SUFAC Meeting Minutes

January 28th, 2021 5:15pm

Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order
   1. Chair called meeting to order at 5:15 PM
2. Roll Call
   1. Members Present: Reese Eckenrod-Snyder, Tristan Kendrick, Sierra Miller, Riley Drew, John Landrum, Guillermo Gomez, Tanner Marvin, Connor Jackson
3. Recognition of Guests
   1. Charles Guthrie, Athletics
   2. Lisa Jackovich, Budget Director
   3. Jodi, Athletics, Associate Director of Finance
   4. Cory King, Inclusivity and Student Affairs
   5. Jeff Krueger, University and Recreation
   6. Paul Pinkston, Kress Facilities and Management
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. Reese entertained a motion to approve agenda. Moved by G, seconded by Sierra. Voice Vote. Consent called. Motion passes.
5. Approval of Minutes
   1. Reese entertained a motion to approve minutes. Moved by Tanner, seconded by Riley. Voice Vote. Consent called. Motion passes
6. Reports
   1. OFO: Committed is at $34,958.09 and org start up is at $1,500
   2. Liaison: Tonight 7-8 virtual bingo, Friday virtual cheap seats access code to watch Crazy Rich Asians, women’s basketball on Friday and Saturday, volleyball online Monday and Wednesday, Phoenix spirit cookies in student life Wednesday, creating a resume workshop next Thursday
   3. Senate: Meeting next week Monday at 5:15 and hopefully approving a new member to have all positions filled and first meeting of semester
   4. SGA Exec: Confirming new Union and Dining chair on Monday, Matt Sawalski from the Union will be coming in to talk about new student survey on the Union, talking about child care, election rules and what is coming in the next couple weeks.
   5. Vice Chair: Working with Reese to review the auxiliary budget reports, looking forward to D Day in the coming weeks
   6. Chair: Reviewing auxiliary reports, nothing happened over break needing to report back to the committee
7. New Business
   1. Seg Fee Big Picture
      1. Showed what to estimate for the upcoming year, we estimated conservatively
         1. Hoping to collect about $7 million, with about $4,517 in FTE seg fees
      2. Couple changes have happened
         1. Restructure in student life and student services to realign what is provided and what is being asked from students
         2. Health services changed funding sources, but services provided are the same
         3. Change in what is considered PR funding and state funding
         4. Hold off on inclusivity funding for a little longer
      3. Questions/Comments
         1. Trsitan: could you reexplain the PR and building changes again
            1. Answer: Each of our buildings have a percentage of allocation coming from seg fees and from state funding
   2. Kress Maintenance
      1. SUFAC contribution - $400,000
         1. University Staff - $197,172
         2. Fringe Benefits - $106,957
         3. Operating S&E - $71,000
      2. Questions/Comments
         1. G: do you anticipate any other capital requests other than the steam coils
            1. Answer: I don’t think so, if anything maybe lighting. Everything else should be fine, and I didn’t add anything to the budget for capital
         2. Tristan: you said you wanted a cash balance of 50,000-70,000, did I hear that correct?
            1. Answer: yes, that was our original plan to be able to pay off the balance
            2. The current cash balance is used for emergency repairs, correct?

Answer: Yes. I try not to keep a large cash balance but it worked in our favor this year

* 1. Athletics
     1. SUFAC contribution - $1,607,992
        1. Seg fees will be used to fund portions of the following:
           1. Game Day Expenses - $385,300
           2. Team Travel - $1,020,000
           3. Recruiting - $147,900
           4. Student Athlete Health Insurance - $204,000
           5. Academic Advisors/Compliance Salary and Benefits - $42,000
           6. Miscellaneous Expenses - $306,000
     2. Questions/Comments
        1. Tristan: the 2% increase you’re requesting is due to the shortcomings from covid?
           1. Answer: not entirely, we are hoping to recoup that next year through ticket sales. We are asking to close the deficit gap, because operating costs increase each year as well
        2. Reese: It looks like there is about $400,000 that is not going to be covered by seg fees, could we see more specificity in what will be covered with seg fees and what would be shifted to another revenue stream?
           1. Answer: I can do that, but since our game schedules aren’t set and travel expense and game day expense won’t be set until then it would only be an estimate
           2. Reese: I just meant specificity on what is being spent on these categories, not that we wouldn’t support these categories
        3. Tristan: I understand the seg fees we don’t know where they will go. For miscellaneous fees, what kind of things are going there?
           1. We pay for preseason housing and meals, team supplies like uniforms, our cheer program, and a variety of others but these are the main ones
  2. Kress / UREC
     1. SUFAC contribution - $779,394
        1. Academic Staff - $220,867
        2. University Staff (Temporary) - $3,000
        3. Student - $358,749
        4. Fringe Benefits - $136,716
        5. Operating S&E -$322,568
        6. Capital - $68,190
     2. Questions/Comments
        1. G: Is the cash balance projected based on current trend or based on once you get revenue from other streams once memberships start happening again?
           1. Answer: I forecasted half of what it was pre-covid, anticipating some members going somewhere else, some not wanting to come back right away, and also not having a timeline of when we can open memberships again
        2. Reese: in your narrative you referenced this is the first time the capital budget plan has been included in the seg fee budget, is this because of covid or is it here to stay?
           1. Answer: these items should have been in the budget from the start, so you will start seeing the capital items moving forward
        3. John: the $89,110 utilities cost is the Kress costs, or attributed to the Kress, right?
           1. Answer: There is some internal workings trying to figure out if it will be Kress or Athletics, but for now it is with Kress.
           2. John: where is it though, I think I missed that

Answer: oh, it is with S&E

1. Recess
   1. Reese entertained a motion for a five minute recess to start at 6:49 and come back at 6:54pm. Riley moved, Sierra seconded. Voice vote. Consent called. Motion passes.
2. Reese calls the meeting back to order at 6:55 PM
3. Discussion
   1. Kress Maintenance
      1. Tristan: I think it fairly thorough and asked the big questions, I am good with it
      2. G: those are some expensive steam coils
      3. John: no one was curious if he actually does finish $7,000 short at the end of the year
      4. Tristan: with that negative balance, I think he said he was going to bring some of the cost down and the steam coils could be decreased as well
      5. G: what are the implications if he is short?
         1. Reese: my understanding is the university would help out
         2. John: I think what would happen is there are other pieces of money around either from the state budget or he would borrow ahead of next year’s budget
   2. Athletics
      1. Reese: I want to touch on the differences between tuition waivers and scholarships and it was explained to us where the tuition waivers is just tuition and the scholarship is room and board portion of university costs of education. These are determined by the NCAA and Horizon league.
      2. Tanner: I think their ticket sales are a little optimistic for 2021-22 because I think at that time people will still be hesitant to go out in large crowds still.
      3. Tristan: the issue I have is how large the miscellaneous budget. They did have answers ready, but maybe they can assign cash amounts to those to help shrink up the miscellaneous budget.
         1. Reese: what I meant by the $1.6 and $2 million is them to say they will spend 1.6 on this out of our $2 million budget. I don’t want to shrink the total budget, just get a clearer understanding of where the seg fees will be allocated to.
      4. John: I just want to reiterate from earlier but their presentation was much clearer and easier to follow than budgets presented in the past.
   3. Kress / UREC
      1. Tristan: did he say in future budgets that we can expect to see facility rentals?
         1. Reese: yes, we will. He just highlighted that there haven’t been enough rentals to warrant a spot in this year’s budget
      2. Reese: I do want to say it is concerning about by 2026-27 their ending cash balance is negative $1.4 million
         1. G: I am concerned about the increment decrease goes from 12% to -64.9%, it seems really significant
         2. Reese: I will send out an email to him for clarification on that portion, to see if maybe it was an excel issue or something else.
      3. John: In terms of a timeline, are you just generally soliciting more questions tonight and then next week you’re going to really ask if we are good on approving budgets on D Day in the next week or two or on D Day?
         1. Reese: I’ll talk through the timeline real quick. Next week we have auxiliary budgets again, and then on the 11th we don’t have any auxiliaries planned, it’s for any last minute changes clean up sort of day. All the questions form the auxiliaries that have been asked will be answered on the 11th, and if we are all good to go then the budget will be finalized. The last auxiliaries will be presented on the 18th, which is just 2 days before D Day so if there are any questions then they need to be asked that night at that meeting.
4. Announcements
   1. D Day is on February 20th
5. Adjournment
   1. Reese entertained a motion to adjourn. Moved by Riley, seconded by Sierra. Voice vote. Consent called. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:17PM.