most cost-effective halal option, which they have been catering from for the past several years.
- The presenter notes that the account does not accurately reflect the money they have, as some of their purchases still haven't gone through and lingering expenses are still present.
- Club has fundraised to pay for the Scholar's honorarium, as he drives over an hour to teach at UChicago once a week.

Q & A

- *Fred* asks where the pizza place is located.
 - *Presenter*: It is not in Chicago, it is from Bridgeview. There is a \$30 delivery fee to drive to Hyde Park.
- *Kevin* asks if this event can be considered analogous to bible study.
 - *Presenter*: Yes.
- *Addi* inquires about the delivery price.
 - *Presenter*: It was \$30 before, but now is \$50 because he has a lot of orders and this delivery is really out of his way.
- *Fred* inquires about a halal food option in Hyde park.
 - *Presenter*: There is the option of Cafe 53, but individual sandwiches are not as cost-effective for feeding people as pizza.
- *Fred* asks if the club already did the pizzas for March 31st (first line-item).
 - *Presenter*: Yes.

Deliberations

- *Kevin* asks if SGFC has funded delivery fees in the past.
 - *Fred* notes that SGFC has not in the past because people could walk to pick up food, but this place is quite far.
- *Addi* motions not to fund line-item one (it already passed), but to fund the rest as a recurring event (also removing funding the delivery fee for line-item one): total of \$1239.68.
 - Nik seconds.
 - All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Game Music Ensemble

Presentation

- Requesting \$1190 in funding for video game concert attendance.
- 17 people are interested in this event

Q & A

- *Caitlin* asks how interest was measured.
 - *Presenter*: The club advertised the event in their public discord which is open to everyone and polled interest/availability.

- *Fred* asks if the club just wants the tickets to be covered by SGFC.
 - *Presenter*: Yes.

Deliberations

- *Liya* motions to fund in full (\$1190).
 - *Nik* seconds.
 - All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Minorities in Public Policy - Club not present.

- *Caitlin* notes that MIPS did not show up and did not respond to emails about zooming in. She also emailed to ask if SGFC should just take their budget request in truth and fullness, but they did not respond either. *Caitlin* asks if members are comfortable evaluating the request by the digital submission.
 - *Grace B.* notes she wouldn't be comfortable doing this given the circumstances around their last request interaction.
 - *Kevin* notes further uncertainty about their account balance explanation in the request.
 - *Kevin* moves to defer the request to next week until a representative can come in to answer questions.
 - *Liya* seconds.
 - 6:1:1, motion passes, *Addi* abstains.

CS Student Activities Council - uncommon hacks

Presentation

- Requesting in \$4050 in funding for premier hackathon event
- Eighth year hosting this event, and they have had consistent attendance
- Requesting money for the event space, lunch, and dinner

Q & A

- *Fred* asks where the event will be hosted
 - *Presenter*: Polsky Center
- *Caitlin* asks if anything has changed, as this event was funded through AnnAll.
 - *Presenter*: There are multiple sub-branches under the council, our RSO has not been ear-marked for all that we need and we are in a deficit. Uncommon Hacks is the sub-branch doing this specific event within the larger council. Also, the event venue was confirmed very late this year, so they didn't have time to reach out to event sponsors.
- *Grace B.* asks if other than wanting more money, anything significant has changed about the event that could make the request for additional funding more valid.
 - *Presenter*: Besides the thing I just said, no.
- *Fred* asks when the event is happening.
 - *Presenter*: May 16 and 17.
- *Caitlin* asks if the club has a quote from Polsky.
 - *Presenter*: We have for the past however many years this has been a thing, but I don't personally have a quote.
- *Fred* asks who has access to the Blueprint.
 - *Presenter*: I am not sure. I do not know who takes care of the overall budget for the council.

Deliberations

- *Addi* asks if members are able to defer.
 - *Fred* says yes.
- *Kevin* thinks they don't need to defer the request, he doesn't believe they will have a better explanation for what happened in AnnAll. He suggests making a decision based off of this explanation.
 - *Addi* believes that if they are to make a decision off of this explanation, the committee shouldn't fund the request.
- *Caitlin* notes that it seems there will be additional charges added due to after-hours security.
- *Kevin* notes that they were funded \$1389.66 in AnnAll, and wonders why the funding was partial.
- *Addi* moves to reject on the basis that SGFC was not given insufficient information as to where the initial funds went for funding this event.
 - *Liya* seconds.
 - 4:3:1, motion passes, *Grace B.* abstains.

Bhangra

Presentation

- Requesting funding for collegiate dance competition
- Expenses are flights (\$257), car rentals, Ubers to the airport, competition fees, meals, and someone to tie their headwear.
- Fundraisers: internal merchandise sales, future sales at Reynolds, performance at Lab school.
- Person who filled out the request forgot to add hotels, this is around \$1600 missing as a line-item but included in the \$5942 total
 - 3 hotel rooms for 2 nights for 12 people, \$250 per night for each room
 - The team stays at wherever the competition tells the to book.

Q & A

- *Fred* asks if they are taking rental cars or flights to the competition.
 - *Presenter*: We are flying to Atlanta, and then renting cars there to transport equipment to the competition.
- *Fred* asks if they mainly just compete.
 - *Presenter*: No we perform at many other events - cultural shows, lab school performance, and other events.
- *Kevin* asks if turban-tying is in respect to props
 - *Presenter*: It is the headgear, so it counts as the outfit.
 - *Caitlin* specifies that SGFC has considered it something external in the past. She notes the extensive time and skill it takes to tie them.

Deliberations

- *Fred* notes they just need to apply the cap to the flights, cars, hotels, and cost-guide the food.
- *Caitlin* notes that the club did not meet the fundraising minimum - subtracting \$270 from the total.
- *Members halve travel costs, fund line items 4, 5, and 7 in full, cost-guide line-item 6, and subtract what they did not fundraise for a total of \$3104.50*
- ***Liya motions to fund \$3104.50 on the above basis of the committee calculations.***
 - **Someone seconds.**

- **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

Kheyal

Presentation

- Requesting \$8450 in funding for production practice
- Requested money for food and prop
- drama rehearsal

Q & A

- *Caitlin* asks if the food is part of a recurring event.
 - *Presenter*: Just for the next 10 days.
- *Liya* asks what Misc is.
 - *Presenter*: Emergency funds if we need more props.

Deliberations

- *Fred* wonders if committee feels comfortable funding this amount of money for 35 people to eat for 10 days
 - *Members do not agree with this argument.*
- Kevin asked if this request would count as cultural food.
 - *Members say no.*
- *Members cost-guide*:
 - *Food*: $13 \times 10 \times 35 / 50 = \2100
 - *Stage design*: fund in full (\$250)
 - *Props (capital expense)*: fund in full (\$1000)
 - *Caitlin asks club if they would like to be deferred since they did not meet the fundraising minimum. They say to just subtract the fundraising minimum.*
 - *Fundraising penalty*: \$2112.50
 - *Ultimately*: $2100 + 250 + 1000 - 2112.50 = \1237.50
- **Kevin moves to fund \$1237.50 on the basis that everything was cost-guided.**
 - **Liya seconds.**
 - **6:0:1 - Grace B. abstains.**

JGrads

- **Kevin moves to defer JGrads on the basis that they didn't show up, and that there is time to review them next week.**
 - **Addi seconds.**
 - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**