

# Budget Committee Meeting- May 5, 2021

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start Time: 5:03 pm PDT

Order of business:

Desmond: Andrew and Molly's review was posted on the Slack. Look over them completely before we vote on them. Basically Sam gets to make recommendations over everyone he sees. Budget committee needs to have one voice on stipends. It is important that you refer people to me if they have questions about their stipend. Along those same lines, if there are people not getting paid for their stipends refer them to me. At the moment all we are looking at is the senate chair stipends.

The officer list is on the left. The maximum stipend they can receive is \$600. Then we determine what their performance is. And we look at their attendance as well. This all determines the total final stipend that they can receive.

The first one up is Molly. My perception of Molly is very positive. I haven't seen any hiccups.

Sam: I took over as supervisor two months ago. The minutes aren't yet posted to the website, but that is not her default.

Cindy: Molly and I were in communication about putting minutes in on the website. I had senators consistently reach out to me that attendance was not updated recently, but now attendance is accurately reflected. All of Caroline's websites are on the website. It is important to put them up in a timely manner. I get that they will be up at the end of the semester, but it is still something to note.

Desmond: I am hearing that we could go between 95-100% of the stipend for performance grounds. Binding senators can vote in the strawpoll. By a 6-1 strawpoll, Molly receives 100% of her stipend based off of the stipend. Next up is Andrew.

Sam: He did a lot this year, especially in an online setting he was still able to fill his role. I would recommend 100% because he did a lot of good work this year.

Cindy: I would also recommend 100%. He is a poster child.

Desmond: I loved serving alongside him. He was great. By acclamation, 100% based upon performance.

Kelsey, did not send in any review. Sam what are your thoughts.

Sam: She didn't really do much this year, and she missed almost every meeting. I will defer to Cindy on this one.

Cindy: Attendance has been pretty poor for senate. Neither was delivering updates. There are no tangible things. Halfway through the semester she thought her position ended. I don't think it would make sense to give her full stipend even though I am rooming with her. The virtual groupme idea was good, but they occurred in the fall and the beginning of the spring and died out.

Theo: My roommate was on the committee and the groupme things were cool, but that was the last thing they kind of did.

Desmond: I have a friend that was on the committee and said they met twice. I think calling meetings of your committee accounts for performance and not attendance.

Sam: What is the max dock again? 60%?

Desmond: Yeah, that is correct.

Sam: I would recommend 60% dock

Desmond: Let's do a straw poll between 60% dock and 50% dock based upon performance. 3 for 60% dock and 4 for a 50% dock. 50% dock carries the day. 50% as our draft for Kelsey. Rohan also did not send in a review.

Cindy: He did a lot with the etsy you soon project. It did go well, but there was no followup which is something that I would consider.

Theo: I was on that committee, that etsy see you soon thing was a good idea, but Rohan moved the deadline a lot, and eventually other committee members took charge.

Sam: I think Rohan only made 50-70% of our meetings. When he did show up he gave good ideas and participated.

Desmond: I had to coordinate all the logistics behind the etsy you soon stuff, I am the one who actually figured out the purchase and reimbursement projects. He did not listen to me as to how he should divide the funding, and I came up with the name etsy you soon. He came up with the concept, and decided that it should be etsy over amazon. I am glad he got it done, but I feel like the credit should not go to him completely. He did meet regularly in comparison to Kelsey.

Cindy: What about a 40% dock?

Theo: I was going to throw out 30%

Sam: I was going to throw out 25%

Desmond: Last semester we gave him his full stipend with the promise that he would pull off etsy you soon. We put the expectation that we needed a strong spring from him that we didn't get. I am going to motion between 25 and 30% dock for the strawpoll. The majority goes to 30%. Now, we have to evaluate my performance, so I will leave the room. For the performance, just evaluate my performance, and for the attendance we will take into account that I assumed the CFO role half way through.

Cindy: He had one absence. I think he was stellar.

Sam: I agree, especially because he is getting docked for being on the exec board, we should give him the full.

Cindy: I would strongly recommend Desmond getting a bonus. And he gets 100% on performance.

Sam: What is the max bonus we can give him?

Cindy: I think it is 30% I will figure that out or ask Desmond.

Desmond, we awarded you 100% performance, and then also we wanted to afford that option for you to have a bonus.

Desmond: I will take a further look at if Senate Chair's can get bonuses. Let's go through the attendance for everyone, then we can circle around. We can make a final slack motion once I get a final answer. I don't see anything in the constitution right now.

The performance stuff is now all set up. Cindy, you have attendance.

Cindy: You have the spreadsheet, which I believe to be very accurate. I confirmed all the absences and attempted to confirm with both Kelsey and Rohan. We just have to figure out how much to dock for absences in a row. Rohan has at least a 10% dock. Kelsey was not very present, but she could come later and was not very present.

Sam: Rohan also missed 5/12?

Jackson: If you come for the first half and sign in does that count for being present?

Cindy: As long as you come for the first 30 minutes, sometimes Senate can go long. 100% for Andrew, Desmond and Molly. For Rohan it is 10% for that first one. For Kelsey, she missed more 5/12. With two consecutive at the end. She still gets a 10% dock for the last two. I want someone else to weigh in on that. If we are at a 50% dock already, a 10% dock would make the maximum 60% dock.

Desmond: I don't think we have a choice. In that case, does anyone want to rediscuss anything? Any motions to adopt this schedule of this stipend stuff?

Sam: Motion to adopt

Theo: Seconded

Vote:

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

Abs: 0

Desmond: Perfect, we have adopted the stipends! I will have a conversation with all of those people. If people want to appeal they can go to us, and then Senate. Alright, I think I can go over the non club and orgs part of the budget right now. Here is the draft budget. I have kept most of the same thing down on the side. Most of this stuff stays constant from past years. Only 41 of 60 clubs are retaining.

Sam: Did you all remind the other clubs?

Jon Joey: I sent multiple reminders. They said they would fill out the charter form eventually.

Desmond: Down here we have dorms, these are subject to population updates. This is constitutionally mandated. Parties are identical to past years. Operations is now no longer a part of the fund, it is a part of the CEPO's discretionary. General fund and Senate stay the same. I did a little projection on our student fee revenue. Our bare minimum surplus is \$146,185.32. Our total effective budget for next year is \$451,685.32. Almost half a million dollars.

Sam: We have a big budget but if we equal it all out we are under budget \$50,000. What do you think about that?

Desmond: I am hesitant to do anything unless we know it is going to increase. We can use the extra money for a very large alcohol ledger. I wouldn't want to create a \$40,000 new line item thing to spend it on.

Sam: I was just wondering because the surplus is thick now, but the deficit might be bigger the year after next year.

Desmond: The key is if we get that \$95k to VESGX, we would get another \$20,000 right there, and that last \$20,000 would be covered by some very limited budget rollover. Let's go to Jon Joey's requests.

Jon Joey: Things have been super hectic. I have sent so many emails trying to get clubs to fill out the charters. Basically, this is my funding request. This is a similar request for the 2020-2021 academic year. I am making a request for \$17,500 for the 2021-2022 academic year. The CO chair fund has been constant for too many years. This is a \$7,500 increase. This money would help club liaisons have a specific role, and possibly be hired and paid. I am also requesting an increase for the clubs that are not counted within ASCMC and exist tangentially as well as for those clubs who did not make a charter. There will be a lot of new transition things, this justification for the campus organization team will help with programming and to navigate the club organizations program. It would also fund a large holiday event. I also still want to help provide funds when SOL center cannot. I can make concessions on the Holiday event thing if clubs are receiving money for their own holiday thing. In that case, I could settle for a \$15,000 request. I think I need an increased discretionary as we transition back to campus. \$10,000 is unsustainable for all our clubs and orgs. I am trying to anticipate what is going to happen in the fall.

Desmond: I want to clarify that new funds can get club funding from your discretionary, or from senate and exec as well. It is a combination of those, which is why I am more inclined to do the \$15,000. I think it is open to discussion.

Jon Joey: I feel like it is less clear that people can request money to make funds. It isn't really transparent that money and funding is available for new clubs, and they would just come to me instead of the Senate. But point well taken, clubs can go to senate and exec for money.

Desmond: I am just going to do a strawpoll. \$15,000 and \$17,500. By 5 to 1 vote, \$17,500 is the new value for the discretionary. All of these are very conservative guesses. We will certainly be swimming in more money than this.

Desmond: Motion to formally adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 budget subject to club allocations and dorm population count.

Peyton: Seconded

Vote:

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Abs: 1

This motion passes. We have ourselves a budget for next year!

Meeting adjourned: 6:15 pm PDT