SUFAC Meeting Minutes

March 9th, 2023 5:15 PM

1965 Room, UWGB

1. Call to Order 5:20 PM
2. Roll Call
3. Recognition of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. Moved by Maleny
   2. Seconded by Tanisha
   3. Motion to amend to make MSA first and rename action items from MSU to MSA by Brendan
   4. Seconded by Nathan
5. Approval of Minutes
   1. Moved by Nathan
   2. Seconded by Brendan
6. Reports
   1. Chair
      1. Met with ad hoc committee made for committees and bylaws
      2. Some communications from SGA including email from Alex
      3. Duties list from Zea
      4. Brendan and Riley created a list of what they do
      5. Note: there are going to be a lot of budgets on DDay there will be non-responses to a lot of them, tabling is not an option
   2. Vice Chair
      1. Chaired ad hoc committee and went over guidelines and changes they wanted to make
      2. Committee in favor of adding oxford comma to documents
      3. Language elaborating on itemization
      4. Changing list of approved vendors
      5. Rewrite of auxiliary and non-allocable guidelines is being worked on
      6. Intent to elect the chair instead of having them appointed and the chair would be voting
      7. Admin assistant would be secretary and get voted on
      8. President and VP might be voting members
      9. Elections done on meeting before the last meeting
      10. New language for chain of succession
      11. Students in more positions before it goes to advisors
   3. Senate
      1. 3 on 1 with advisor to create senate agenda
      2. Resolution for improvement of snow removal
      3. Many meetings
   4. Liaison
      1. Met with Riley and Brendan this week
      2. Connected with Mike Schmidt to get recording for DDay
      3. Working on budget proposal sheet
      4. Org startup is at $2898.08
      5. Committed at $27,637.35 in committed
7. New Business
   1. MSA Contractual Request
      1. Asking for money for event for the month of Ramadan
      2. Community event
      3. Requesting $2000 for speaker at their event to speak about Ramadan and importance of Quran
   2. MSA Food Request
      1. Requesting $2000 to give the event guests food
      2. Request goes over basic things they need
      3. Request $216 for drinks
      4. Questions
         1. Requesting exception
         2. This event replaces what is in the budget so now asking $1946
         3. Brendan: what are the speakers doing
         4. Ayansa: Ramadan and the importance to Muslims and maintaining fasting in your daily life, leader of mosque will speak about history of Ramadan, there will be other speakers reciting the Quran
   3. Circle K
      1. Supplies
         1. $450 – a lot of it comes with the work we do on things such as tie blankets and for helping local orgs
      2. Food
         1. $570 – mostly for gatherings
      3. Trips
         1. Madison - largest trip we take and we use personal vehicles
         2. Camp Wawbeek 3x – important to our org and each trip has a specific purpose
         3. Milwaukee – Kiwanis family day of service
         4. Madison – Kiwanis family hockey night
         5. $700 in membership due to district and international fees; we cannot call ourselves Circle K if we do not pay this; goes to insurance and such so that we can do service; we are requesting an exception to the guidelines
      4. Discussion:
         1. Brendan :Are all of these events open to all students?
         2. Juniper: Yes
         3. Riley - About the dues, you said your org rn has paid these from SUFAC? Would it be fair to say that if you did not get the exception that your org would cease to exist?
         4. Eliza: We would be fine
   4. Circle K Travel Request
      1. International convention allows us to connect with other groups nationally. June 21st- 24th in Minneapolis. Looking for $700 in registration. Currently have 3 students confirmed. Lodging is for four nights $856 for lodging total for one room. Passing the hat for gas, so no money necessary.
8. Discussion
   1. Circle K
      1. Supplies
         1. Riley: Their itemized list does not match supplies. I will reach out to them.
         2. Zea: LGWG
      2. Food
         1. Nathan: lgwg
      3. Travel
         1. Zea: lgwg besides membership dues
         2. Riley: they are requesting a membership dues exception
         3. Braden: they cannot be Circle k without the dues
         4. Zea: didn't they say they would be just fine
         5. Riley: yes
         6. Brendan: should we be ruling on this based on current guidelines or how we think guidelines should be
         7. Riley: through preliminary discussions, remembering curling club they cannot exist without the dues vs. Circle k said they would be fine
         8. Nathan: have they always paid for the membership through SUF funds
         9. Stephanie: they were around and then the dissipated and then came back
         10. Riley: they came back in 2021 and it was allocated last year for a flat fee, not per person
         11. Ayansa: how much is the fee per student
         12. Riley: $34/person last year
         13. Brendan: if it was split between members then its like $40 some dollars
         14. Stephanie: they need this to function since they have an attachment to international and we pay for ski/snowboard lift tickets which is kind of the same thing
         15. Brendan: the reason I asked the first question about intent to change is because I think we should change the guidelines in the future
         16. Riley: just because we approve one does not mean that we need to approve both; they told us they would be fine if we did not pay for them
   2. Org Exceptions in Preparation for D-Day
      1. American Fisheries Society
         1. Categorization as media equipment
            1. Zea: I still think it is more of a scientific measuring tool
            2. Tanisha: I agree
            3. Brendan: I believe media equipment guideline that it is to prevent expensive media equipment unless it is necessary, however, I am in favor of an exception for this org, but I think it should still be included in media equipment
            4. Vote

3 people think it is media equipment

3 people think it is not media equipment

Many abstained

* + 1. Hip Hop
       1. Media equipment
          1. Hip-hop wanted to buy a speaker so they can practice
          2. Requested an exception because it is essential to the function of the org
          3. Most people in favor of exception
    2. Campus Cupboard
       1. Supplies cap
          1. They are requesting an exception
          2. No one was opposed to granting the exception
    3. SASU
       1. Travel cap
          1. Requesting exception to total travel cap and are over by $5000
          2. Brendan: when we did a straw poll vote for this, we leaned in favor of granting the exception, but this is a significant exception, if we raise org contribution to 61% we would only be $41 over and then we could vote on that exception
          3. Straw poll vote 0-9-0 for granting requested exception
    4. SGA
       1. S&E cap
          1. Office fixtures removed completely, and the computer fee is lower bringing down to $5300
       2. Scholarship increase percentage
          1. Committee chairs is no longer at the 13% increase, so it is no longer breaking guidelines
          2. Speaker of the Senate

Zea sent in her duties and Zea is currently getting paid $5.68/hour and $7.89/hour is the proposed rate

Tanisha: Alex said the numbers were raised to meet $15/hour and that is not what is happening

Stephanie: I am not sure what the numbers were in the past, but I like that we are making things even and I think we should make them more cohesive across the board

Brendan: I am in favor of the speaker going over the 10% increase, but I am not in favor of the chair or vice chair of SUFAC going over the 10%, as part of the scholarship guidelines, they should be arranged in a hierarchy, and I am wondering if the VP aligns with that

Zea: the proposed stipend is to match the Vice Chair of SUFAC, not the VP

Braden: Zea is correct

Stephanie: is the evaluation on the position or the person? Because that would change how people would be paid and how much they would be paid

Zea: it is the number of responsibilities done in the time that person has been in that position

Riley: for now, imagine it is $2400

Straw poll: 8-0-1 in favor of granting the exception

* + - * 1. Chair and Vice Chair of SUFAC

Zea: we found discrepancies between what is expected and what is actually done, and they are pretty sizeable

Brendan: I am generally opposed to going over the guideline and the speaker has a lot more on their plate now than they had before

Straw poll: 3-4-2

* + - 1. Food cap
         1. Exec Board retreats have been removed
         2. Zea: we are axing pass the gavel and using flyer fundraiser to fund that
         3. Closed event exception for DDay

Riley: this dollar amount is pretty accurate

* + 1. Phoenix Law Society
       1. Graduation items and Awards
          1. Riley: I sent out an email and have not heard back about this
          2. Stephanie: it is the standard that students pay for their graduation items themselves
          3. Riley: if we remove something from a budget, they can ask SUFAC next year
    2. BSU
       1. Food cap
          1. Zea: all of their events are necessary to their org functioning
    3. Leaders Igniting Transformation
       1. Individual membership dues
          1. Requesting an exception
          2. LIT will pay in full members attendance at certain events if they are dues paying members and the cost of dues is $10/person
          3. Braden: I stand by that they could easily pay their own dues by themselves and their reasoning for asking SUFAC to pay their dues felt wrong to me
          4. Brendan: its only $10 and with our current guidelines there isnt a reason to grant that exception
          5. Riley: I did mention fundraising in an email to them and I have not heard back
          6. No one was in favor of granting the exception
    4. Motion by Eliza for 5 minute recess
       1. Seconded by Maleny
       2. Recess at 6:40 p.m.
       3. Meeting back to order at 6:46 p.m.
    5. OLA
       1. $60 per person per day
       2. Registration cap
          1. Committee generally opposed
    6. Cru
       1. Travel cap
          1. Braden: I think this is different from OLA because there are a lot of people going on a few trips
    7. Curling Club
       1. Individual dues
          1. Zea: can’t curl without ice, so we should pay it
          2. Brendan: this due is more burdensome to students themselves because it is $110
          3. Committee generally in favor of granting the exception

1. Action Items
   1. Circle K Travel Request
      1. Motion to approve $877.76 by Maleny
      2. Seconded by Brendan
      3. Discussion: no
      4. Motion carries 8-0-6
   2. MSU Contractual and Food Request
      1. Moved to approve contingency by Nathan
      2. Seconded by Zea
      3. Zea: this is essential because we want people fasting safely
      4. Motion carries 8-0-6
2. Announcements
   1. Riley: if anyone has any restrictions for food for DDay, please let me know, I think I am ordering pizza
   2. If anyone is interested in SUFAC chair or vice chair, please let me know
   3. Maleny: the Personal Financial Planning Association is hosting peer to peer coaching
3. Adjournment 6:58 p.m.
   1. Moved by Nathan
   2. Seconded by Tanisha