

SUFAC

Meeting Minutes for 27 October 2011

- I. **Call to Order**
SUFAC Chair Matt Balson called the meeting to order at 5:18pm.
- II. **Roll Call**
 - a. **Members Present:** Matt Balson, Jessica Olive, John Landrum, SGA Exec., OFO, Michael Hengles, Jillian DeRidder, Lindsay Krapfl, Mick Sheuer, Kimberly Dawson, Jonathan Amel, Shawn Brown, Shawna Albert, Josh Shope, Rebecca Ellenbecker, Kyle Zellner, Matt Nieman
- III. **Recognition of Guests:** Jeff Krueger; Kress Events, Tim Helein
- IV. **Approval of Agenda:** Matt entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Jess motioned. Jillian seconded. Jess called the question. Riley acclimated.
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Matt entertained a motion to package the minutes. Jess motioned. Kimberly called the question. Jonathan acclimated. Matt motioned to approve the minutes for October 13th and 20th, 2011. Jess motioned. Michael seconded. Jonathan called the question.
- VI. **Reports**
 - a. **OFO:** The contingency report is \$41,616.54, and the new organization start up is \$1,300.
 - b. **Senate:** The long awaited survey for childcare is now sent out to the students. This semester the Senate is looking into creating a childcare center, as UW-GB is the only four-year school that doesn't have a childcare center.
 - c. **SGA:** We met with the Chancellor today, we talked about the health and safety walk and the campus smoking ban
 - d. **Vice-Chair:** We did a follow up meeting with Rick Warpinski and we'll discuss that later in the meeting.
 - e. **Chair:** I will discuss my report in the announcements section.
- VII. **Discussion Items**
 - a. **Kress Events Center Auxiliary Budget:** The Kress is coming off of a great year. It is a building that many of our students are using through a number of different programs. We've had record numbers with climbing tower and some exercise classes. Intramurals is a bit down, but participation is still at a high level overall. This doesn't include open recreation either. Since the building opened in 2007, we've hosted 1,623 campus events. Of this total number, 655 of these events have happened within the last 12 months. Therefore, the Kress is thinking that the building is doing what was intended to do. Paul Pinkston will be here within a few weeks to present another part of the budget for the Kress Center. His presentation is more of the "guts" of the building. The Kress

has two funds, 102 and 128. There are eight different revenue areas, which are operating, memberships, Learn to Swim, vending, facility rentals, concessions, miscellaneous (locker rentals, personal training), and invested earnings (what we make on our reserve balance). All revenues received from membership sales and facility rentals are deposited into fund 102. Also, students are not paying for the wages and salaries within the 102 budgets. This does off set some salary costs. The Kress' 128 revenue sources are seg fees through operation, Learn to Swim, vending, concessions, miscellaneous, and investment earnings. The Kress is asking for a 3% increase. This is the first time within the last five years where the Kress is asking for a budget increase. The Kress is also one of the top student employment centers on campus. The only thing that changes within the 128 fund for next year is the sales credits. There are five essential building areas: the building coverage, pool, fitness programming, intramural programming, and the climbing tower. There was a breakdown of this current year's budget presented on the screen, just for recollection. Again, the Kress is requesting for a 3% increase for next year. We were able to build up a fairly large reserve, and we're also able to get good interest. Therefore, it made more sense to not ask for money from SUFAC. As we project out within the next few years, we're looking at a 4-6% increase. There was discussion about a retirement in June and had to pay out for that. We are hoping to fulfill this position in January. However, that's why there is a decrease in the budget, but we hope to get our budget back up to that original number. Under capital, the estimated actual for 2011-2012 went down from last years budget. At that time we were planning on upgrading the lockers and replacing the plumbing. We thought this would be a good time to spend our reserve money. Then we pulled that money as we replaced the East Gym's scoreboards this past summer, and plan on having some padding installed this year. There is not a capital list as of right now. You will still see our debt service. At the end of the year this amount gets transferred out. SUFAC is now receiving the interest on that debt service.

Questions: Riley asked about the state's project with the locker room. In the Kress, there will be new sinks, showers, and upgrades to lighting. There is no state money for lockers themselves. We are hoping to go with full-length lockers, instead of the half. We had reserve money to do it, but not anymore. The Kress will be closing the locker room for 8-12 weeks in May, but the funding is back on. Mick asked about the unusual budget cuts in 2010-2011. The Kress said it was because of the debt service. Mick also asked if the Kress was profitable in 2009-2010 and does the Kress see that happening again? The Kress talked about getting great rentals, such as the WIAA renting out the building. Therefore, the Kress was no longer the central location as it was moved to Oshkosh. That was great revenue for the Kress, and since the Kress doesn't have that anymore, that hurt us in the end too. There were also other rentals, such as the Green Bay Swim

Club, but they no longer exist. We are currently looking for rentals, but we do make sure it is convenient for the campus and students. The Kress does three of the four high school graduations within Green Bay, which helps. There may also be another high school graduation being added. Mick asked if they see the Kress as being able to reach the sustainability? All the services for the students are already in the cost within student's tuition. Therefore, that's what we hope SUFAC will continue to do. Kimberly asked what the difference between funds 128 and 102. The 102 fund is made up of the membership and rental categories. The 128 fund is auxiliary revenues. Kimberly asked about the free membership for faculty and if that would affect anything? Right now, it is hard to say. The Kress was instructed to come up with a proposal that will still be fair for students, and as of right now, that's all they know about it. Riley said that as a point of information, the proposal was approved by Senate and will be on a trial run in January. Riley stated that if anyone has any questions on that, the information is on the SGA website. Jess asked about \$90,000. Jeff said that they weren't taking into account the \$112,000 within the capital line. Jess explained to the board what that \$90,000 was about.

b. Intramurals Auxiliary Budget: Presented with the Kress.

- c. CRU Contingency Request:** CRU is requesting money to take a trip to Minneapolis over winter break. It is a 4-day conference where the organization would stay at the Hilton in Minneapolis. There are about 2,000 + students who attend the event. At this conference, it's a time for us to bond with other CRU members and other schools. The registration is \$200/person but that includes the four nights at the Hilton and to hear from the speakers. We are fully expecting 60 people go, as we have a big freshman class. The total registration is \$12,000. Transportation is rather tricky as the conference is over break and people are coming from all over. We will try and have groups leave from different locations, such as Wausau, Milwaukee, etc. The total miles round trip is averaged to about 400 miles, as people are coming from all over. The drivers will also get reimbursed for what they actually drive. CRU stated that they would pay for 50% of the trip if SUFAC will pay for the other half.

Questions: Jess asked about those driving from Milwaukee compared to those driving from La Crosse. CRU said that the only transportation that is taken into consideration is where the carpool is meeting and leaving from. Mick asked if 15 cars are enough for a total of 60 people? CRU said that they have gone with this many cars in the past. The organization is also hoping to keep the cost down as much as possible. CRU stated that the first step would be calculating how many miles each driver will drive. Then, if the mileage is over the amount allocated, CRU will take an even amount of miles off for each person. Therefore, drivers will get the same percentage of their reimbursement. Mick asked if all the drivers would be

authorized? CRU said yes, it's a bare, but it does get done. Jess asked if this is open to everyone. Yes, and there are a lot of advertisement going on, starting tonight. There are also some posters that will be put up once the date gets a little closer, along with a website and on Orgsync.

VIII. Discussion of Tonight's Auxiliary

- a. Kress:** Mick asked if the seg fees that the Kress gets are in the budget? Yes, it is in the top line. Mick wondered how far behind they come annually. Jess said he liked that he had a conservative increase, compared to other auxiliary budgets. There was a good point from John, asking why the Kress needs a reserve fund anyways. The big issue is that if the Kress doesn't have a reserve, they have to come to SUFAC to request money, compared to doing whatever they want with it. There was discussion about the 15% threshold. Riley liked his presentation a lot. A lot of UW systems don't have a facility like the ones we do. Eventually, he feels SUFAC is going to have to pay for a little bit to keep it up to date. Jess wondered about the locker room construction. Riley said that state was going to pay for the plumbing. Kyle doesn't feel it is smart to replace the lockers with the way the economy is currently. Matt agreed, and said he doesn't feel like it's a necessity. John asked if the board would fix the lockers if there were money left over? A few members said no, as Jeff still talked about other projects that wanted to be done. Mick asked if SUFAC would have to contribute to the money that UW-GB owes? John said that as of right now, no, but that could change. Mick feels that the board needs to scrutinize, as they can't be too generous to other orgs, as they will take the money for granted. John wondered if the board would use the money for the lockers instead for the random tunnels and roads.

There was discussion about the Shorewood parking lot and golf course. Michael said that they have a bunch of ideas for capital projects, but he's wondering what the priority is. John said that a lot of these projects are budgeted by the state, and therefore, that alters when the projects will occur. So, when the state is involved, SUFAC, nor the Kress, has much order. Matt asked about any negatives. Kyle addressed that the Kress said how they were losing money, but don't really have an action plan as how they were going to change that. There was discussion of how the Kress wasn't really seeking out rentals. John said that many events couldn't be held at the Kress, because of athletics. Mick questions how much they really are actively seeking out rentals. Kimberly said that the usage is a huge positive, however.

- b. Union Follow-up:** Under the maintenance person, Jess wondered what this person would exactly do. Rick said he would be able to do a lot of electrical work and some other small tasks. These jobs would also be done on a learning curve. Rick also sent an email about what he can do to help us (see email if need be).

Mick talked about how contracting a plumber can be really expensive. John mentioned how Rick did make a difference within his budget to help offset his budget plan. John doesn't really see a downside from this. Jess stated that on a side note, Rick does manage his budget really well. There was a discussion about how the interest rates aren't comparable between the Union and the Kress. Jess also started a discussion about Shorewood. John said that we're discussing this right now because in three months, it'll be hard to remember what the issues were. Jess said how Rick was ok with having Shorewood do a one-year trial run. Matt explained that overall, Rick wants to make more opportunities for students. Riley stated that the students before made this great investment that we are now enjoying, so think about the potential and enjoyment future classes could make. He feels its something to take into consideration. Michael talked about how 5 out of 6 students are not using the Kress. Therefore, he's wondering how many students would not use the Clubhouse. Jess expressed how she was concerned about all of the extra costs. However, Rick said if usage stays the same, then no changes will be made. But if the usage does, he will use the revenue to off set these costs. Rebecca doesn't see it as a "second Union." Kimberly feels like its at a bad location as no one is going to want to walk there in the winter Rebecca wants to have a plan and see what Rick all wants to have done on it. Kimberly feels that students need to voice their input on the matter. Matt addressed to the board that his main concern was dealing with the seg fee line. Matt said that if there is a lot of concern, a trial run is possible. Kimberly agreed to a trial run. Josh said that if the trial run occurs, would there be more money funded for the Clubhouse then? John said that what he has within the budget is what Rick has to spend. Otherwise, he'd have to come back to SUFAC and request more money. Michael noticed how Rick does have potential to eat into the cash reserve even though the student seg fees don't get up. Jess explained what the board would be deciding on this issue tonight. One option is adding Shorewood, and the other would be not adding Shorewood. The maintenance position is also up for a vote. Michael motioned to not add Shorewood, and delay the maintenance position and increase S&E by \$16,000 and decrease another. Riley seconded. Lindsey said she doesn't see what's wrong with the trial period. Jess said that's when Lindsay should say no. Michael said there isn't anything wrong with a trial period, but next year nothing may change. Jess motioned to enter the committee of the whole for 15 minutes at 7:15pm. Riley seconded. Michael called the question. Lindsay acclimated.

Lindsay motioned to exit committee of the whole. Michael seconded. Riley called the question. Kyle acclimated. Exited at 7:25pm. Josh called the question. Shawna acclimated. Roll call vote fails 2-9-0.

Riley motioned for no maintenance but a one-year trial period for Shorewood. Jonathan seconded. Jess called the question. Riley said as point of information, no maintenance means letting Rick pay for it himself. Roll call vote passes 9-2-0.

Michael motioned to accept student life as is. Kimberly seconded. Jillian called the question. Jess acclimated. Roll call vote passes 11-0-0.

IX. Announcements: Matt said he is not able to attend the meeting so Jess will be taking his place. Michael would like everyone to take the childcare survey. John stated that it was a good meeting and to also remember that there are no sides. Everyone is here for the same reason.

X. Adjournment- Matt entertained a motion to adjourn. Jessica motioned. Shawna seconded. Josh called the question. Jess acclimated. Exited at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
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