

UPAC Allocation Night Minutes

Date: 10/18/22

Organization Name: Emirates Student Association

Budget(s) to be Reviewed: Program

Committee:	HAT
Committee Chair:	Mati
UPAC Advisor:	Trevor Ward
Committee Members:	Elonie, Rohan, Tom, Aimee
Minutes Taker(s):	Tom
SCT Member(s):	Arnav

Organization Presenter:	Ali AlShamsi
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Minutes:

Description of the Budget:	
Funding for the ESU UAE National Day Celebration event which is held in the Bryce Jordan Center. The event is meant to celebrate the UAE. We plan to bring in a major band from the UAE, and host an event in the BJC.	
Questions from the Committee:	Responses from the Presenter:
1. How did you pick the honoraria, the Cultural Musician?	1. Amar, well-known in UAE and Gulf States, new to industry and quite young. Voice of old folklore music of UAE, maybe 2hr performance, a poetry performance. Great to bring vibe and atmosphere together.
2. Have you paid for anything yet?	2. No

3. How will this program better student life at Penn State?	3. It allows us to bring part of the UAE here. It can show Penn State students what UAE culture is like, and how it has grown over the past two decades.
4. Do you have university-approved storage?	4. Yes
5. How are you planning to advertise this event? Tell them about logo	5. Invited embassy, Dr Sam Richard's inviting his class students, students inviting through word of mouth, inviting architeral department, inviting through different associations.
6. Decoration	Flowers on the tables, things on top of the table, exterior decorations, large carpet outdoor. Give authentic feel of UAE and bring it to Penn State. 1 year
7. Arabic Oud	7. Cultural significance and hospitality, one-time
8. 3 Posters (Landscape, 36x48, 36x48)	9. To let people know what the booths will be for. 1 year.
10. Scent Holder	8. To spread scent outside the event, 4 years
11. Banner	9. Reception booth at beginning of event for event comers to know what event is. 2 years.
10. Canvas and Canvas Stand	11. One of the students will be painting something for the event. 2 years
12. LED Logo Projector	13. Place by the photo booth, so it can project the logos of the club, the UAE flag etc. 4 years
14. Small Red Carpet	15. For Ambassador (DC Embassy) to come in through, REnt
16. Coffee and disposable cups	17. N/A
18. Small UAE Flags	19. Part of the decorations for the event, it will be spread around the event. 2 years
20. Logo giveaways	21. As guests come in, on the table there will be souvenirs from UAE (shipped) including the logo (friendship flag) 1 year
22. Projector?	23. One of the students wants it for the time line. To show the timeline of the UAE. 4 years
24. Books giveaway	25. Share a book that shows the success Dubai has seen in recent years. Goal is to educate students 1 year

Committee Discussion:

CM 1:

Great budget overall and will help educate student on campus about students' culture they don't usually get to experience.

CM 2:

Seems like a really great event since it seems like these students don't get to go home often, and this is a way that they can bring each other together.

CM 3:

I agree, I like budget, let's go line item by item and work through each of them.

Decoration: The flowers, to me, could go either way: cultural or decoration.

- They didn't say anything about flowers being cultural. I don't think they hold cultural significance; they seem to be for aesthetics. They could be integral because they have their ambassador coming from DC.
- Arabic Oud- cool to greet attendees, culturally significant
- Posters- hand drawn by members of Penn State. So overall good.
- Scent Holder- Good
- Banner- Good
- Canvas and Canvas stand good
- Red Carpet- important due to the quality of guests coming.
- Coffee and disposable cups-
- - I am not for this because we cannot fund food
- - It depends if you look at this object from cultural significance or food
- - 3.2.7 clearly states that we cannot fund food or food-related expenses, so we should not fund this
- empathy table = not going to cut it
- Small flags- Their main goal is to give them away as door prizes. But they are also meant to be passed around to let people wave them around.
- Project good
- Friendship pins are integral to the experience. They are significant to the occasion; we also could acknowledge that they are educational.
- I disagree, we already funded something to a similar point, so I see no reason to fund this again.
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- Let's look at 3.2.8.3 when considering giveaways. They can't be funded unless educational, are essential, or are integral.
- Books they did not know which book they wanted. So I don't think that should qualify it. It is a door prize, and necessary.

- They did not know which book they were buying, so we should not fund it at this moment.

SCT Recommendation:		
Recommendation:	\$35,237.49 (partial funding)	
Amount Funded:	\$35,237.49	
2 nd By:	Aimee	
Equipment Breakdown (If needed)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Honoraria 2. Facility and Lighting 3. Equipment 4. Decoration 5. Arabic Oud 6. 3 Posters 7. Scent Holder 8. Banner 9. Canvas and Canvas Stand 10. LED Logo Projector 11. Small Red Carpet 12. Small UAE Flags 13. Projector? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$15,000 2. \$13,000 3. \$7,237.49
Vote:	4-0 PASS	

Additional Recommendations:

Recommendation:

Comments:

Vote:

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Organization Name: Omani Student Association

Budget(s) to be Reviewed: Program

Committee:	HAT
Committee Chair:	Mati
UPAC Advisor:	Trevor
Committee Members:	Rohan, Aimee, Elonie, Tom
Minutes Taker(s):	Tom, Rohan
SCT Member(s):	Cassandra

Organization Presenter:	Yousuf Salah Al-rasbi
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Minutes:

Description of the Budget:	
The Omani national day is a celebration that the OSA would like to celebrate with Penn State students by hosting this event in the Alumni Hall. To prepare events that are related to Omani culture, and make the Omani students feel more at home. We plan to make this a big event, we are trying to invite important people like the Omani ambassador.	
Questions from the Committee:	Responses from the Presenter:
1. How did you select the Honoria?	1. Singers are on budget, and they can do what we want them to do. Our Honoria can sing both the national songs and our cultural songs.
2. Have you paid for anything yet?	3. No.

4. How do you plan on advertising the event?	2. Instagram
5. How will you fund the part that UPAC is unable to fund?	3. Other sponsors.
4. How will benefit student life at PSU?	5. Celebration for Omani students. Everyone feels home. Bringing everyone together.
6. 360 Photo Booth	6. Both will be placed right next to the cultural booth. Let the students take memories of all the culture that surrounds them at the event. Rent
7. Banners	8. For the entrance, to announce the event. 1 time use.
9. Photo Booth	7. Both will be placed right next to the cultural booth. Let the students take memories of all the culture that surrounds them at the event. Rent
10. Photo Booth Digital service	8. Service that includes a background, a camera and a printer. So that people could wear cultural items, and then take the picture. Rental
11. decorations	9. Table covers to make the event look fancy. Rental
12. Cultural booth	10. Foam board and stands, cultural table showing ipad with cultural details. Forts, Castles. Educational and theme.

Committee Discussion:
<p>CM 1: I think this is a great budget, it is important to know that this is the first major event they requested something major</p> <p>CM 2: I like it it's a cool event, I like that they are celebrating their culture, it's a part of multiple different cultures in one Pricillia, and it's cool that these guys are getting in touch with their culture as they are individuals.</p> <p>CM 3: No, university approved storage space. But everything is either 1 time use or rental. They mentioned they are a small community, and this is a great opportunity to meet each other so I can see wanting one, but not the 360-photo booth. Both photo booths are unnecessary, but I am okay with funding one of them.</p>

CM 4: The cultural booth is going to be where the main photo booth is going to be place. The 360 photobooth would be right next to it, but they were not clear on why they need 360 booths.

CM 2: They are anticipating a high turnout, so I feel that having two photo booths makes sense.

CM 3: I think the decorations are okay, but the silver wear is a bit of an issue. They use silver wear in a traditional dance following the dinner.

Rope is good

Cylinder is good

Flowers are cultural= so they are good

SCT: Small price discrepancy of 11.14 with a new total for decorate 1311.26

SCT Recommendation:	
Recommendation:	\$24,549.64 (partial funding)
Amount Funded:	\$24,549.64
2 nd By:	Rohan
Equipment Breakdown (If needed)	0\$ funding food according to the handbook
Vote:	Passes 4-0

Additional Recommendations:

Recommendation:

Comments:

Vote: