

SUFAC Minutes
March 3, 2016

I. Call to Order

SUFAC Chair Eric Kissinger called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. **Members Present:** Eric Kissinger, Allison LeMahieu, John Landrum, Lea Truttman (OFO), Erica Kuehn, Noelle Poppe, Reed Heintzkill, Hannah Stepp, Janae Due, Penghan Yi
- b. **Absent:** Gretchen Klefstad (excused), Samuel Welhouse (excused), Nik Austin (excused), Milton Byers (absent), Nathan Rousseau (absent), Thomas Gentilini (absent)

III. Recognition of Guests:

- a. **Women of Color:** Camara Wallace, Olivia Covill, Tina Vang
- b. **Young Americans for Liberty:** Sam Dunkovich
- c. **Psi Chi:** Chad Osteen

IV. Approval of Agenda: Eric entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Janae Motioned. Han Seconded. Voice Vote. Agenda passed.

Eric entertained a motion to approve the minutes from February 18th and February 20th, 2016. Reed motioned to table the minutes. John advised the board to consider bypassing this requirement. Eric entertained a motion to bypass the requirement for quorum for the presentations. Janae motioned. Reed seconded. Erica motioned to approve the minutes. Hannah seconded. Minutes passed.

V. Reports

- a. **OFO:** Committed funds amounts to \$26,866.43 and org start up is \$1335.32.
- b. **Liaison:** Thank you for coming and we are sorry for stumbling about quorum.
- c. **Senate:** Absent.
- d. **SGA Exec:** We presented the childcare plan to the chancellor earlier this week. Within three weeks, he will address the faculty about a feasible plan. They are going to move forward with the stipend plan rather than focusing on a building. We are going to provide those that have children and financial need with aid for childcare. This has been in the works for a long time. SGA debates are April 6th. We are testing the app right now.
- e. **Vice Chair:** We approved a SASU reallocation.
- f. **Chair:** The chancellor has reviewed our decision to deny the athletics increase. He responded that he looks forward to meeting and working with SUFAC boards in the future. I'm working with the sustainability committee on the compost project. We are also working on a sub-committee to have more meetings for SUFAC and increase SGA

representation in SUFAC. Nate Fiene will be working on constitutional review tomorrow.

VI. New Business Items

a. Psi Chi Travel Contingency

We have an influx of people in Psi Chi and other students that want to go to MPA Annual conference. We want to send more people down there. We are requiring each person to pay for his or her admittance fee. Thus, the org is increasing their contribution. They are requesting \$900 than what was originally approved because double the people are going.

b. Women of Color—Food Event Reallocation

Our speaker that we are bringing in requested that we only pay for her airplane and rooming costs. She waived the honorarium fee so that we have more funds for food to provide to students. There will be three separate workshops throughout the day and we would like to honor her wish.

The event is a campus wide lecture for lunch and dinner. It will focus on Hmong men that marry Hmong women and sell them into sex trafficking. She will discuss the issue, promote advocacy, and help with problem solving. We are reallocating her speaker fee from the contractual honorarium to the food budget for the event. The total remains the same. The total food expense is over the \$1500 maximum guidelines. Eric asked for justification. There are numerous people that have committed to the lunch and dinner workshops and there is still a waiting list. There will be a lot of people that are going to be there so we would like to make this a campus-wide event. We chose the cheapest possible option for food based on Aviand's guidelines.

c. Young Americans for Liberty—Contractual contingency

Our group is going to have an expert from the sex work industry. He is a former professor from the University of Massachusetts. He will discuss the ties between individualism and sexuality. We think that this is an important issue that relates to the organization and we think that this will be an interesting topic that will get a lot of campus participation.

Eric commented that they have no budget and they are asking this on contingency.

VII. Discussion Items

a. Presented Budgets

b. Bylaw/Guideline Revision Discussion

i. Reserved Seats

We have reserved seats in SUFAC and there was an individual that approached the chair about implementing reserved seats in SGA. We have OIC and AIC reserved seats. We also want to add one for the Pride Center. The purpose of reserved seats is to promote diversity on the board.

Janae commented that she would not have gotten involved in the board if there hadn't been a seat. She is glad that she got involved. She feels that senate is different. It seems contrived. Why make seats when you can talk to people in those areas and offer them a general seat. Reed commented that the opposite argument could be said that some people would not get involved if there hadn't been a seat. The seat would guarantee representation but it seems artificial. Janae thinks it is important to have these voices on the board. Having the seat is positive because there are organizations that come in with certain backgrounds that these seats may be able to provide some insight to the board.

Eric commented that it is especially important to have reserved seats on SUFAC because they are making decisions about the budget compared to the policies made in SGA. Janae disagreed because there has been talk that people in Senate were speaking on behalf of AIC without knowing their position on the issue first.

Reed asked John about the historical aspect of adding these seats on the board and why it was necessary? John commented that it predates him but the purpose was to increase representation.

Reed commented that anyone could join SUFAC. John replied that isn't always compelling to students so stating that there is an open seat waiting often encourages students.

Hannah commented that having a spot reserved to prevent someone else from bypassing them. She believes that some of these things are conflicting and she believes the bypassing idea could be an issue.

ii. Revenue Definition

This is focusing on food events and whether events that charge admission should be required to reimburse SUFAC and treat the event like a fundraiser.

Allison is conflicted about this issue, especially since some orgs still need to cover other expenses for the event.

Reed commented that there have been groups that have charged admission without informing the board as a part of the budget request. Erica is also conflicted because they were only charging since they need more money for food.

The board favored judging this based on a case-by-case basis. Han felt that this would be more flexible. John commented that the distinction seemed to be about making the event bigger or trying to make profit. Reed commented that the SUFAC board should be informed beforehand and if they are funded the full cost of the event then the revenue should be reimbursed to SUFAC to account for the difference between the total cost and the maximum guideline.

This guideline discussion was abandoned.

iii. Signage Definition

Posters advertising an event is under duplicating and any other sign for event, etc. is not allowed.

c. Formation of Sub-committee on Student Organizations Allocation

i. Purpose

ii. Structure

Eric commented that we had a \$40,000 increase in the approved student org allocation this year, which is placing a strain on our reserve since there is still the issue of low enrollment. The point of this committee is to try to minimize this increase to prevent depleting the reserve during the enrollment crisis. John and Lea have been doing research on decisions and where we went over guidelines in each category.

Reed commented that we cut based on guidelines without looking ahead at the total allocation. We make the increase work with what we have. Another way that we can do this is to figure out how much we can allocate to student orgs before making decisions and making sure to cut based on this allotted amount.

There are different options. Eric wants to create the committee to meet outside of regular meetings. John commented that this committee would have a very essential role to the discussions and decisions on D-day. These meetings would be in place of the SUFAC meeting times. Meetings will start after spring break.

VIII. Action Items

a. Psi Chi Travel Contingency

Eric entertained a motion to approve Psi Chi travel contingency in full. Reed motioned. Noelle seconded. Roll call vote. Motion passed 6-0-0.

b. Women of Color—Food Event Reallocation

Eric entertained a motion to approve Women of Color food reallocation. Janae motioned. Noelle seconded. Roll call vote. Motion passed 6-0-0.

c. Young Americans for Liberty—Contractual contingency

Eric entertained a motion to approve Women of Color food reallocation. Erica motioned. Han seconded. Roll call vote. Motion passed 6-0-0.

IX. Announcements

Eric commented that it is time to consider the SUFAC leadership for next year. Typically, the Vice Chair becomes the Chair so the Vice Chair position is open and the application will be provided.

X. Adjournment: Eric entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Reed motioned. Janae seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
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