

USG Finance Committee Minutes
 Meeting Date: 2020.03.05
 Meeting Time: 7:00 pm
 Meeting Location: LBC 208
 Corresponding Senate Session: 2020.03.31

VPF: John Harris Alexander
 Recorded By: John Harris Alexander

Attendance:

Name:	Role:	Attendance:
John Harris Alexander	Vice President for Finance	Present
Olivia Johnson	FSG Senator	Present (Partial)
Michael Chen	SLAG Senator	Present
Raj Maity	SSESG Senator	Absent
Koustubh Pareek	Senator and/or ASG Senator	Present
Kenichi Yamaguchi	Senator and/or PHUSG Senator	Present
Raymond Baltz	Senator	Present
Deja Wells	Senator	Absent (Excused)
Jane Rushing	Associate Director for Administration and Finance	Present
Dean Miller	Freshman Leadership Program	Absent (Excused)
Janaki Sundaresan	Freshman Leadership Program	Present
Zach Rubin	Freshman Leadership Program	Present
Danny Levin	Student At Large	Present
Ryan Kosson	Student At Large	Absent (Excused)
Marlene Rees	Student At Large	Present
Parshva Vakharia	Student At Large	Present
Zoe Ortiz	Student At Large	Present

Finance Committee Agenda:

Undergraduate Student Government/Tulane Emergency Medical Services- Reserve Fund Request

7:00pm

Discussion/Debate

Tulane EMS

- Direct EMS service, all services are entirely free. All care providers are nationally registered. Organization is run by Campus Health, all staff are entirely volunteer based, except registered medical staff. 135k to renew annually. Responds to various of calls, including alcohol and other issues
- Requesting 250k for two new ambulances
 - Campus health will cover furnishing and all future maintenance costs
 - Anticipated expectancy of 10 good years before more intensive maintenance is required
- Currently, TEMS spends 35-55k per year on ambulance maintenance
 - With new units, this would be reduced to about 15k per year
- If we continue on this costly maintenance trajectory, the costs would exceed the cost of new units.
- Future goal is that
 - TEMS will run two crews at a time for high priority periods, i.e. halloween, mardi gras.
 - Expanding service area

- More ability to treat off-campus students
- More effective drive training
 - Use of old units (60-70) to do drive training more frequently
- Additional community outreach
 - Student safety say
 - Sex fest
 - Boy scouts event
- Previous collaboration between USG and TEMS
 - 2012, most recent unit
 - 2014, funding for an accessory vehicle
 - 2019, resolution in supporting TEMS
- Current issues
 - Age
 - They are constantly in need of repairs despite preventative maintenance
 - Out of service for 21 days last semester for ambulance repairs
 - Unit 60 is discontinued, so parts take months to find and replace
 - Most services replace their entire fleet every 3-5 years
 - Current unit style
 - Large, difficult to drive on New Orleans roads
 - Labor intensive and require more maintenance than proposed units
 - Require specialized repair center
 - Two different unit styles
 - Handle differently, organized differently
 - Non-uniform look
- New unit
 - Dodge, can take it anywhere to Dodge stores, easier repair with faster turnaround time
 - Safe, automatic drive, easy to access to everyone
 - Lower operating cost
 - Do not sacrifice height
 - Passenger safety features for both staff and patients
 - Backup camera
- In a 2019 TEMS financial study, utilizing billing costs by New Orleans EMS, the hypothetical costs of students receiving our emergency medical care ranged from \$130-\$2219. TEMS are projected to save over \$400k over the course of the 2019-20 academic year, and new unit can provide promised 24/7 service with no equipment shortage

This will be the last time TEMS requests through USG, before the separation from USG club to campus health. Price will change according to time regarding per unit cost. 250k will be distributed as new equipment arises. Old units will become in-staff training. The old units cannot be traded in. TEMS can keep them because it is still a functioning unit for training if no part needs to be replaced. The definition of maintenance includes wires, tires, etc. Gas will be covered by Campus Health. The resolution and support of USG was approved in 2019 solely on support, does not mean that USG will directly fund TEMS. Why is USG funding a project that also takes care of the rest of Tulane other than the student body? Did TEMS reach out to other organizations? The first point of contact was USG, no idea how much reaching out has TEMS done regarding reaching out to additional financial support. If USG can't fund in full, what will happen? TEMS can also fund one unit, but it doesn't really help as TEMS will need two functioning units at the same time. How does TEMS receive a deal for 250k? There are different styles of units. The units that are going to be bought are smaller units. Two new units are brand

new. Smaller units will have a slight disadvantage that the storage space might be limited. TEMS will think of a new innovative way for storage. The old units were new ones when they were purchased. They are always brand new, since they are customized. All costs are covered by Campus Health. After 10 years, new units will be covered by Campus Health. TEMS will inform Campus Health in the future. If we were to buy one unit only, can we purchase another one down the road? Yes, but it will cost more because the discount is for two units. Funding one unit can't really do anything to fix the issues of wear and tear. At this point of time, there is no other avenue for TEMS in terms of exploring new opportunities to find funding. How does Campus Health go from here? Campus Health does not have the capital right now, but will in the future. If TEMS is saving 400k per year, why isn't the administration funding more? In 2014, hazing activity in TEMS was going on, now they are back in service with more professionalism. The administration was not active in funding. TEMS is student based, and serving students. Is there an avenue to reach out to administration for more funding and Finance Committee can revisit the problem? Yes. We have no idea how much the administration can fund. After 250k, roughly about 1.2 to 1.3 million left in reserved funds. TEMS emphasizes the point that this will be the last time TEMS will need funding from USG. This is not a new activity, and it is an essential need for the student body. If we do table, it would be a 15 minute hearing. They need two because they need to switch with them in terms of usages. 250k is a lot of money, and why does USG fund both units? TEMS should talk to a higher authority, i.e. president, dean. As far as we know, they have only reached out to Campus Health and USG. If USG funds half of the budget, can anyone else at this school in administration can fund the rest of the fund? Table, and have them reach out to other offices for funding/see if they did? The previous units were fully funded by USG, and if we have any additional avenue, TEMS would love to reach out. Table and have them reach out to other offices for funding 10-0-0 it gets tabled

On the table:

Table- and have them reach out to other offices for funding/check to see if contact has already been made with other offices

Item	Amount Requested	Amount Funded
Reserve Fund- 2 Ambulances	250000	
TOTAL	250000	

Requested: 250000

Approved: Tabled

Vote: 10-0-0

Global Brigades- Travel Fund Request

8:00pm

Discussion/Debate

Handout given out to committee. Treasurer here presenting. The reason for the trip is to assist in the delivery of medical supplies in Panama. Students get exposure to medical practices in the area. The amount goes to all travel and coverage when in Panama. Number of vlunteers has gone down from 26 to 23. This money helps brigaders provide care. In the past 3750 out of 40000 was funded and brigaders found the remainder. Donations were gathered for some of the medical supplies. Over 1000 soap donations from Hilton. Have been reaching out to local doctors as well. 23 is a standard number of brigaders they have had in the past. Last year the destination changed from Nicaragua to Panama. Last year each person payed 990 out of pocket and the price of all global brigades increased this year. All members of global brigades applied for this trip and were accepted to go based on attendance and the application. Last year 1 person dropped out last minute due to sickness. Unclear on if anyone dropped out due to

finances. Flight dates are on their own independent of Global Brigades as the ones from the organization are typically more expensive. Last year it was cheaper to not take a direct flight. Plans for raising money: a couple fundraisers to happen in the next month using social media and bake sales. Unsure on if Wavestarter has been used in the past. The funding would be evenly divided amongst members going. 3750 was the amount last year. 200 each would be 4600.

Item	Amount Requested	Amount Funded
Transportation	15600	4600
Lodging	13000	0
Registration	13000	0
TOTAL	41600	4600

Requested: 41600

Approved: 4600

Vote: 9-2-0

Tulane Israel Public Affairs Committee (TIPAC)- Annual Budget Request

8:15pm

Discussion/Debate

NO SHOW- MOVED TO A SMALL HEARING NOTING ONLY 650 IS ELGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Item	Amount Requested	Amount Funded
Copying- 6243	50	
Food- 7543	600	
Conference Registration- 753A	3000	0
TOTAL	3650	

Requested: 3650

Approved:

Vote: 0-0-0

Tulane University For Israel (TUFU)- Annual Budget Request

8:30pm

Discussion/Debate

TUFU is Tulane University for Israel. A lot of what they do is bring in speakers. Bulk of cost is for speakers. Usually do 2 speakers per semester and they have to fly in. Miscellaneous and tabling as well. Copying for flyers. Food for catering at events. TUFU is different from TIPAC as it is cultural so Israeli food is more important. A few weeks ago they did tabling for fundraising for a donation to an org. Wanted to do a film screen in the Reily pool- rental amount. Have gotten funding from outside sources in the past. Wanted to do a dive-in movie to differentiate it from other film screenings. Trying to show campus more about Israel. A lot of the things TUFU does change year-to-year based on org leadership. Last semester they had 1 speaker and have 2 this semester. Doing a cooking class this semester as well. Have been able to operate as members have access to funding outside of USG due to members being involved in outside

organizations/movements. Priorities: speaker items first (travel, parking, hotels). Try to bring in people from all over with all different view points. TUFU currently has a 9-account debt. Pool not necessary.

Item	Amount Requested	Amount Funded
Parking Services- 8866	200	0
Copying- 6243 (Expense)	200	0
Food- 7543	2500	0
Honoraria and Fees- 671G	500	0
Rentals- Audio Visual- 6811	1800	0
Advertising- 6222	500	0
Conference Registration- 753A	4500	300
TOTAL	10200	300

Requested: 10200

Approved:300

Vote: 10-0-0

Black Student Union- Reallocation Request

8:45pm

Item	Amount Requested	Amount Reallocated
From 6211- Operating Expenses to 6712- Professional and Consulting	2500	2500
TOTAL	2500	2500

Requested: 2500

Approved: 2500

Vote: 10-0-0