

**University of Chicago Student Government**

Student Government Finance Committee

April 9th, 2026

**Summary:**

<b>RSO Name</b>	<b>Need</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Minorities in Public Policy	Annual Heritage Gala	\$3,000	Funded in full.
JGrads	Counting of the Omer Lecture and Shavuot Scholar in Residence	\$1500 and \$1,733 respectively	Both events are funded in full.
The Classics Society	Faculty Dinner and Workshop	\$500	Partially funded \$60.
Society of Women in Physics	Annual pizza with professors.	\$498.14	Funded in full.
International Student Organization	Spanish Language Day	\$600	Partially funded \$480.
Hong Kong Student Association	Spring Dimsum Cultural Night	\$798.50	Funded in full (and extra given oral presentation) \$848.50.
Graduate Christian Fellowship	End of year BBQ	\$366	Funded in full.
Chicago Shady Dealer	New issues	\$845.22	Funded in full.
Argentine Tango Club	End of quarter Milonga and Bachata Workshops	\$1647 and \$1049 respectively.	Partially funded \$1,550, and partially funded \$624.50 respectively.
UChicago Space Program	Engineering work session	\$750	Funded in full.
UChicago Barbershop Harmony Club	Instant Classic Trip, Barbershop showcase, and Vocal Spectrum trip	\$400, \$200, and \$400 respectively	Partially funded \$80, funded in full, and partially funded \$80 respectively.
Taiwanese American Student Association	TASA Formal	\$1,631	Funded in full.

PULSE Magazine	Spring Issue Launch Party	\$188.35	Funded in full.
Midwave Radio	Arts and Culture Festival	\$2,802.25	Funded in full.
Everest Foundation	Everest Education Panelist Program.	\$4,181.10	Partially funded \$3,603.50.

**Attendance:**

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

**Minorities in Public Policy**

**Presentation**

- Gala is not on campus because they try to highlight minority owned and operated vendors
- Security guards are required by the venue, but the space is very cost-effective and includes things such as AV and food
- They will advertise through posters around campus, both in graduate and undergraduate buildings
- They have high expressed interest from both graduate and undergraduate professors that have promoted the event to their students
- HSOs have restricted fundraising, so it is a little difficult for MiPPs to do fundraising
- MiPPs has some funding from ARD (Alumni funding source)

- Some of the balance is earmarked for other events that are still pending

## Q & A

- *Caitlin* notes that a lot of the discrepancies between the physical request and the last presentation were between mismatched total values. She notes there is also a difference in the amount requested between submissions of about \$1,000.
  - *Presenter*: As the venue offers food, set-up services, and location rental, there are some changes in share. They provided options and we picked the cheapest options. Some of the AV has gone down in price, a more cost-effective catering option was picked to lower costs. We have gotten some final numbers so that value did fluctuate from the initial total. For the linens and florals we estimated based off of last-year's total. The bar staff picked was the vendor that UChicago uses. We do not have an invoice for the bar staff already, but this is what they charged us last year.
- *Leo* asks how the expected attendance figure was deduced.
  - *Presenter*: Last year we had 100 registered and 60-70 people showed up, so there was a little bit of discrepancy. But, since we have changed our agenda and there is a very popular keynote speaker coming in, we expect a higher attendance. We worked more closely with alumni this year and began promoting earlier. We will put this event on Blueprint, our RSO page, and hang up fliers to promote. We have already begun receiving registrations, but I do not have that number as of right now.
- *Liya* asks if the \$3000 total listed on the request is correct, as the total is different when all of the items are added together.
  - *Presenter*: I think our treasurer ear-marked our donations and fundraising from what we have in our HSO account, so it should be around the discrepancy. I believe that is what it was. We get around \$2,000 from our HSO, and because we have quarterly allocations and not annual allocations, we were still waiting on our decision when we submitted this. We were expecting to receive \$2,000.
- *Caitlin* asks how much has been paid in deposits.
  - *Presenter*: We had to pay a \$1500 deposit and a \$150 deposit for the photographer. We have also paid a \$695 balance for the florals. We are in the process of securing the invoice for the DJ. Those are the ones that have been paid thus far. Most of those we paid using our HSO budget, except for the florals which we paid using our RSO budget.
- *Kevin* asks where the \$2,000 figure comes from.
  - *Presenter*: That is our projected number for quarterly allocations from our HSO. We received what we projected.
- *Kevin* asks about specific line items SGFC should prioritize when funding.
  - *Presenter*: Anything under the venue or atrium space should be prioritized since it is all under one vendor.

## Deliberations

- *Caitlin* does math on board:
  - They paid \$1500 in their deposit so they only have \$1000 left for the atrium rental (SGFC must pay this)
  - Atrium rental: 1000
  - Security: 320
  - Tables: 244 (cost-guided)

- Catering: 1200
- Chairs: 450 (cost-guided)
- DJ: 100
- *Members do not fund the photographer and alumni awards*
- *Members consider tables and chairs a necessary cost, and choose to fund them in full*
- *Members note that the total is over \$3000, and suggest funding in full.*
- **Andy motions to fund \$3000 on the basis that is the amount requested in their submission.**
  - **Liya seconds.**
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

## **JGrads**

### **Presentation**

- Requesting funding for two events, one is a speaker and one is a lecture.

### **Q & A**

- *Caitlin asks about the transportation from O'Hare for the scholar.*
  - *Presenter: It will be an Uber to and from O'Hare, they are flying in from New York.*
- *Grace C. Notes a discrepancy between the unit price of \$1,000 and the total \$1,200 value listed for the honorarium.*
  - *Presenter: It should be \$1,000.*
- *Kevin asks if half is being funded for that value.*
  - *Presenter: Yes.*
- *There are no questions regarding the lecture event.*

### **Deliberations**

- *Leo notes all of the flights chosen are double the price of other ones he sees online for the same times. These flights are \$300.*
- *Members are willing to fund dinners.*
- *For the honorarium, members note their value is more than the amount requested by JGrads given their donations and fundraising. They suggest funding in full.*
- **Nick motions to fund in full (\$1,733) on the basis that if you cost-guide items they are over the amount requested**
  - **Addi seconds.**
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**
- **Nick motions to fund the second event in full (\$1,500) the second event given items are all cost-guided.**
  - **Liya seconds.**
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**
- *Fred proxies for Kevin from this moment onwards as Keivn has a headache.*

## **The Classics Society**

### **Presentation**

- Requesting funding for a quarterly professor dinner.
- They will be ordering from the Nile, which is about \$20 per person.
- They have interest sufficient for the amount of people estimated.

### **Q & A**

- *Fred asks if this event was held in the winter.*
  - *Presenter: We requested funding for it but the event never happened.*

- *Cambron* states he emailed The Classics Society and told them to hold on to the funding they had received
- *Fred* asks where the funding went.
  - *Presenter*: I assumed that the funding would expire and this is a bigger event. There is an increase of five more people expected to attend this time.

#### **Deliberations**

- *Caitlin* notes that they were funded \$240 for the event last time, cost-guided.
- ***Liya* motions to fund \$60 on the basis that they already funded them in the Winter with unused funds and that they are requesting funding for five extra people, cost-guided.**
  - *Nick* seconds
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **Society of Women in Physics**

##### **Presentation**

- Requesting \$498.14 in funding for Annual Pizza with Professors event.
- She notes the food is included to facilitate conversation and to cater to the audience as the event is at dinner time. The water is included because there are no water fountains in the building.
- She notes items are very cost-effective.

##### **Q & A**

- *No questions are had.*

##### **Deliberations**

- *Members note that if you cost-guide the food, it is already over the amount requested. They suggest funding in full.*
- ***Nick* motions to fund the request in full (\$498.14) on the basis that the amount requested is less than the cost-guided amount.**
  - *Andy* seconds.
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **International Student Organization**

##### **Presentation**

- Requesting \$600 in funding for Spanish Language Day
- Expecting about 60 students based on previous years.

##### **Q & A**

- *Leo* asks if any of the members of ISO can bring a speaker in place of speaker rentals.
  - *Presenter*: Yes we can do that.

##### **Deliberations**

- *Fred* suggests taking out the contingency price and fluctuation buffer and the speaker fee
- ***Fred* motions to fund \$480 on the basis that SGFC doesn't fund the speaker and contingency buffer**
  - *Addi* seconds.
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **Hong Kong Student Association**

##### **Presentation**

- Requesting \$798.50 in funding for Spring Quarter Dimsum Cultural Night
- Requesting funding for food, stickers, drinks, and a mahjong set.

##### **Q & A**

- *Fred* asks where the mahjong set will be kept after use.
  - *Presenters*: We will keep it for future use.
- *Fred* inquires about the cheap cost of the mahjong set.
  - *Presenters*: We will chip in as well, we know you guys have a limited budget. The actual cost is about double what we listed, about \$100.
- *Liya* asks if all UChicago students are available to attend the event.
  - *Presenters*: All students are welcome to come. We have about 120 Hong Kong affiliated students and more interested students, we set the attendees at 80 based on prior estimates. This is promoted on our social media page.

#### **Deliberations**

- *Liya* notes that once the food is cost-guided, the value is more than the fund request.
- *Fred* suggests funding the mahjong set in full.
- ***Fred* motions to fund \$848.50 on the basis that the request is below the cost-guided amount and SGFC wants to fund the whole mahjong set.**
  - *Nick* seconds.
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **Graduate Christian Fellowship**

##### **Presentation**

- Requesting \$366 in funding for end of year BBQ
- Club is open to all
- Plan on advertising by posting on Blueprint, hanging posters, email list hosts, WhatsApp group. And word of mouth.

##### **Q & A**

- *Liya* asks where the expected attendance figure comes from.
  - *Presenter*: The figure comes from past events we have held of this size, and noting that we are continuing to grow.
- *Addi* asks if the funding from other sources is the amount they have left in the account.
  - *Presenter*: Yes.

#### **Deliberations**

- ***Nick* motions to fund in full (\$366).**
  - *Fred* seconds.
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **Chicago Shady Dealer**

##### **Presentation**

- Requesting \$845.22 in funding for the last three issues of the quarter.
- They did not receive funding for issues 7, 8, and 9 through AnnAll last year, which led to a misunderstanding in how much was left in their budget.

##### **Q & A**

- *Leo* asks when these issues will be released
  - *Presenter*: They are for this quarter, we release every 2-3 weeks
- *Fred* asks if this is a journal that has multiple editions, or three separate publications
  - *Presenter*: Every year is one volume, and each issue is an issue within this volume.

#### **Deliberations**

- **Fred moves to fund in full (\$845.22) given that the issues are one giant publication, and SGFC funds one publication beyond what was funded in AnnAll.**
  - *Liya seconds*
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

### **Argentine Tango Club**

#### **Before Presentation**

- **Fred motions to send this event to the end for discussion on the basis that the presenters are not yet present.**
  - *Andy seconds*
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **Presentation**

- Event is an end of year graduation party
- The event will be a concert so that people that don't dance feel welcome. People will also learn Tango
- They are requesting money for food, the live band, utensils, and a photographer.
- The second event is the Bachata workshop to include new members and create an outlet for Bachata which does not have a scene on the south side.

### **Q & A**

#### End of year party

- *Fred* inquires about the need for a custodian.
  - *Presenter:* When you have food you are required to pay the custodian fee.
- *Fred* asks who the live band is.
  - *Presenter:* There are two bands we can choose from, they are both professional musicians from Chicago
- *Nick* asks if the expected attendance is 80 or 50, noting the discrepancy in food quantity.
  - *Presenter:* It is supposed to be 80. We just need 500 for the food.
- *Caitlin* asks how many people are in the band
  - *Presenter:* 4. She notes the pricing is standard, \$200 for musicians and \$200 for equipment

#### Bachata Workshops

- *Caitlin* asks how they arrived at the expected attendance quantity for the bachata event.
  - *Presenter:* To be honest, we might have more people. This quantity matches the average for doing a special event.
- *Liya* asks if the social event is different than the workshop.
  - *Presenter:* We don't have regular lessons in bachata, so we want to have workshops where people can learn before the social.

### **Deliberations**

#### End of year party

- *Fred* thinks the first event should be funded in full except for the utensils.
- *Members note they believe the photographer is necessary given they are taking graduation photos.*
- **Fred moves to fund (\$1550) on the basis that they cost-guided their utensils.**
  - *Addi seconds.*
  - **6:0:1 - Liya votes against.**

## Bachata Workshops

- *Members note the class is happening three times, thus making it a recurring event.*
- **Nick motions to half the request (\$624.50) given that this is a recurring event (before the subtractions of ticket sales and admission).**
  - **Fred seconds.**
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

## UChicago Space Program - Not Present

### Deliberations

- *Fred notes that SGFC had already decided that a meeting where members do work is not a general body meeting.*
- *Caitlin notes that SGFC does fund study breaks.*
- *Members note that the fund could just be halved as a recurring event.*
- **Fred moves to fund \$750 on the basis that it is a recurring event and cost-guided.**
  - *Nick seconds.*
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**
- *No amendments were made upon the late arrival and presentation of the presenter.*

## UChicago Barbershop Harmony Club - Not Present

### Deliberations

#### Vocal Trip

- *Members note that the requests are mainly for rental cars and gas.*
- *Fred notes that this is a travel event and the 20% cap needs to be applied.*
- **Fred motions to fund \$80 on the basis that it is 20% of regular travel.**
  - **Liya seconds**
  - **6:1:0, motion passes - Addi abstains**

#### Barbershop Showcase

- **Fred motions to fund the second event in full (\$200) on the basis that it is seconded.**
  - *Nick seconds.*
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

#### Instant Classic Trip

- **Fred moves to fund \$80 on the basis that it is 20% of regular travel.**
  - *Nick seconds*
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**
- *Upon later arrival, presenters clarify the need for tickets, which were not included in the initial request. The tickets are about \$20 each for 12 people for both trips.*

#### Vocal Trip Amendment

- **Fred moves to change \$80 amount to \$320.**
  - *Nick seconds*
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

#### Instant Classic Trip

- **Fred moves to change \$80 amount to \$320.**
  - *Nick seconds*
  - **All are favor, motion passes unanimously.**

## Taiwanese American Student Association - Not Present

### Deliberations

- **Nick motions to fund in full (\$1,631) on the basis that food is cost-guided.**
  - **Addi seconds.**
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**
- *No amendments were made upon the later arrival of the presenter.*

### **PULSE Magazine**

#### **Presentation**

- Requesting \$188.35 in funding for Spring Issue Launch Party
- Got expected attendance from their team numbers.

#### **Q & A**

- *No questions are had.*

#### **Deliberations**

- **Fred moves to fund in full (\$188.35)**
  - **Addi seconds.**
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

### **Midwave Radio**

#### **Presentation**

- Requesting funding for the Arts and Culture Festival - every art and culture club is invited to participate. This is a great fundraising opportunity for all clubs involved
- The only loose end is staging, last year they had no staging and it took a lot away from the event
- The event planner contacted the staging provider that UChicago recommended, who gave a quota, which is the only line-item listed.

#### **Q & A**

- *Fred asks if setting up the stage is also part of the cost.*
  - *Presenter:* They have to be the ones who deliver it and pick it up, I could not do the transportation myself with a U-Haul for cheaper.
- *Caitlin asks if they are a new RSO for this quarter*
  - *Presenter:* No.
- *Members explain to the presenter that the second request was submitted past the deadline, and cannot be heard until summer SGFC, where the event would have passed by that time. They explain that this is a hard deadline that has been enforced for other clubs.*

#### **Deliberations**

- **Fred moves to fund in full (\$2,802.25)**
  - **Addi seconds.**
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

### **Everest Foundation- Not present**

#### **Deliberations**

- Request is for six panelists to be flown to UChicago
- *Members note that they raised \$480.*
- *Kevin locates cheaper flights (\$1,817) that work for this event.*
- **Nick motions to fund \$3,603.50 on the basis that they cost-guided for new, cheaper flights and they did not fund the coke.**
  - **Addi seconds.**
  - **All are in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

### **On the topic of what should be done with rollover**

- Members express intent to spread the money to new RSOs
- A Google form will be sent out to formally decide this.