SUFAC

Meeting Minutes for October 30, 2014

# Call to Order

SUFAC Chair Reed Heintzkill called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

1. **Roll Call**
   1. **Members Present:** Reed Heintzkill, John Landrum, Nikolas Austin, Kaitlin Skroch, Eric Kissinger, Nicholas Toyne, Bryan Boeck, Erica Kuehn, Karen Basulto, Allison LeMahieu, Sam Braaten, Vanya Koepke, Milton Byers
2. **Recognition of Guests:**

**Office of Business and Finance**: Kelly Franz

**SGA**:Sami Dannhauser, Jessica Murphy, Sierra Storm Spaulding, Gretchen Klefstad

**Visitor**: Bradon Koepke

**Kappa Sigma**: Phil Huberty, Brandon Swanke

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

Reed entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Karen motioned. Nik A. seconded. Voice Vote. Agenda passed.

1. **Reports**
   1. **OFO:** Contingency is $27,912.05 and small organization start up is $1500.
   2. **Liaison:**  There’s going to be a UWGB Day on Nov. 15th at Lambeau Field. They need a lot of volunteers so just volunteer as individuals. There will be different booths and a lot of activities. It is designed to show off to the community since there is so much traffic in the atrium. It builds up to the first real basketball game of the year that night in the Resch Center.
   3. **Senate:** N/A
   4. **SGA Exec:** N/A
   5. **Vice Chair:** N/A
   6. **Chair:** The Senate approved Eric so he is the official Vice Chair. I had a contingency request from the Muslim Student Alliance and it was approved. It was $200 for Islam Awareness tonight at the Mauthe Center. I encourage you to go to this event after the meeting.
2. **Discussion Items:** 
   1. **Kappa Sigma Contingency Request:** This past week, we did a Greek organization survey. A big problem on campus is that a lot of people are scared of hazing. We are asking for $325 to show Animal House on a movie night. The $40.95 would be for 91 posters. Our event would be on November 10th so we are requesting immediate action so we can get the word out. We want to promote our organization on campus and that we are not about hazing. We want everyone to have a good experience. The survey was sent out to males and females, not just the male’s view. Hazing is not allowed in any organization. We have a lot of points that we plan on discussing to everyone who shows up. It would be an educational experience because it will not be allowed in any organization on campus. We need immediate action because we need time to put up posters and to get the movie rights on time.

Reed POI: Under the guidelines, social fraternities and sororities are not funded by SUFAC. However, these organizations can apply for funding for specific events and be considered for an exception.

**Questions:**

Sam asked how long it takes to get the movie rights? It should be delivered in time. I’m estimating two weeks; we got the price for it already.

Eric asked if they could provide SUFAC a copy of the survey with the results? Yes.

Karen asked Reed if the movie did not arrive in time, would SUFAC get the money back? Reed said that it would have to be considered if the time comes. Logistical issues are not our area of concern, just the funding.

Eric asked if this is strictly a rush event? No, it is to educate students and faculty on campus the policies of Greek organizations. We want anyone who wants to come to show up. We want to show how the Greek organization functions and the proper facts. After the movie, we will discuss what happens in reality.

John asked when is the rush period? We don’t have a set time period when we allow rushing. Until we charter, we don’t have a rush week but we let people in throughout the year.

* 1. **Debate: Soccer Complex Funding:**

Reed explained that this document is in the draft form but it is based on board discussion and the presentation.

Eric motioned to enter committee of the whole. Han seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Reed explained the questions and concerns that we compiled for the Chancellor’s proposal of the soccer complex last meeting. The total number for the average tuition cost that was stated by the Chancellor is higher than the tuition cost found in the UW System schedule of Tuition that Reed found in the Fact sheet from the UWGB website. The big difference in these numbers is the other costs and books. The proportion of athletics is 22% of the total segregated and compared to other UW schools it is much higher. A summation of total SUFAC funding of athletics is over 50% of the total allocation, which is necessary to consider where the money is being distributed.

Madison and Stevens Point had no information for athletics. Reed believes it is because segregated fees do not cover their athletic fees. The athletics are funded in other ways. For example, Madison is likely able to cover their costs with ticket sales.

It should also be considered what other costs there will be to maintain this facility over time and how this will affect the Kress Center budget to support this. It was proposed that there will only be an increase for a short period of time then a decrease will be seen in the segregated fees. However, this has not been the case historically. Once the seg-fee increases, it seems that it does not decrease.

It should also be considered how this benefits a reasonable proportion of the student population since there is low student attendance at athletic events. Lastly, it should be considered what kind of eco-friendly and sustainable practices are being applied in the construction of this facility.

It is the duty of SUFAC to consider the well being of the student population.

It was commented that Res. Life is currently very full and if they expect to increase enrollment, there should be concern over how they are going to accommodate those students both in dorms and in athletic environments. However, that is the responsibility of the university to prepare for those types of situations in the event of a dramatic increase of enrollment, however it has been a steady growth that is not to be worried about at the moment.

This may not be the appropriate time to undergo this project based on the status of the university. The Kress Center still has debt so we should focus on the students’ welfare for now.

The budgets for the Kress maintenance and intramurals are intertwined. It was asked whether the facility will still be built even if SUFAC does not agree to partner in funding it? The Chancellor indicated that this proposal is for the restroom facilities and the turf. It seems that it will go forward with or without our support.

It was questioned how many student athletes the university has to consider the portion of the student population that will be benefited? It was estimated to be in the 225-250 range. There’s also the group of people that take advantage of intramurals.

The consequences for not funding the restroom facilities were considered. It would require quests at the games to either use portable restrooms or have to walk to the Kress Center, which is the case now. It’s about improving the soccer field and the softball field to make it a more enjoyable experience for the guests.

There might be other concerns on campus that would be a higher priority to apply SUFAC funding for and if student attendance is not a main concern for this project than it might be more reasonable to fund other student-oriented projects. However, facilities don’t necessarily promote student attendance or generate school spirit. Unless we as leaders pursue these things, they won’t happen. Facilities provide name recognition.

These concerns will be passed on to the athletic director so that she can address these issues in her presentation.

Reed entertained a motion to exit committee of the whole. Eric motioned. Allison seconded. Voice Vote. Motion passed.

* 1. **Auxiliary Budget Review**: Overview of the budgets. We heard from the Dean of Students office last week and we will be discussing the University Union budget next week, which are both big-ticket items.
  2. **Review: University Union Budget**: This will be presented next week. Often, we get a presenter that explains their budget but the board has little time to absorb the information and formulate questions, which is why Reed is giving everyone the budget ahead of time to get familiar with. Rick Warpinski runs the union and this is something that is very important to us. The numbers may not always look right but there may be a reasonable explanation for some of these big numbers. For example, a good question to ask would be why did they not use all of their budget for staff in the previous year and why are they projecting less money for staff next year? Fringe benefits are decreasing, which could also be an indication of a smaller group of staff. Please be prepared for next week’s meeting and come by my office if there are any questions.

1. **Action Items**
2. **International Club Contingency Request:**

Reed entertained a motion to approve the International club request $532.00. Han motioned. Allison seconded.

Roll-call vote. Motion passed 8-0-0.

1. **Ducks Unlimited Contingency Request:**

Reed entertained a motion to package the Ducks Unlimited requests for $140.00, $27.75, and $29.00. Han motioned. Bryan seconded.

Reed entertained a motion to approve the Ducks Unlimited packaged request for $196.75. Allison motioned. Erica seconded.

**Discussion:**

Milton asked about the location of the duck houses? They will be putting them in the arboretum. Milton asked if they are building the houses to protect the ducks or allow them to stay on campus? Reed responded that he understands it as a good way to provide housing for the ducks and for people to see them on campus. This chapter knows that they cannot have guns on campus or have ammunition involved with their fundraisers or events.

Nik A. recalled from the Healthy Fork request that he wanted to bring their supplies off campus but they were not allowed to so does this apply to supplies being sent off campus? Reed responded that this seems fundamentally different. The supplies are for the academic function of the club and not for their personal use. The concern about other supplies being used off campus is that they will never be seen again but this would not be a concern for the duck houses.

Bryan called the question. Motion passed 7-1-0.

1. **Kappa Sigma Contingency Request:**

Reed entertained a motion to amend the agenda for immediate action on this request. Allison motioned. Karen seconded. Motion passed.

Reed entertained a motion to approve the Kappa Sigma Contingency request for $365.95. Kaitlin motioned. Han seconded.

**Discussion:**

Reed commented that that the fraternity approached SUFAC with a budget last year. However, it is in SUFAC guidelines that the board cannot fund organizations that discriminate in allowing only a certain group of student into the club.

Nick T. commented that the UWGB chapter does rushing at all times of the year so it is my concern that this could be used as a rushing event to the benefit of the organization besides its stated purpose for the campus community. Reed replied that we generally take their word for their purpose of benefiting the student body. Reed personally did not find anything that breaks the guidelines in this request.

Eric commented that these events may encourage student participation in this organization but it would coincide with their stated mission. Eric is a part of this organization so he does not feel that it would be appropriate to vote on this request.

Milton asked what Animal House is? Reed said that it is a movie depiction of a wild college fraternity experience. Milton asked if this movie is trying to show the students something wrong then tell them what the right thing to do is? Reed said yes.

Nick T. called the question. Motion failed 3-5-0.

Milton feels that the movie is not appropriate for their purpose. Bryan agreed and he is concerned that people would not stay through the movie and it would send the wrong message to the students.

1. **Announcements:**
2. **Adjournment:** Reed entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Allison motioned. Eric seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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