

Finance Committee Hearings: February 18, 2015

Classroom 4

Called to order at 12:32pm

Adjourned at 1:30pm

In attendance: Jasper, Jori; Agena, Marissa; Gualano, Sianha; Macdonald-Chun, Kamakani; Sevilleja, Raven

1. La Alianza Funding Request

M: Can we have a detailed description of event?

La Alianza: Invited 3 community lawyers and 1 representative from Aloha Dream Team. The group is asking to talk about the two executive orders that will affect Hawaii immigrants and their children. The talk will center around the challenges against the executive orders and also the limitations and benefits regarding those within.

M: Will this be a typical panel discussion in a classroom?

La Alianza: We have CR 5 reserved at the moment, Inns of Courts is in CR 1. Attempting to get one of the CR rooms but they are all booked for that evening.

M: What is the projected attendance?

La Alianza: Expanding advertising to community to include attendees other than the law students.

J: What are the major expenses?

Providing food and leis for the event which will be around 500 dollars. They also want to have the possibility to pay for the Maui Lawyer

J: You had a tamale fundraiser?

La Alianza: The tamale fundraiser is done every year. They will be using some left over funds from last year and the raised funds from this year to fund the event. Emphasized that the organization never requested funding from SBA before.

RAVEN: what are your funds like?

La Alianza: Have about \$1300 in the bank. Last year they raised about \$900.

K: Do you have any partners?

La Alianza: Asked FILSA to participate but they don't have any funds. This is an important event for our community. Increased funds are for the increased attendance. Projected attendance is approximately 50 people

R: Where will you be getting the food?

La Alianza: There are restaurants that have helped sponsor the organization's events such as Ser ges and La Cocina. They are looking to get those places to work again.

M: Motion to approve \$300 request

R: seconded

Vote: 5/5

So moved

2. PALS0 Funding Request

J: Lunar New Year party the group is asking for \$500. Has the group fundraised?

PALS0: Bake Sale from two weeks ago.

S: What was the income from the sale?

PALS0: Think that it was about \$420.

R: How much did you ask for last year?

PALS0: \$500, last year they had to subsidize the cost from other fundraisers last year. There were costs they had to pay "out of pocket."

M: Is this a fundraiser?

PALS0: No, the ticket prices are going towards the event costs.

K: How much did you make in ticket sales last year?

PALS0: Around \$300

R: You had 60 people in attendance?

PALS0: Ticket sales were 60, but people who show up at the event. The group asks for donations at the door for those who show up without a ticket.

M: As per the guidelines for SBA, groups cannot request funds for a fundraiser. The PALSO emails state that it is a fundraiser (main fundraiser) for the organization.

PALSO: Email and practice are not the same. The organization does not make money off the event.

R: Moving forward be careful with the messaging. What is the breakdown for the food cost?

PALSO: \$500 for food- all of it was gone last year. This is an open event and we don't want to run out of food.

R: Who are you catering from?

PALSO: From Aina Aina Chop Suey (through a 3L connection). Considering the 1L class size there is more anticipated attendance.

K: You have \$400 from bake sale, \$500 requested, plus the ticket sales? How is there a need for money from SBA?

PALSO: The bake sale is an estimate. We didn't have leftovers last year. Not only selling tickets to immediate law school but the community. As spreading the goal of PALSO.

R: Have you asked your alumni and extra for donations?

PALSO: Mostly focusing on the 1L class.

R: How big is the org? Dues?

PALSO: \$10 one time. Some of those funds are used for the event?

R: Have you reached out to any other organizations?

PALSO: No this is a PALSO event.

J: How are you advertising? It doesn't seem that there is a lot of

PALSO: Meaning to make announcements have asked the 1L members to announce to their classes. There are a couple of fliers posted around the law school.

J: This is going to be a 4 hour event?

PALSO: Starts at 6:30 and ends around 9:30.

J: Are the lion dancers still on?

PALSO: The lion dancers are booked and are about \$150.

R: Ticket sales should be covering food. Consider hooking up with another org.

S: How many tickets have been sold?

PALSO: We don't know the exact amount. The organization received \$350 last year.

R: Move to approve for \$218

M: seconded

Passed 5/5

3. ACS Funding Request

Raven and Jori recuse themselves due to membership.

ACS: Asked for 4500, but are now asking for \$500. The situation has changed a lot, there was no funding at the time of the submittal of the proposal. There are now only two people going and there is funding from ACS National and additional \$400 scholarship plus a \$650 scholarship from the Dean that is still pending.

The cost of attending is about \$700 per person (\$1,400) funds are about \$350 short. If there is not supplemental funding the money has to come out of the organizations pockets. In addition there are going to be two panels hosted by ACS later in the spring. Free speech etc. asking for at least 120\$ for the leis which National will not fund.

There is a \$50 fee for attendance of the seminar (not included in the \$700 estimate). It is harder for Richardson students to attend national events.

ACS has a strong national base it is also a bar association organization and student one across the nation.

M: Specify the budget please.

ACS: Last year two panels that were well attended (included other professors, etc). Last semester there wasn't an SBA funding for those panels? 100 each panel. This semester they are hoping to have two more panels for this semester the request is \$120 for leis. Another \$100 for the convention fee (which is \$50 each). The remaining \$280 to recoup the out of pocket expenses.

ACS did collect dues before, they began collecting dues this semester. Held 3 panels last semester working with other orgs (most of the time with other orgs as well).

ACS nationals have strict guidelines about funding events.

They have a plan for a fundraiser.

Low dues \$5 per yer.

M: Due to our budget restraints, if the SBA funds this travel request there will be more travel funding requests and the SBA budget doesn't have that capability.

ACS: We come to law school for different reasons, we can't jump into a bus. Our recognition as a national law school. There is a role to be played for Richardson students.

S: Uncomfortable to provide funding for events that don't have more definite plans.

J: There may be future requests, we may need to have another hearing. Bring more definite proposal.

S: Move to approve \$100 of funding.

M: seconded

Passed 3/3

4. APLPJ Funding Request

Raven recuses due to being an editor.

M: Are there going to be co-sponsors?

APLPJ: Reached out to the graduate center for Asian studies, also reaching out to Law School organizations the Hui, FILSA, and ELS. There is an incentive for them, plans to have a social after the conference, have tables for orgs to represent their respective cultures

JJ: Will the event be open to the whole school?

APLPJ: Yes.

J: What expenses for?

APLPJ: Food, Leis for speakers, advertising.

M: Other funding?

APLPJ: Other mentioned sponsors have helped with the funding for the transportation and housing.

J: What type of advertising?

APLPJ: Posters, programs, each association will be assisting with advertising

M: What is the total budget?

APLPJ: Estimated \$7000 a modest proposal, It is looking to be about \$8000. There wasn't an event last year, the journal is only required to have one every other year. About 150 people attended two years ago.

J: The food expenses is for lunch?

APLPJ: Yes.

S: Move to approve the full \$1000 requested.

M: Second

Approved 4/4

5. ADEPT Funding Request:

S: What does general supplies entail?

ADEPT: Leis and other things to get the word out. Group is intending to have well known South east Asian representatives, trying to up production value by having video etc. These names are well known in communities outside the law school.

J: Will this event be panel discussion?

ADEPT: These are educational talks. To give info on an lesser known movement. Once the ASEAN is concluded, 4th largest economy. Relevant to the UH law because we have connections to many of the ASEAN communities, important to have a forum for those things. Spread the horizon for the school this can open the law school up to international employment opportunities. To increase the competitiveness of the law school graduates.

J: You are a new org?

ADEPT: Yes

M: Do you have cosponsors?

ADEPT: Trying to co-sponsor with ASEAN Law Integration Center, maybe non-profit organizations. Funds will allow us to get more funds.

R: What is admin's position, are they giving funds?

ADEPT: We would love to have funds from the administration. Approached one of the deans for potential support, will be preparing memo.

R: registered for RIO?

ADEPT: Not yet because there RIO registration is not open admission. The file is prepared for when RIO application opens in the fall.

J: Do you collect dues?

ADEPT: Not yet.

J: Dates for the event?

ADEPT: We can't hammer down a date yet because members are going to meet with ASEAN secretariat in Indonesia to make relationships with the hopes to invite them to bring them back.

M: Ball Park?

ADEPT: Late April

R: Before study period?

ADEPT: Yes

M: SBA budget is tight. Interest of looking to keep the budget open. Hoping to have that second meeting, feel more comfortable giving when things are more hammered out.

R: sounds like you have a great structure. Is this something that you want to have every year? The largest amount that you will ask?

ADEPT: Once we are able to bring people here, snowball fact. Looking to inspire other places to fund the program in the future.

M: Do you need the funding approval now? Or can it wait? How much needs to be approved for the planning to move forward.

ADEPT: Understanding the budget constraints, about \$800 would be able to give a little more bargaining power with speakers etc.

M: When you have more specific details, come back and request more funding if needed.

R: Move to approve requested \$800.

M: second

Approved 5/5