SUFAC

Meeting Minutes for September 25, 2014

# Call to Order

SUFAC Chair Reed Heintzkill called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.

1. **Roll Call**
   1. **Members Present:** Reed Heintzkill, Kaitlin Skroch, John Landrum, Bea Yang-OFO
2. **Recognition of Guests:**

**Student Finance Association**: Kendra Rottier

**Applicants**: Robyn Rasberry, Trevor Matson, Erica Kuehn

**Student Government**: Tyler Sterr, Milton Byers, Nick Toyne, Eric Kissinger

**Visitors**: Nikolas Austin, Bryan Boeck, Andrew Pfaff

1. **Composition of Committee**
2. Chair and Vice Chair
3. Senate Members
   1. Eric, Nick, and Milton—appointed by Senate and have voting rights
4. At Large Applicants
   1. Trevor is very excited about this opportunity.
   2. Robyn wants to branch out and be a huge part of campus in a leadership rule.
   3. Erica wants to do something related to accounting. She was in student council in high school so she has that experience.

**Questions:**

Reed asked each person if they are capable of remaining neutral and not letting personal feelings sway their decisions?

Robyn feels it is best to be open and hears everyone’s views. Trevor says his personal opinion doesn’t matter so he will focus on the facts.

Reed entertained a motion to package the applicants. Nick motioned. Eric seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Reed entertained a motion to approve the three applicants. Nick motioned. Milton seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

1. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** Reed entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Milton motioned. Nick seconded. Voice Vote. Agenda passed.

Reed entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting of last year. Eric motioned. Milton seconded. Voice Vote. Agenda passed.

1. **Reports**
   1. **OFO:** Contingency is $34,796.05 and small organization start up is $1500.
   2. **Liaison:** Student tickets for the comedy show at the Weidner center is on sale.
   3. **Senate:** N/A
   4. **SGA Exec:** Thank you to the new and returning SUFAC members. There has been great student government participation already. We are approving two more senators and we are at about 26 senators. We have met with various department heads, including the athletic director on campus. In October, we have a meeting with the chancellor. Our blue print is emphasizing the importance of SUFAC so keep up the great work. I sent out an email to all business and accounting majors about interest in joining SUFAC and I got one reply back. She may come to the next meeting.
   5. **Vice Chair:** Thank you all for coming. Thank you to Tyler for sending the email out to the whole student body.
   6. **Chair:** Yesterday, we met with the chancellor. He has something to present for us in October. We want to make ourselves known and explain our role in student government and the university. We will have our calendar of events for the year this week.
2. **Discussion Items:** 
   1. **SFA Committed Request-Kendra Rottier:**

This is our second year and this is the biggest part of our organization. Last year we used a free website and there were a lot of problems. This year we want to use a cost site for 50 members so we are asking for $1500. We try to help people be more aware of their economic environment. The investment competition is on a website that simulates a million dollar investment. We plan on having professionals present to our members and educate them on finance and investment without any actual risk involved. Since this is only our second year, we do not anticipate 50 students. Last year we only had 15 members and at last night’s meeting we had around 30 members. Our real goal is 40 students.

**Questions:**

Brian asked what website they used? Last year we used a free site called the Wallstreet Survivor and there were a lot of problems so we want to use Stocktrek. Brian asked how are they going to make sure members don’t use the website membership for their academic class? To sign up for the website, you have to sign up for our membership, which is a different group from the class so they could not use these funds for the class. John asked if they were amending their request to 40 students? Yes, they are. It is more reasonable.

* 1. **Welcome to SUFAC:** The role is to take all the segregated fees collected and distribute them among student and auxiliary organizations. Auxiliaries are about 95% of the student budget, including the dean of students, intramurals, the Kress center, facilities, etc. This is the majority of the budget and these departments will be coming here to present their yearly budget where we will review and make suggestions before approving. In October-November, we will have 1-2 hour meetings because we will be listening to all the budget presentations of the student organization. Decision Day this year is going to be announced, it will be sometime in February. We run our meetings with parliamentary procedure. We will have a presentation later about the by-laws.

**Questions:**

Trevor asked how do we make a decision about what is seemingly frivolous and what is beneficial to university? Reed answered that is essentially our challenge and our job throughout the year. Trevor asked whether we fund giveaways, such as bandanas? Reed answered that we mostly follow the guidelines but a lot of times we have to review them based on the situation.

Brian asked how much did we have leftover in the pot last year? There are different answers to the question based on the “pot”.

**Viewpoint Neutrality Training-John:**

The idea is that we need to remain viewpoint neutral to satisfy what the courts put on the state of Wisconsin for the segregated fee system. We need a definite process and we need checks and balances, which includes an appeal process stated in the by-laws. The guidelines should be reviewed for next week. Neutrality focuses on being impartial. If you cannot be impartial, excuse yourself from voting on that motion. For example, if you are the president of the organization. Other members have a responsibility of keeping other members in line. Every request that comes in matters to the groups presenting, they have a right to come in and present. Whether it fits the guidelines or adds value to the campus and seems reasonable must be considered. Keep in mind that it will make everything easier if we all play nice throughout the year.

* 1. **Report on Summer Session**: Reed stated that the official report is going to be at the next meeting after I send this out to all of you.
  2. **Contingency Budgets**

We have implemented that these new organizations that were not able to submit a budget for the year can put together a contingency request as a package so that we do not need to hear every single request throughout the year. If it is shown that they did not have an opportunity to submit a budget, we feel that it would be fair.

**Questions:**

Milton asked about how we are approving these organizations? Reed explained that since they did not meet the deadline for submitting the budget the previous year to be approved for the current year, we would be giving them a chance to package their requests.

Trevor asked if we could approve parts of their budget and edit other parts? Reed said yes.

* 1. **International Club Contingency I & II**

She was not able to come present so Reed will be explaining on her behalf. They did not include the usual items in their budget last year so they were not approved. These are events that they have done in the past. Their rationale for asking for $150 for the bus is because they are international students that do not have US driver licenses.

1. **Action Items**
   1. **SFA Committed Request**

Reed commented that this is open to the entire student body so we need to decide if this fits their budget. They have $500 contractual funds for a film and they only need $275. It would fit within the guidelines. Trevor says that it seems to be for an academic environment, which seems reasonable. Robyn thinks that this is a great opportunity. Milton said that it would be nice to see what it actually does for people, as in proof about how effective it is. Brian strongly recommends that we scrutinize it because it is used in the business-advisement department. The access codes could be used to get into the class group rather than the organization’s group. Erica has experience with this virtual stock trade and she said that it was very helpful. Nick wanted to reiterate that the concerns with this program are questionable since it relates to the academic class, which seems to be a grey area. Nick also stated that the free program may have had problems but it is still free. Trevor asked about what she explained about them being unable to join the class membership and only the organization membership. Brian stated that the students could use the access codes at any time during the class. Trevor said that this program was said by Kendra to be the focus of their organization so they would not see this as a waste of money. John reminded the board that we cannot decide for the organization what they should use their budget for, even if they approaching the maximum limit according to the guidelines. Reed reminded the board that the segregated fee is segregated from academics to be used for other student activities.

Reed will send them an email with questions before we vote.

Questions:

Trevor: How will they prevent students from using the code for an academic class?

Andrew: What types of issues were there with the software? They may have been minimal.

Milton: What other options have they tried?

Nick: Is there someone with more experience with the software?

Eric: Are there other software programs that they could use?

Reed entertained a motion to send an email to SFA and table this motion. Trevor motioned. Han seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

**b) Ending of Summer Session**

Reed entertained a motion to terminate summer session. Trevor motioned. Kaitlin seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

**c) International Club Contingency Requests**

Reed entertained a motion to package the International Club requests. Trevor motioned. Han seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Reed entertained a motion to approve the International Club requests in full. Trevor motioned. Han seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

**Discussion:**

From experience, Trevor said that transportation is vital for their events. Han agreed that as an international student, transportation is very important and this would help them a lot. Trevor would like to stress that this is completely necessary for them to move off campus. Reed also stated that we must keep in mind what the requests are for rather than solely on the transportation. Trevor is stressing the transportation. Reed was asking how we feel about funding the bowling and haunted house events.

Nick motioned to exit discussion. Kaitlin seconded. Trevor called the question. Roll call vote. Motion passed 8-0-0.

1. **Announcements:**

Binders will be ready next meeting. Reed will have office hours and John welcomes anyone.

1. **Adjournment:** Reed entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trevor motioned. Milton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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