SUFAC Meeting Minutes

November 16th, 2023 5:15 PM

1965 Room, UWGB

1. Call to Order 5:17 PM
2. Roll Call
3. Recognition of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. Moved by Lucas W
      1. Seconded by Mariah
   2. Amendment to move sustainability fund to after the pride center by Nathan
      1. Seconded by Lucas W
5. Approval of Minutes
   1. Moved by Mariah
   2. Seconded by Lucas B
6. Reports
   1. Chair
      1. Made budget training video with Nathan
   2. Vice Chair
      1. Communications with SOFA and Stepahanie and talked about communication
   3. Senate
      1. Met with Chancellor at last senate meeting
      2. No Senate meeting next Monday
   4. SGA Exec
      1. No SGA exec meeting next Monday
      2. Talked about library construction at last meeting with chancellor
      3. Put. in supplies order to SEC for SUFAC
   5. Liaison
      1. Met with Ayansa and Nathan twice this week
      2. Mediation between student org members
      3. Worked with SOFA on budgets
7. Contingency Presentations
   1. Men’s Club Volleyball Travel Request
      1. Platteville preseason tournament
      2. Asking for hotel for the night
      3. Average cost is $130/night and need 5 rooms to accommodate 17 travelers
      4. Will take personal vehicles
      5. Asking $1525.43 from SUFAC
      6. Under $60 per person per day guideline
      7. Discussion
         1. Nathan: everything looks good and within guidelines
8. Auxiliary Presentations
   1. Pride Center – Nicole Kurth
      1. Locations on all campuses
      2. Spring 2023
         1. 59 programs
         2. 11 campus partnerships
         3. 9 community partnerships
         4. 2,196 came to programs
         5. 1,597 Pride Center Visitors
         6. Lavendar Graduation signature program
      3. Fall 2023
         1. 49 programs
         2. 16 campus partnerships
         3. 14 community partnerships
         4. 2,535 program attendees
         5. 1,031 Pride Center Visitors
         6. Hallowqueen signature program
      4. Safe Ally Training
      5. On campus pride list best of the best for 8th year in a row
      6. UWGB is in the topic 30 for best campuses for LGBTQ+ students
      7. Questions
         1. Ayansa: how are interns paid?
         2. Nicole: they are paid by the LaForce Foundation
         3. Ayansa: how does the Pride Center help fund the campus cupboard
         4. Nicole: they are the beneficiary of the drag show
         5. Ayansa: what is your S and E spent on?
         6. Nicole: about $5000 is used for programming and the rest is for office supplies
   2. Motion to amend the agenda and put sustainability fund at the end again by Nathan
   3. Seconded by Bryce
   4. Inclusivity Special Projects – Dr Dawn Crim
      1. Funds used for student employment, educational opportunities, and DEI opportunities
      2. Questions
         1. Nathan: when you say you are funding programs where does that come from?
         2. Dawn: the misc. tab in the budget
         3. Eliza: what is the total you are asking SUFAC for?
         4. Dawn: $120,000
         5. Maria: why is pride center funding for interns not coming from this fund?
         6. Dawn: because they are under another umbrella
         7. Matthew: do you find ways of utilizing seg fees are limited by the current political environment
         8. Dawn: we really look at student needs and pick what we fund that way
   5. Athletics – Josh Moon & Steve Millard
      1. Approx 230 student athletes
      2. 39% of international students are athletes
      3. Most of budget is things they have to do to represent this institution
      4. Biggest part is travel
      5. Getting student athletes more involved in things like student government and the Pride Center
      6. Employes a lot of students as well
      7. Phlock is student fan club
         1. 400 plus students
      8. Athletes do a lot of community service
      9. Requesting $1.7 million
         1. Asking for help wit travel
         2. Operations
         3. Sports medicine
         4. Student success
      10. 2% increase from last year
          1. Travel has gone up 15-20% in the last year
          2. Doing more fundraising
      11. Questions
          1. Maria: how does athletics continue to practice inclusivity?
          2. Josh: each team has their own cause they focus on
          3. Lucas: why did you rebrand to the Phlock?
          4. Josh: we wanted to lean into the Phoenix mascot
          5. Maria: what are special purpose items?
          6. Steve: that is the debt service yearly payments
          7. Braden: you still have cheer and dance under athletics
          8. Steve: that is for accounting principles, but they are separate funding
          9. Riley: I thought soccer and softball was paid off, is this a different note?
          10. Steve: yes
          11. Mariah: is debt service fund different from special purpose
          12. Steve: yes
          13. Riley: the contract obligation is not on this sheet, do we still have that?
          14. Josh: that is off the books now because it has been paid off
          15. Maria: what is aid to individuals?
          16. Josh: that is the scholarships for residents halls, meals, etc and fundraised dollar is where that comes from
          17. Ayansa: what does student success mean in this presentation?
          18. Josh: we drive philanthropy to this university, we want athletics more involved on campus
          19. Riley: could you explain state support?
          20. Steve: money that comes from the state for our programs
          21. Matthew: what is going on with HERF money?
          22. Steve: that was COVID funding that is going away after this year
          23. Riley: can you talk about NCAA probation and if seg fees are being used for that?
          24. Josh: when we dropped tennis and Nordic ski and we were on a one year probation because we dropped below 14 teams but we reinvested in Nordic ski this year so now we are off probation
   6. Cheer – Bre Conard, Josh Moon & Steve Millard
      1. Asking for $20,000
      2. Salary and fringe for coach, insurance, uniforms, and travel
      3. 35 students on roster right now with 60 kids at tryouts
      4. Fundraised $5500 this summer through clothing sale
         1. Planning open mat sessions as fundraising event
         2. Popcorn sale fundraiser
      5. Questions
         1. Lucas B: what do you do at games?
         2. Bre: we are on the sidelines at games, help with student engagement, add to gameday experience, one day we would like to compete as well but right now now we are focusing on school spirit
         3. Riley: can you breakdown how much everything costs?
         4. Bre: shoes alone are $1500 for our current roster, last year we spend close to $10,000 on uniforms
         5. Steve: insurance is a little over $1000 a year
         6. Mariah: how much are the cheerleaders paying out of their own pocket?
         7. Bre: for camp students could either fundraise or pay out of their own pocket which was $200, they also paid for their own bows and spandex
         8. Ayansa: what goes into maintenance and repairs?
         9. Bre: we have mats and an air track that we use that need to be maintained
         10. Ayansa: do you plan to purchase a Phlash?
         11. Bre: no we purchased that last year
         12. Josh: it will probably last 7 years
         13. Ayansa: what is the lifespan of the uniforms?
         14. Bre: most teams have 2 uniform colors, last year we purchased the green uniform which we will probably get 2-3 years out of them, and we would like to get a white uniform
   7. Dance – Josh Moon
      1. We would like to get the dance team a coach and pull them up to where cheer is
      2. We want dance to work more with athletics
      3. Want to expand dance into a professional program
      4. Team could compete if they had a coach
      5. Currently students choreograph their own routines and cut their own music
      6. It is very difficult on students to run this program and having a coach would help the program and would take a huge load off the dancers
      7. Currently students are paying for a lot out of pocket
      8. Students also fundraise a lot
      9. Dance team also does a lot of community work
      10. Questions
          1. Riley: can you break down your costs?
          2. Rep: currently we do not have insurance, but we would like to get insurance, uniforms were $11,000 this year
          3. Josh: the coach is the majority of the $10,000, so the team will still need to fundraise a lot
          4. Ayansa: do you already have a coach planned for next year
          5. Rep: no
          6. Riley: you can request up to $5000 in contractual for a student org, so you could go that route
          7. Josh: they would have ability to have a full time administrative person that was overseen by Steve
          8. Rep: we were told we were not able to have a coach because dance had to be student led as a student org
          9. Stephanie: before 2019, they had budgets with coaches which the current team was never told about, but being part of a department the coach can get benefits
          10. Ayansa: are you planning to be insured?
          11. Steve: they are currently under our Ghallager insurance policy
          12. Riley: how is that paid for?
          13. Steve: that is out of athletics budget
          14. Riley: would this coach be receiving fringe benefits
          15. Steve: currently they do not have enough hours to receive benefits
      11. Motion for 10 minute recess at 6:49 PM
      12. Seconded by Mariah
      13. Recess ended at 7:03 PM
   8. Sustainability Fund – Riley Drew
      1. Fund goes into a pot for sustainability purchase
      2. Asking for $18,200 from SUFAC
      3. Questions
         1. Maria: what is the current plan to empty the composter
         2. Riley: once it gets to that point, we would probably be asked for funding
9. Action Items
   1. Men’s Club Volleyball Travel Request
      1. Motion to approve request for $1525.43 by Bryce
      2. Seconded by Andrey
      3. Discussion
         1. Nathan: looks good, within guidelines
      4. Motion carries 9-0-1
10. Discussion
    1. Pride Center
       1. Matthew: I love how they had a lot of data
       2. Riley: can someone explain the increase
       3. Maria: now SUFAC pays her benefits when before the Inclusive Excellence fund did
    2. Inclusivity Special Projects
       1. Maria: I want to know why pride center interns are not paid through the inclusivity fund and paid through a 3rd party
       2. Ayansa: I will email and clarify this
    3. Motion by Nathan to add dance to discussion items after cheer
    4. Seconded by Mariah
    5. Athletics
       1. Mariah: I am confused why they are under athletics
       2. Ayansa: they are not an auxiliary yet, they are requesting to be an auxiliary, but they are going to be overseen by athletics even though right now they are their own budget
    6. Cheer
    7. Dance
       1. Riley: I am strongly opposed to the creation of a new auxiliary for dance team
          1. Dance team already exists and is funded through SUFAC money
          2. I am generally opposed to making student orgs into auxiliaries because this takes away our oversight
          3. They are still covered by insurance if they are not an auxiliary
          4. We should consider the implications of creating another auxiliary under the athletics umbrella
          5. There is no difference in us paying for it as a contractual because the coach would not receive benefits anyways
       2. Andrey: I think the costs will only balloon over time
       3. Stephanie: the opportunity to grow under the athletics is huge, we are currently seeing issues with club sports and students have no where to go because they do not have athletics oversight, so at that point I support this
       4. Matthew: there are a lot of limitations with dance not being an auxiliary
       5. Straw poll vote
          1. In favor 2
          2. Against 3
          3. Unsure 4
    8. Sustainability fund
       1. It was clarified sustainability fund sits in a pot to be used on big projects
11. Announcements
    1. Ayansa: this was our longest sufac meeting of the year
12. Adjournment 8:18 PM
    1. Moved by Lucas
    2. Seconded by Mariah