MEETING AGENDA
R. CHRISTOPHER DI MEZZO
VICE PRESIDENT OF SENATE AFFAIRS
ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, CANTON, NEW YORK
THE HANNON ROOM, SULLIVAN STUDENT CENTER
OCTOBER 28th, 2015: 7:00PM

I. Old Business
II. African Business Conference; Tanjon’ny Ai Rakotoarisoa ’18
III. Cross Country Team; Adam Bankert ’16
IV. Members Time

ALL MEETINGS ARE RUN ACCORDING TO ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER.
DIRECT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SENATORS, CHAIRS OR PRESENTERS IS NOT ALLOWED.
SENATORS MAY MOTION TO VOTE, DEBATE AND TABLE. CHAIRS ARE EXEMPT FROM VOTING.
My name is Rutendo Chabikwa and I am a Zimbabwean Junior here at St. Lawrence University. I am studying International Economics-French and Global Studies and I am interested in developing social entrepreneurship on the African continent. I, together with four other colleagues, have a business idea that we would like to pitch at the Wharton Africa Business Forum Venture Competition. The conference is hosted at the University of Pennsylvania from November 13 – 15, 2015.

Wharton African Business is a platform for present and emerging leaders in business, entrepreneurship and social enterprise to provide deep insights into their areas of expertise by sharing their unique experiences doing business, starting ventures and creating impact in Africa. Through these stories, it aims to highlight the unique challenges present, showcase the massive opportunities that exist and provide case studies of impact creation in Africa to inspire a vision and path for the continent’s future.

We would like to present an idea that is the creation of a crowdsourcing platform for African Entrepreneurs to link upcoming talent and market changing ideas to global financial resources.

The team that I hope to travel with is as follows:

- **Vanessa Chilunda** (Junior, Tanzania)
- **Tanjona Rakotoarisoa** (Sophomore, Madagascar)
- **Robin Pocornie** (Sophomore, Suriname/Netherlands)
- **Victoria Deng** (Sophomore, South Sudan/ U.S.A.)
The total itemized cost is $4027.45.

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<td>Conference Ticket (Talks and Presentation Inclusive)</td>
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<td>Flights</td>
<td>$300.00 * 5</td>
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<td>Accommodation (Two Nights)</td>
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<td>Ground Transportation</td>
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<td>Food ($30/Day)</td>
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So far, we were able to get funding of the amount of $3471.96 from the following departments:

- $2400 from the Academic Dean’s office
- $821.96 from Dean Tolliver’s office
- $250 from Dean Davis’ office

I am thus writing to kindly request for supplementary funds of $555.49 to enable us to attend this conference. It is not only a great opportunity to present an idea we hope can turn into reality, but it is also a great networking opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and inspirational personalities in our fields of interest.

I sincerely hope that through your generosity, we can make use of this opportunity to represent St. Lawrence and also launch our careers.
Cross Country Team

1. Contact Information
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2. Estimated Event Cost

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<td>$1,720</td>
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<td>Tolls</td>
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<td>64</td>
<td>$320</td>
<td>(8 tolls there and back with 8 cars)</td>
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Total People Traveling: 41

3. Total Sum Requested from Thelmo: $2,750

4. Use of the Thelmo Funds:
   a. Nature of the Event/Purpose: This year, the NCAA Cross Country Championships – the final race of the season that always takes place during Thanksgiving break – will be held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Unlike most other NCAA sports, there is no tournament style elimination or structured playoff in cross country; any team that wins a bid to enter the race has a shot at winning the national championship. That being said, simply making it to Nationals as a team does not mean that all team members can race. Despite the fact that there are 27 members on the women’s team and 29 on the men’s, only eight from each team are awarded funding by the NCAA to fly to the meet. This is again different from other sports in which most or all of a team would be given NCAA travel money. Although the rest of the team may not compete in the event, traveling to support and cheer on our teammates is one of the most important and cherished characteristics of being a Saint, as well as being an integral tradition of St. Lawrence cross country. These funds will help in allowing all of our team members to travel the 1,976 miles to Oshkosh, WI and back to represent our school. We have always cut costs where ever we can, and we travel in a much more cost effective fashion than if it was a team trip to an event sponsored by the athletic department. That being said, it is still an expensive endeavor, and we need your help in making ends meet.
Cross Country Team

b. *Date and Period of Time:*
   
i. The National Championships is on **Saturday, November 21, 2015.**
   
   ii. We plan on leaving St. Lawrence on Thursday, Nov. 19th, and returning to the NYS area Sunday, Nov. 22nd.

c. *Number of Participants: ~ 41 people and 8 vehicles*

d. *Other involved departments: N/A*

e. *Advertising:*** Though this is not something that we really advertise for on campus, we do act as representatives of our school at a national collegiate sporting event. Those close to the cross country program know that this trip takes place and are welcome to join in if they are willing to make the commitment. Having a strong and passionate team presence is a great reflection not only of our program, but also our school, and it is something few other teams in the country do year after year as we do. Nationals has also served perennially as the best place for just the small fraction of us to display the loyalty and commitment to SLU of students who are willing to take this trip year after year, which helps us attract future recruits to continue the team’s success. Therefore, the trip has a much greater impact on the St. Lawrence image we represent outside the confines of SLU rather than just on campus. Former Athletic Director Margie Strait has specifically identified the cross country program as a model of exemplary school spirit at NCAA level competitions, and our national prestige in this athletic area helped St. Lawrence win the bid to host the outdoor track national championships in spring 2015.
Cross Country Team

5. Other Sources of Funding
   a. As we do every year, everyone traveling will pay at least $30 out of pocket. At 41 travelers, this will give us $1,230.
   b. Similar to past years, we will be holding a raffle to raise money. The success of our fundraiser this year has yet to be determined, but we are anticipating at least $500 based on yearly success.
   c. We are prepared to pay any extra money needed or unexpected emergency expenses during the trip out of our own pockets.

6. Other Comments
   a. We recognize that, like last year, this is an unusual request.
      However, given the strength of our program, the success we achieved last year at this event with the women finishing 3rd and the men finishing 10th, and the unfortunate uniqueness of the sport’s accommodations for team travel, we feel it is a worthy one. Our trips over the past five years saw 30+ students to the National meet and back, had a fantastic experience, and represented our school and program well.
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