Budget committee meeting, March 7

5:30pm Budget requests

1) Behavioral Ecology group
   a. Friday, April 20, SBS N-503
   b. Requesting $330 from Speaker Series
   c. Approved unanimously

2) Karaoke Contest by the SB Karaoke club
   a. Requesting $530 from general cultural and social events
   b. March 26th SAC Ballroom B
   c. Approved unanimously

3) Piano Project 2012, Hommage to Olivier Messiaer: French composer 1800s
   a. Had for 11 years, last 2 years funded by the GSO
   b. March 28, 12p, 4p, 8p
   c. Requesting $525 from cultural and social events
   d. Approved unanimously

4) “Listening to Language: Topics in Translation, Reference, and Belief”
   a. Mini-Philosophy conference being held by the graduate students of the Philosophy dept; contemporary philosophy of language
   b. Requesting $1,450 from speaker series
   c. 2 guest speakers ($400 for travel for each)
   d. Held in the Wang center, reception in Harriman
   e. Unanimously approved

5) CARA Game Night
   a. Poker, Three Kingdoms, Snakes and Ladders in Chapin Commons
   b. Friday, March 23rd
   c. $365 from General Cultural and Social events
   d. Approved Unanimously

6:00pm Issues for the BC until June

1) BEG approve $50 overspending for their event since $300 is allowed for food
   a. approved
2) SARA overspent food allocation by about $30.
   a. Not approved since no more than $300 can be spent on food for an event

3) Recreation line is not being spent
   a. Staller center events is allowed
   b. Max allowed to be spent is $30 is right now
   c. Approved that max to be spent is $150 total for each person to be spent per year in any combination

4) SB Graduate Music Symposium
   a. Spent more than expected on travel and lodging for their speaker, but remained within their overall budget
      a.i. Overspent travel by $49.50
      a.ii. Approved since there is not a limit on the expense for travel

5) No cash prizes at events
   a. Individual check written by Gina to the specific individual

6) NYC Seminar/Workshop travel
   a. Add $200 to the line so that it doesn’t run out
      a.i. Currently $194.93
      a.ii. Approved to raise it to $394.93

7) Department Allocation line is not being spent
   a. Any department can request up to $1000, first come first serve
   b. Approved

8) Overspending of RAP is eminent
   a. Suggesting to increase the total of the line to $120,000 from the Debit

6:24pm Discussion of the NAPGS trip

6:30pm Budget request from SARA

1) Post-Saint Patrick’s Day party
   a. $300 approved for food from general cultural and social events

6:32pm Next year’s budget

1) Need to revisit the cost of GSO Office telephone to see if we can get rid of it
2) Payroll Office stipends
a. Raise Speaker of the Senate stipend to $4,000
b. Treasurer and president stipend to $5,700
c. Office manager may need to be raised
d. Webmaster- want to invest into the website since there will not be a Graduate Student Orientation next year
e. Public Relations- we are not getting our money’s worth right now
e.i. Only sending out the weekly newsletter
f. Event Coordinator- raise to $4,500

3) Ucafe

a. May need to increase to $50-60,000 per year
b. Events 2 times/week
c. Need to promote events
d. Buy TVs and place them in the Ucafe
d.i. Wednesday Sports Bar