Student Union Treasury
Meeting Minutes
Date: 11/9/21

I. Call to Order

Speaker of the Treasury called to order the Treasury session at 7:00PM CT in Simon Hall 122

II. Roll Call

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III. Treasury Teams Funding Recommendation Approvals

Example

Student Group: An Amazing Student Group
Title of Appeal: Another Amazing Event
Amount Approved: $1,000.00

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Decision Rationale:

Student Group: Bear Nation Varsity Band
Title of Appeal: New BNVB Shirts
Amount Approved: $1041.00

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Decision Rationale:
Considering that the team will be using T-shirts as uniforms that stay with the team rather than apparel to give away. Although not mandated by league, but recommended by athletics. Groups have also been funded uniforms without a mandate for such (ex. dance groups). Contributes to club’s capacity to perform at games/activities.

Student Group: Amateurs A Cappella
Title of Appeal: Fall Concert
Amount Approved: $1428.39

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Decision Rationale:
Masks are necessary to keep everyone safe. Recommended by departmental staff. Important for the group to fulfill their mission of singing.

Student Group: Sensasians  
Title of Appeal: After Dark & Sensasians Concert  
Amount Approved: $1,500.00

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Decision Rationale:
Most equipment/fees necessary for group to perform. Pictures don’t necessarily count as “advertisements” as outlined in restricted purchases. Serves solely as a supplement for SUPR resources that are not currently available. However, this restricted purchase was instituted with knowledge of no SUPR available. Additionally, it has been a rule historically that we don’t fund photos.

*Email treasury@su.wustl.edu for access to Treasury Teams minutes docs and rationales

IV. SPB WILD Funding Appeal

Talent: $110,000  
Longer Stage: $7000  
Lighting: $20,000  
Fireworks: $8,000

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Decision: Move $260,990 from Fall WILD to appeals pot, approve appeal

Decision Rationale:
This vote confirms the decision to retrieve all $260,990 allocated to Fall WILD in GB 2021 to the student group appeals pot so that all student groups have access to these funds.
WILD has been held off for many years. Additionally, it is central to the WashU experience and the amount being moved still leaves a sizable amount to be added to the student group appeals pot.

* - An earlier version of these minutes incorrectly stated the total moved out of the appeals pot was $135,000
## V. Open Forum

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<td>Discussion on the final appeal we saw regarding photography. No procedural concerns. A little long-winded but good conversation.</td>
<td>Bryan</td>
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<td>Appreciate the fact on discussion despite the simplicity of line items. Thought through items, made sure they were to be funded following guidelines. Focus on good quality appeal over schedule. If we don’t fund an appeal in full, probably not best to clap when leaving-awkward.</td>
<td>Max</td>
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<td>Use judgement when clapping.</td>
<td>Bryan</td>
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<td>Unsure if someone from here told student groups to properly fill out form on appeal form but super helpful for understanding intent. Shortened photography conversation. Anything said about student groups altering names/intended uses for items between treasury teams and in treasury body meeting?</td>
<td>Maame</td>
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<td>Response: Don’t allow groups to add line items in appeals between TT meetings and general body meeting. Can make decision or table line items. Could fund for 0, expect new appeal with corrected funding. Think about tabling whole appeal. Questions at bottom of appeals doc: start telling them to take note of those questions. Appeals coming to me, I will go through direct to treasury ones to make sure all questions answered. Those going to treasury teams will be up to student group to ask. Please make sure to get relevant questions answered. Sometimes those questions are not productive use of time.</td>
<td>Bryan</td>
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<td>Train of thought broke. First time to have many changes to recommendations. Demonstrates system works, allows student groups to prepare, understand funding policies before coming in. Ex: Uniform policy discussed and refreshed.</td>
<td>Emily</td>
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<td>I love these questions, I told Bryan that if there's anything with just N/A, don't fund. When filled out right, it offers insight into what people are thinking. Thinking about when student groups come in and want to change-remember discussing this earlier. Believe treasury team meeting is for presentation time substitution for DTT appeal. Buffer period between TT meeting and session should not be used to add to appeal.</td>
<td>Otto</td>
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<td>Concrete example: BNVB are you in favor of that?</td>
<td>Maame</td>
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<td>Different situation. Using different example from a while back- group came in and more people are coming than funded- additional line items. Point of sessions is not to redo math because student group didn’t finalize.</td>
<td>Otto</td>
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<td>Different opinion- ideally they won’t change. TT serves as casual meeting to serve as a chill meeting to help student groups understand SU. Ok to increase numbers. Previously, student groups come with</td>
<td>Justina</td>
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<td>Information not relevant to funding. TT saves time for treasury body.</td>
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<td>We have been very capable of accommodating flexibility student groups have been utilizing. No need to remove it. Not a constraint, allows us to still do our job. If significantly impacting our meetings, should not include.</td>
<td>Branden</td>
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<td>Student groups change things around because we let them. To Brandon’s point, we need to draw the line somewhere- I do it after TT meeting.</td>
<td>Otto</td>
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<td>Agree with you on travelling groups having things prepared in advance. However, many groups have new treasurers getting used to policies etc. If this allows them to go back and understand SU better, good. Draw line but don’t know how harsh.</td>
<td>Emily</td>
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<td>Not in favor of us being engaged with busy work of numbers. However, specific examples of groups not knowing exact numbers and adjusting, we get more accurate numbers</td>
<td>Branden</td>
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<td>To Justina’s point, that should not be done during TT meetings. Should be left for office hours of financial leadership plus business coordinators. I get 2 groups a week- resource not being utilized. Push groups more towards doing that. Would be nice to have finalized by end of TT.</td>
<td>Max</td>
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<td>Some cases of groups not knowing last minute. Icky since it might force students to over-estimate. Using office hours- another problem is that we don’t publicize well enough. Know about treasury teams so use as primary resource. Should let them know about office hours.</td>
<td>Justina</td>
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<td>Put a reminder about office hours in next P&amp;T (to Fadel)?</td>
<td>Bryan</td>
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<td>As a first year without knowledge of years prior, Treasury “babies” student group and underestimates groups abilities to do things on time. Not appropriate in college setting. Should be line drawn so they are more responsible in what they ask for. Helps treasury move along in straight trajectory.</td>
<td>Maame</td>
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<td>We have adjusted our spending procedures. Whenever new adjustments, especially this year, these student groups learn very quickly what they can and cannot do. If constantly changing policy, no consistency to student groups. They know what’s expected from us in the office. Student groups play mom and dad. We’ve all become the “nos”, student groups stopped. May seem mean but drawing line allows them to be more responsible in understanding and waiting last minute for deciding how many people going on a trip. Need to learn responsibility.</td>
<td>Janice</td>
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<td>Hearing previous statement, changed mind. Student groups can count number of people going to event. Last minute price changes have retrieval of funds process. Prices often change between TT and appeal such as rental car prices and hotels. If we force them to hold the line a week ahead with retrieval, we would see more retrievals which would</td>
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<td>be more work on the back end. What are your thoughts (to Janice?)</td>
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<td>Would hope student groups know what they’re doing. More than</td>
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<td>enough time for student groups to get accurate numbers throughout the</td>
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<td>process. Can pull funds but if student groups don’t start asking for</td>
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<td>what they need, they will continue to ask for changes.</td>
<td>Janice</td>
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<td>What will we allow to change? People- should not change. Price</td>
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<td>change out of their control or last minute changes like that need to</td>
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<td>be accommodated. Where to draw the line? Communicate to student groups</td>
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<td>that boundary is.</td>
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<td>I’ve seen more cases where they lower the amount. In support of</td>
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<td>flexibility. Maintaining professional environment- we’re not babying</td>
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<td>student groups but providing guidance. As Treasury reps, we want to</td>
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<td>reach out and develop connections. Harms us more when we set up a</td>
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<td>barrier between us and them.</td>
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<td>One of the issues of last minute price changes is they are waiting</td>
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<td>last minute to put in appeals. Responsible for such large changes in</td>
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<td>price. Can appeal earlier so that price does not change significantly.</td>
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<td>Exemptions such as tournament entry fees but more often than not there</td>
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<td>shouldn’t be an increase- their fault for waiting too long.</td>
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<td>Most people are in favor of drawing a line to some extent. Would be in</td>
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<td>favor of drafting clear message or legislation communicating this- in</td>
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<td>between or at end of semester. Message should be very clear, may</td>
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<td>sting/confuse, but will benefit everyone at the very end.</td>
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<td>After hearing this discussion, I do feel more towards having something</td>
<td>Emily</td>
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<td>set. Maybe not legislation due to changing body based on election. For</td>
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<td>current treasury body to interpret and work out on their own.</td>
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<td>Enjoying this discussion. Good to start bringing up stuff going on</td>
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<td>during sessions/teams so that springtime we can pivot, make it a</td>
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<td>Brings together some points closing gaps between treasury reps/groups.</td>
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<td>Bring back SU treasury social media page. It’s a little thing to show</td>
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<td>people that they can come to session, share with the student body.</td>
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<td>Open us up to the student body-most of our friends don’t even know</td>
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<td>what we’re doing. Quick Instagram post will be beneficial. Senate is</td>
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<td>good at IG, we need to match them! Advertise office hours.</td>
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<td>A comment: this would reflect the state of understanding of some</td>
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<td>treasury reps and how well they understand the process. I have</td>
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<td>received DMs on IG from treasurers- room for improvement. Perhaps</td>
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<td>trello is not language of this generation. Could the IG be a group</td>
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<td>effort? Could to communicate to student groups through IG.</td>
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<td>If there’s anyone interested in running treasury IG, please reach out</td>
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I think that’s a great idea. I learned about treasury through senate IG. Not only a great way to answer/ask questions, but go to office hours! Great way for the student body to get involved. Very contested election due to social media campaign- repost. Would love to help. Student body should know what we’re doing.

Sadie

Does anyone want to be social media person?

Fadel

This is not Treasury related but SU budget related- we got an email from SPB on surface tickets. Where is that money coming from and is it usual for SPB to hand out tickets to concerts?

Mishka

Exec appeal. Vote was 3-2 (funding- to not funding). 700 sign ups. SPB goes though exec.

Fadel

I am not drafting legislation. Keep in mind conversation regarding sports groups with national organization not communicating or changed last minute venue. Hard to incorporate. If we do have policy, please incorporate that information. If not considerate of those concerns, get blowback from a policy not including those.

Bryan

VI. Updates

**Speaker and Committee Chair:**

Election packets were due last Friday. Candidates forum next monday. 23 people came out for 11 seats, highest turnout ever. Happy about that. Happy I’m not running this election. Election will be on 19th-22nd, 12AM-12PM. Internal elections on the 30th. Breakdown- speak about the role of speaker of treasury. Speaker of treasury- hourly breakdown is 15-20hrs work per week. Processing appeals through SU finance, determining DTT or TT. Reaching out to student groups, having meetings, coordinating meetings, sending out schedules, administrative work, takes time, answering emails, getting 8-10 emails on average per day, primary responsibilities. Various projects such as storage this semester, can take on additional responsibilities. Can become whatever you make of it. During committee work, attends all committee meetings. Nov 30th we will be running internal election. Send presentation to Miriam. No appeals seen 30th, only inauguration and internal elections.

Bryan(Speaker)

Last day to submit $1000+ appeals is this Sunday at 11:59PM.

Emily(AC Chair)

Don’t see AC as the social side of everything. Bridge between becoming SU recognized or not- opens the financial side. Balance funding and not funding (talked more about funding), using mixed through collaboration between two bodies. During activities fair, you just “kind of die” where you go multiple nights
that's what you do. Depends on how deep you go, week of activities fair is a lot of fair since cannot make assignments until closing. Activities committee meeting only two weeks, significantly more in previous semesters. Depends on volume of student group applications. Cannot quantify how much time it takes. Most time spent preparing for committee meetings, activities fair. Also have to share activities point of view in working with financial policy, learning from financial leadership during exec meetings. Category changes and new group recognitions, lots of emails, just go to Trello board. When do go into office when noone is there, come to me. Don’t have to text Bryan every time someone asks a question.

AC handles registration- will work on deregistration. Will put out list of student groups to deregister. Please reach out to us if it’s on the list.

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| Exec: |
| 21st of this month is the last day for sub-$1,000 appeals. SU finance closes Dec. 6th, last day of programming is the 5th. |
| Fadel(VPF) |

| Advisor: |
| Thank you everyone who showed up for business coordinator interviews. |
| Janice |
## VII. Adjournment

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