MEETING AGENDA

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ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, CANTON, NEW YORK
THE HANNON ROOM, SULLIVAN STUDENT CENTER
March 2th, 2016: 7:00PM

I. Intro
II. Women’s Club Soccer
III. Model OAS
IV. Chemistry Conference
V. Constitutional Amendment – Elections Committee
VI. Member’s Time
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Women’s Club Soccer

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Description and Purpose: We started our club this past fall semester. Since starting the club, our numbers have grown significantly and we have begun to really focus on building soccer skills as a group. However, with only ten balls, this has been difficult. We have been having around 30 girls show up to practice, leaving us with about three girls to a ball, and this makes it difficult for girls without much soccer experience to grow as players. More balls would really allow us to progress as a team. Pug goals would also help accomplish this goal. The goals would be especially useful as we move outside and field space/goals are limited. The gas money is to be used for two games we have planned at the University of Vermont; one in the last week of May and the other in the middle of April. The $50 of miscellaneous money will most likely also be used for gas. There is a possibility that we will have a third game this semester and the money would go towards transporting the team there. As you know, if this money does not get spent it will be sent back to Thelmo.
Women’s Club Soccer

Date: We practice every Friday from 7:00-8:30pm in the Liethead Fieldhouse, and we plan to start practicing outside as soon as the weather permits.

Target Audience: Any female SLU students interested in playing soccer-no experience required.

Number of Participants: 35

Other Organizations Involved: None

How We Plan to Advertise: Facebook, SLUwire, Email, Flyers, Banner in the Student Center, Instagram
Women’s Club Soccer

Cost of Event:
Pug goals (4) cost: $140
Balls (8) cost: $160
Gas money: cost: $50
Miscellaneous: $50
Total = $400.00

Exact Dollar Amount Requested: $400.00

Other Sources of Funding: We’ve reached out to the athletic department, and head of clubs about the possibility of receiving funds and have been directed to Thelmo. As a team we also intend to do a dorm storm to raise a little extra money to cover future travel cost that are not yet scheduled, as well as to cover unexpected costs that may arise. We have also done a bake sale in town in an attempt to make money. We plan on doing a second bake sale to cover other costs.

Comments: The money you give us would be used exactly as it has been outlined above, and it would really help us grow as a team and become a stronger organization.
Model OAS

Organization/Club/Group/Individual(s) requesting funds: Model Organization of the American States

Phone number and e-mail for at least one representative: Poonam Sidhu cell: (475)-227-1129; email: psidh14@stlawu.edu

Cost of event (total itemized costs): $9,453

Exact dollar amount requested from The Society: $1,764

Describe the event and its purpose: Model Organization of the American States is a diplomatic exercise that allows students to collaborate with one another in order to enhance their knowledge about Inter-American affairs. The purpose of this exercise is to enhance teamwork and allow students to peacefully negotiate with one another while deliberating important hemispheric and regional decisions. In addition to enhancing teamwork and negotiating skills, the exercise teaches students how to problem solve efficiently and effectively.

During the weeks leading up to the conference, students work on writing draft resolutions for their assigned country. Then, they propose them to the students representing the other 33 member states on during the week of the conference.

The conference itself is a five-day event. But, there will be an additional day during which we will meet with the State Department, diplomats from the country we represent, and the NGOs in Washington. Following that, there will also be an afternoon in which the students get to see the nation’s capital. That, together with the driving, makes the trip an eight-day event.
Model OAS

State the date and period of time for which the event is scheduled: March 20-27, 2016

Target audience: Anyone who expresses a passion or interest in diplomacy is welcome to join the organization. A selected group of students will then be allowed to participate in the model because a maximum of only twelve students can attend the conference. Students will be selected based on their devotion to the club and their genuine interest in the model. Students with past Model OAS experience may also considered. However, it is not necessary for a student to have participated in the exercise in the past, in order for him or her to attend the conference or participate in the club.

Number of participants: 10 students

Other organizations/groups/departments etc. involved: Students all come from different academic backgrounds, so the organization is not confined to representing one major department. MOAS is also its own separate organization/group and the conference is a student run event.

How you plan to advertise the event: We plan on sharing our experiences with interested students when we return back from the conference through an informational session. We will also be having a meeting with the state department and people will have the opportunity to make connections there. We will inform the public about this meeting and the possible connections students were able to make through the conference. We also plan to keep interested people updated via social media. The facebook SLU Model Organization of the American States group is open to the public. Anyone is also open to join the club and attend meetings.
Model OAS

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THELMO: $1764
Hotel: $1,564
Transportation: $200

Other sources of funding (mention amount and source, or any attempts made to get additional funding): We have tried to request funds from our individual major departments. These departments include Psychology, English, Modern Languages and Government. Only the Government department offered to provide funds, but not all of our students are Government majors. Specifically, four freshman students are undecided and thus have no department to appeal to for funds. When the model tried to request money from the Dean’s office in the past, it was turned down because the policy proposals presented were not the same as academic papers. We were also thinking of requesting aid from Student Life, but they do not offer sufficient amounts. Thus, there is not a lot of monetary aid they can offer to provide for all of our students. An accompanying faculty member will also be present during the trip. But, the Dean’s office will pay for his hotel and food, as well as a small stipend to the time he will be attending the conference with us. Because of this, the Dean’s office cannot come up with additional money for the students.

Any other comments that may support your proposal: The conference is a great way for students to network with alumni, improve their oral speaking and communication skills, as well as develop good leadership through working and negotiating with other students.
Chemistry Conference

**Individuals Requesting Funds:** Nicolette Celia, Ellis (EJ) Curtis, Jennifer Finan and Connor Heaney (under the general title of the Chemistry Department)

**Contact Information:** Nicolette Celia; email: ngceli12@stlawu.edu; cell: (315) 723-0344

**Total cost of the event:** $6,061.00

**Total amount requested from The Thelomathesian Society:** $2,861.00

**Describe the event and its purpose:**
We are traveling to the American Chemical Societies’ 251st National Meeting to be held in San Diego, CA. Here, each of us will present individual posters highlighting some of the most current findings from our own individual research projects. We have been working on our research projects for the past two to three years. While at this conference, we will have the opportunity to network with scientists from around the world, attend seminars that will help us advance our research, learn about new up-and-coming chemistry techniques and attend a career fair focusing in on scientific research and development careers.

**Date and period of time the event is scheduled:** March 13-17, 2016
Chemistry Conference

Target audience:
Approximately some of the 15,000 people that will attend this conference ranging from chemists, engineers, professors, start-up companies, graduate and undergraduate students, etc.

Number of participants:
4 students from St. Lawrence University supporting our Chemistry Department, as well as 4 of the professors from the Chemistry Department

Departments involved:
Chemistry Department, Physics Department, Biochemistry Department, Biology Department, Neuroscience Department, Geology Department

Plan to advertise the event:
Our posters will be displayed on the third flood of the Johnson Hall of Science for other students, faculty, parents and alumni to read. The information that we learn while at this conference will be able to be incorporated into our presentations during the Festival of Science and Scholarship, as well as during some of our final SYE presentations. This acquired knowledge will spark an interest in other younger students and help them make advances when they take over our research projects and continue to make strides towards a final end goal of multiple publications.
Chemistry Conference

Breakdown of Funds
Personal Travel Mileage @ $0.50 per mile: 1632 miles for $816.00
Conference Fees: $550.00
Flights: $2040.00
Housing: $1800.00
Food: $780.00
Miscellaneous Transportation to and from conference center: $75.00

Use of funds including other sources of funding:
Currently each of us has received funding from the academic deans office consisting of $600.00 per person or $2,400.00 total. We have also spoken to Dean Tolliver and he has been generous enough to support us by providing us with $200.00 per person or $800.00 total. We have also been in contact with the American Chemical Society branch here at St. Lawrence as well as the American Chemical Society Local Chapter, however they have been inconclusive on whether they can provide us with financial support. We have spoken to the Chemistry Department, however they are unable to provide us with financial support.
If granted funding, we will use these funds to help with our travel costs, housing and food. Funding will help diminish the huge overhead costs that are associated with presenting at this national conference, as well as keep us well nourished in order to present our research.
Elections Committee

Original
The Elections Chair has the right to invite Senators to join a temporary Elections Committee, which shall aid the Chair for the duration of the elections cycle. Senators who choose to join the Elections Committee will be relieved of all other committee duties for the duration of the election cycle.

New
Let it be amended to Article XIV, Section 2, *Voting Procedures*, Point 3: that the Senior Executive Board shall appoint four Senators, excluding the Elections Chair, to sit on the temporary Elections Committee during times of election. Senators on the Elections Committee will be relieved of their other committee duties for the duration of the election.
Elections Committee

Original
Any dispute arising during the election procedures shall be decided by the Election Chairperson, subject to majority approval by the Senior Executive Board; parties involved, including the Election Chairperson, shall state their case to the Senior Executive Board after which the Board must then vote on whether to uphold or overrule the Election Chair's ruling.

New
Let it be amended to Article XIV, Section 2, *Voting Procedures*, Point 6: that any dispute arising during the elections process shall be decided by a super majority of the Elections Committee and chairperson (a total of 5 votes), subject to super majority approval by the Senior Executive Board; parties involved, including the Elections Committee, shall state their case to the Senior Executive Board after which the Board must then vote on whether to uphold or overrule the Elections Committee’s ruling.
Elections Committee

Original
The Election Chairperson has the right to disqualify any candidate when constitutional rules are violated and must report the incident to the Senate. The disqualified candidate has the right to request a hearing with the Senior Executive Board; the Board can vote to overturn the Election Chair’s decision and re-instate the candidate, but this requires a supermajority (two thirds of the Senior Executive Board must agree, which is to say four out of six members).

New
Let it be amended to Article XIV, Section 2, Voting Procedures, Point 7: that the Elections Committee, with a super majority vote, has the right to disqualify any candidate when constitutional rules are violated and must report the incident to the Senate and the student body immediately so that voters have the right to withhold their vote pending the final decision of the disqualification. Should the candidate accept the disqualification, the decision of the elections committee is final. The disqualified candidate has the right to request a hearing with the Senior Executive Board in which case the disqualification is subject to super majority approval by the Senior Executive Board. After the Senior Executive Board has rendered their decision of disqualification, the Senate will hold the ultimate/final decision by either approving or disproving the Senior Executive Board’s holding by a 2/3 majority vote. The candidate in question has the right to be present to address questions from the Senate.
Elections Committee

Original
The initial voting period will last five (5) weekdays.

New
Let it be amended to Article XIV, Section 2, *Voting Procedures*, Point 13: that the initial voting period is from Wednesday to Wednesday to ensure that if a candidate is subject to disqualification, then there would be a meeting to hear the case. In the event of a case being brought before the Senate, the voting period shall be extended to Friday to allow ample time to vote.
Elections Committee

New
Let it be added to Article XIV, Section 2, *Voting Procedures*, Point 19: that the disqualified candidates votes will be considered in the overall vote total (in order to have a legitimate election). Whether or not the candidate has the most votes by the end of the election cycle, she/he cannot win the election.

New
Let it be added to Article XIV, Section 2, *Voting Procedures*, Point 20: that petitions to reinstate a disqualified candidate with the majority of the student body, must be taken into consideration by the Elections Committee. If a majority of the committee recognizes the validity of the petition, a recall election may be pursued.
Speak Up, Act Now

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