SUFAC

Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2015

# Call to Order

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

1. **Roll Call**
   1. **Members Present:** Reed Heintzkill, Eric Kissinger, John Landrum, Lea Truttman (OFO), Nikolas Austin, Allison LeMahieu, Milton Byers, Marc Minani, Penghan Yi, Jessica Murphy, Erica Kuehn, Nate Rousseau, Nicholas Toyne
   2. **Excused:** Sami Dannhauser
2. **Recognition of Guests:**

**N/A**

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

Reed entertained a motion to approve the minutes from 2/19. Jessica motioned. Nate seconded. Voice Vote. Agenda passed.

1. **Reports**
   1. **OFO:** Committed funds are $29,630.99.
   2. **Liaison:** N/a
   3. **Senate:** N/a
   4. **SGA Exec:** We have 10 tickets for the basketball game this Saturday. The bus ride is free and you get in free with a student ID. We are looking to purchase 3 monitors and 5 computer units. March 23rd senate meeting is when Mayor Schmidt is coming. I met with John earlier this week and as the university talks about budget cuts, I think we need to look into our reserves and give it some consideration into where we could take out over the next two years to compensate this hole.
   5. **Vice Chair:** Update on SGA constitutional review committee action: the SUFAC portion will remain unchanged. A possible addition regarding changes to that section would need a vote. It will be discussed and voted on when it reaches the senate. Reed and I approved a $1500 reallocation for Psi Chi for their induction food menu.
   6. **Chair:** I presented the D-Day decisions at the senate meeting. There was not much to say about that. I presented a bill for senate to vote on next week requesting about 10% of the childcare fund. We would like to use part of the money for sustainability to cover the business-consulting fee to being a plan on constructing the childcare center. Eric and I are planning on send the org letters over spring break.
2. **Student Org Budget Hearings:** 
   1. **Feminists for Action Contractual Request**

We are a new but strong organization. We are asking for $500 instead of $1000 because we received external aid. We are asking to bringing in a speaker that is well known and talks about women in pop culture and video games. She is very controversial and has received several death threat. She is scheduled for April 6 on campus in the Phoenix rooms. We had the contract paid but recently we had $1000 fall short. We had some fundraising activities but we are hoping we can receive the funds, which we plan on reimbursing. We want to present her with a full paycheck on April 6th so we are asking for SUFAC’s help.

Nik A. asked if there would be a full reimbursement? No, we will not pay back all of it.

Marc asked about the bake sale and promotion? We are asking for donations from the community and we are currently drafting a letter to send out.

**Feminists for Action Committed Request:** We are also asking for money for a T-shirt sale. The T-shirts would promote our organization and the UWGB campus. We will be reimbursing SUFAC with the T-shirt sales and we already have a lot of committed interest.

John asked if they would be able to repay SUFAC this semester? They believe so because there is a lot of excitement.

* 1. **Golf Club Travel Request**

We are a very new organization that is open to all players with a love for the game. These tournaments range from different skill levels and they are quite large. The first tournament is April 11th and 12th. We are hoping to go, we have 8 individuals committed. It would cost our team $75 to enter the tournament. The cost would be just under $30 per player per day. This event would be a great opportunity for us to meet experienced players to improve on what we do. The club in Madison has a lot of passion and this could fill that void between intramurals and varsity sports. It would give our competitors a learning experience so we are hoping to compete.

Reed asked about the green fee? It would be $40 per day per player so $80 per day since it is a two-day event. $320 would be half of the green fees. The numbers may not be adding up.

Vanya asked how many members are in the club? About 40 are in the club and we are still determining how many competing members we have.

Allison asked about submitting a budget? We are new and we did not have a chance to submit a yearly budget.

* 1. **History Club Travel Contingency**

We would like to reallocate the money we asked for several trips to put it towards one trip in Chicago. It is a history museum with a new exhibit. We want to take a small bus. We are planning on bring about 16-18 people to take a guided tour, which costs about $15 per person. We have $417 by reallocating the other trips so we only need about $76. Reed commented that they are still under the maximum amount by the guidelines.

* 1. **Guideline and By-law Review**

Eric commented that there was discussion on the childcare by-laws. SUFAC would possibly require the chair to sit on the childcare committee/alliance in the future. Reed commented that Vanya wanted student government to take a more active role in the childcare alliance. It is an ad hoc board of students and professors. It would be a requirement of SUFAC to appoint someone to represent SUFAC in the committee. Nik A. asked if the person is going to volunteer for the position or if someone will be appointed? Reed replied that if no one is willing to do it then the chair will be the representative.

Eric commented that it was also brought up that if a member on the board was not present for the budget presentation then they do not have a vote on the budget on D-day. Han and Allison agree.

Nick T. commented that section 5.5 with the social fraternities/sororities clause is problematic. He suggested that we should cut it from the guidelines so that we would not fund them anymore. Reed commented that lawyers said that we could fund certain activities but not all. We are able to say that we will not fun them at all. Nick T. commented that none of the sororities have come to us with requests. John commented that they frequently come to us with a request for sashes for Mr. and Mrs. Phoenix. Milton commented that anyone could fill those roles, not just those participating in Greek life. Since it includes everyone, it should be acceptable to fund them. Nik A. wanted to replace the word “benefits” with “is not discriminatory towards” the entire student body. There was discussion about the definition of discrimination. Milton commented that benefits works fine. Reed commented that anyone who wants to suggest changes in language could send Reed an email.

Eric commented that under office hours: it is required that SUFAC chair and vice chair have 10 office hours excluding meeting times. They would like the office hours to include the meeting times. Vanya commented that 10 hours seems like a long time in the office, 5 hours seems more sufficient. Milton commented that it would be a good training experience for SUFAC members to spend some time in the office.

Marc asked how we define an ad hoc committee? Reed replied that it is specific to making decisions to certain issues. We could set up a committee of volunteers that discuss the issue and propose a solution to the whole board to vote on. The purpose of it in the guidelines is to not be defined until an event calls for it. John commented that there would usually a few ad hoc committees after D-day.

Milton commented that the D-day guidelines for club sports are too restrictive with 6 trips and we should give them more opportunities to do things. Reed commented that the number of travel requests may exceed 4 trips but the other travel guidelines must be followed so there is not an actual cap on the number of trips. Reed commented that the board often makes exceptions in these cases. Reed commented that making an exception for this org might not be fair to other student orgs. Milton has suggested increasing the travel cap for all student orgs. Marc commented that for specific cases such as championships then we could make exceptions. Reed commented that we could always make exceptions with a 2/3 vote.

The board eliminated the revenue guideline for food, etc. except for fundraising.

1. **Action Items**
2. **Feminists for Action Contractual request**

Reed entertained a motion to approve Feminist’s for Action contractual request in full. Nick T. motioned. Jessica seconded. Motion passed.

Motion passes 10-0-0.

1. **Feminists for Action Committed request**

Reed entertained a motion to approve Feminist’s for Action committed request in full. Allison motioned. Han seconded. Motion passed.

Motion passes 10-0-0.

1. **Golf Club Travel Request**

Reed entertained a motion to approve History Club’s request in full. Milton motioned. Nate seconded. Motion passed.

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Motion passes 10-0-0.

1. **Announcements**

Eric commented that our next meeting is March 26th after spring break.

1. **Adjournment:** Reed entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric motioned. Han seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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