SUFAC

Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2015

# Call to Order

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

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

**Dance Team:** Jordan Wettstein, Ashley Shimanek, Alexandria Jasen, Autumn Beukene

**Bowling Club:** Crystal Remsza, Sam Watson

**Computer Science Club:** Craig Balke, Tom Rismeyer

**Club Volleyball:** Margaret Bell

**Anime Club:** Maxwell Larsen

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 package the minutes from the meetings. Nick T. motioned. Nate seconded. Voice Vote. Agenda passed.

Reed entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/29 and 2/5 meetings. Jessica motioned. Sami seconded. Voice Vote. Agenda passed.

1. **Reports**
   1. **OFO:**  I will hold my report until the end.
   2. **Liaison:** N/a
   3. **Senate:** N/a
   4. **SGA Exec:** N/a
   5. **Vice Chair:** We approved a few student union requests, including $364 for musician and dance, $500 for music/dance, etc. These funds were reallocated. Participation is up in SGA and SUFAC. We are in the final stretch for D-Day so please keep up attendance to stay informed in decision-making.
   6. **Chair:** N/A
2. **Student Org Budget Hearings:** 
   1. **Dance Team**

We are asking for uniforms, which we wear at all our events. We are also asking for a second set of poms because there is a new rule that poms are graded at competitions now, approximately 10% of the score. The second pair would be used to competitions to present and the other pair we would use to practice with. We are also asking for a uniform repair kit because we have to reuse them so we need sewing kits to repair gems, tears, etc. The kits are at a discounted price at $250 including everything we need to save the university money.

In the past, we have lucky to have students with choreography background but those students are graduating this year so we have contacted other universities to bring in a choreographer to teach us routines so that we can represent our school in a positive way.

We have food for our dance clinic program: Dance With Us. We took money from our fundraising this year to pay for snacks for the kids participating so we are asking for money for Gatorade, snacks, and other refreshments to rejuvenate them after 3 hours of dancing.

We are also asking for money for our end of the year banquet.

The travel request is for nationals for about 15 people on the team, which is where we go every year.

**Questions:**

Allison asked if they will be paying for any of the capital items or if not, why should there be an exception made? We understand the capital budget is limited at $2,000. We are asking for help with uniforms and our poms. We have noticed in past years that uniforms have not always been approved by SUFAC in the past so we are really hoping that the uniform kits will be approved to save the university money.

Reed POC: SUFAC does not fund apparel so we would fund the money but expect it to be paid back with fundraised money by the student org.

Reed commented that they are asking for funding for the two sets of pom. We need two sets of poms because there is a lot of wear and tear as we cheer at every basketball game for 2-3 hours.

* 1. **360 Degrees of Fitness**

We really want prizes, including water bottles, yoga mats, UWGB drawstring bags, and nike blankets. The prizes would motivate students to come to our program and learn about healthy living. We would also like to bring in a guest speaker to promote this message. We also have smoothie and healthy snack workshops where we hand out samples of healthy snacks.

We also want granola bars for our run to reward the participants. We would like to repeat the zombie run again in October so we would like to get candy for that. We were not funded in the fall but we still held the event and got the candy ourselves. The West Coast Mania is a workshop that is about $200 per person for all the instructors. We believe it might be in Chicago but it is a good opportunity to learn about healthy living off campus. We would also like to bring in a speaker to talk about yoga. We would like to ask for $50 as a gift to the speaker. We would like to motivate students and lead by good example. We had 20 students interested at OrgSmorg. I work at the Kress but unfortunately they do not want to fund us.

**Questions:**

Reed POC: The reason that the Zombie Run was not funded in the fall was because the Kress was funded directly, we were concerned about overlap between the Kress and this student org since this program was not a part of their budget.

It is difficult to find where set us a part from other active and health related organizations on campus but we feel that we are a more active org that promotes health to students directly through food and exercise.

Reed commented that this is a gray area because it could still be considered a branch off of the Kress.

Nik A. asked if they directly asked for funds from the Kress? We asked for funds for some events but they explained that since they are a student org, they did not think they should fund it. We haven’t had time to sit down with them and asked for funds for most of these requests.

Nik A. asked if the $50 for the guest speaker is a fee that she charges or if this is a gift? No, she doesn’t charge but we would like to give her the money as a gift to thank her for her time.

Allison asked if the trip would be able to happen if SUFAC lowered the amount to fit the guidelines for $40 per person per day? We are still not sure if the event is still happening because it is being worked out with our members right now. We are asking for 10 students.

Reed asked how the 10 students would be selected for the trip? There are no official members in the program because it is open to everyone who wants to participate. The trip would be advertised to see who would be interested and out of those who would most benefit from the experience. We would like to choose people that are interested in fitness or health related careers in the future, such as dietetics or athletic training students.

Eric asked about how many of their members work for the Kress? We have about 50 students on our e-mail list and out of that group, we only have a handful of people that work for the Kress.

Reed commented that we have to consider some of these requests in regard to giveaways to make sure that it all add up to fit the guidelines.

Nik A. commented that the $50 gift they want for the guest speaker would also be considered a giveaway. 360 Degrees commented that one of her classes costs about $50 so we would consider that to be her fee.

She thanked everyone for their time.

* 1. **Bowling Club**

Our dues will be increased next year to $2580 because the bowling alleys are charging more per game and this will also include national dues. We have 5 returning members. We have requested two bowling balls used for raffles as a fundraiser, which we have done in the past. Under contractual, we a have our cosmic bowling program, which we estimate about 20 students attending.

We have listed 3 out of 4 conferences we are attending. The last one is not listed because it is in GB and we do not need transportation funding for it. We have listed it for 24 students.

We have elective tournaments that we can go to where we can gain certain points to go farther in the championship rounds. There are only varsity entries since JV will not get the points. Our numbers are lower for that because we will only be taking certain members. The registration fees are higher for these tournaments because they are not included in the member fees.

**Questions:**

Allison commented that the total contractual is $2500 and the maximum is $2000. They replied that 40 people is just an estimate just as a precaution to make sure we have enough funding but at the moment, we only have 20 people. We never use all of it.

Nik A. asked about the memberships? We pay two types, one through the collegiate association to be college bowlers and another conference membership to play at tournaments. We want three teams, which will each have their own fees.

* 1. **Computer Science Club**

Our org tries to accommodate everyone so we are asking for tiny Raspberry pie computers that can be used by everyone at any skill level. We often do topic requests in our club so we need to pay an Apple fee that lasts a year to be able to work with the IOS system. We are asking for robot machinery cards. We do not have a robots organization on campus but there is interest on campus. A lot of people would like to build a quad helicopter to program them. These parts go on sale pretty frequently so we are asking for $2000. We would probably give this to the library or the Kress to be used on campus. We would put the lastest GoPro on it to be used at games or to check out people at the library. It would be a multi-purpose machine and the more we spend, the better it will be and the longer it will past.

A lot of people are interested in computer science because of video games and an entry level kit includes 3 seats for 3 computers for 1 year+. This is a one-time fee and we can keep it as long as we want.

We want to go to the museum of science in Chicago because the museum has an exhibit about robotics. $580 is the budget we are asking for food, housing, and transportation. We would be there for a few days.

**Questions:**

Reed asked about the raspberry pie requests? We got two raspberry pie computers last semester. We are working on making our own arcade machines but the raspberry pie is a devoted machine and it must stay connected for that purpose. They are not for replacement.

Reed asked if the capital items are ranked in order of importance? It is hard to say because all of our members have different interests. Reed commented that SUFAC has a $2000 cap on capital expenses so we would probably cut funding on that level unless there is a reason to break guidelines. The robot parts would last several years and be able to use widely on campus. We are trying to help educate people on campus.

Eric asked if they have reached out to any of these other organizations that they are talking about with the robot parts? Not yet because we do not want to make empty promises.

Nik A asked where would they get the parts for the arcade games? We have been funding it out of pocket so far because it was not on the budget last year. It is not as expensive as it sounds. We would like to put it in the union because we would really like to get our name out there to show the campus community that we are a consistently active club and get more student interest in joining.

Reed asked where they would prefer to prioritize funding for capital items? The engine seats would be our lowest priority and we could probably work on funding ourselves for the robotics. Reed commented that they can put a more comprehensive list of the parts they are considering for the robotic project then it would make it easier to consider the item in the budget.

John asked about the cost to get into the exhibit? It costs about $18 to enter the exhibit. We rely on our members heavily to fund these projects the best we can.

* 1. **Club Volleyball**

The Wisconsin volleyball club fee is a one-time $500 fee that pays for all the tournaments throughout the season instead of having to pay per tournament. We have a JV team now, which increases our costs. We had a preseason tournament as well. We have a total of 4 tournaments between JV and Varsity and we would also like to go to state on April 3rd this year. Reed commented that would be for this year so to stop by the office to discuss it.

Under travel, it is $30 per tournament for our players. We get our rooms for $70. Winona State joined our conference this year and will host tournaments but we still want the in-state rate for traveling. There are usually about 4 personal cars.

The state tournament is not listed. Reed commented that they would set up a meeting to add more item slots to the budget.

**Questions:**

Reed commented that the club is called a women’s volleyball club because there used to be a men’s volleyball club as well but it is still open to anyone who wants to join.

John asked if they still want to request 5 cars for next year even though they are using 3 cars this year? The number can fluctuate and we are not sure how many girls we will have next year. This year we did not need all of them but that might not change.

Reed commented that they should send an e-mail to sort through some of the details.

* 1. **Anime Club**

Our capital items are the smallest part of our budget. Our main goal of our club is to learn about Japanese culture. In Japan, these shows are popularly made. We watch these shows and bring up these topics in the episodes. We also want to go to a convention that brings together other people that share these interests in anime. This allows our members to meet with people with higher influence and network as well as expand their knowledge about the subjects explored there. We try to encourage our members to drive their own cars there but we also budget for vehicles just in case. In the past, someone’s car has broken down so we would like to have rented vehicles in our budgets just in case. We want to be careful about having enough money so we try to budget for it being more expensive.

**Questions:**

Eric asked where the DVDs are stored? At the moment, I keep them in my apartment since we did not think that it necessary to get a drawer. Reed commented that there is no charge for drawers. They will look into getting a drawer for storage.

* 1. **Christ Living Among Students**

We would like to bring in a singer that could bring together the different Christian organizations on campus. We would also like to get our name out there and promote our org to gain more members since we are relatively small right now. The singer’s rates that we are looking at have increased. We would like to travel to other campus ministries, including Milwaukee. We would probably only go for one night instead of two. We have an average of 10 people every week at our meetings but we estimated about 15 people going. We listed the price for the room a little higher just in case we have more people going.

1. **Discussion Items**
2. **Discuss Presented SO Budgets**

For the Dance team, Reed commented that SUFAC has always been weary about completely funding apparel so we have decided to fund it as a fundraiser so that we will be paid back. Allison commented that they never answered her question about whether they are going to pay 1/3 since they would be considered a club sport. Milton asked why we are funding all of these athletic organizations? There are certain groups that are not considered under athletics and intramurals. Allison asked why we fund the dance team but not cheerleading? Cheerleading is under the athletics department. Nik A. asked why we could fund this but we cannot fund the Zombie Run for 360 fitness? Reed commented that this is a gray area. The issue that we have with 360 degrees of fitness is that they are employees of the Kress center that may be trying to extend their budget by creating a student org. Reed commented that we are here to fund student organizations fairly and not to try to limit or restrict student organizations. Allison commented that after 360 degrees of fitness explained their org, it seemed more legitimate to fund them.

Reed commented that it is fair to treat the Dance Team as a club sport. The question comes down to two sets of poms.

Allison is concerned about the amount of funding requested by the bowling club. A lot of people are interested in bowling in this area, as stated by John, and Milton also commented that they are very successful in tournaments.

Computer science club had very compelling arguments for making an exception for their robotics program.

The issue for anime club is that they need to get a drawer to store the DVDs on campus.

1. **Discuss D-Day Guidelines**
2. **Action Items**
3. **American Fisheries Committed request**

Reed entertained a motion to approve American Fisheries request in full. Han motioned. Marc seconded. Motion passed.

Nick T. motioned to approve the American Fisheries Committed request. Allison seconded. Roll call vote. Motion passes 11-0-0.

1. **Announcements**

Reed commented that there was a summit this week for student government. The elections are coming up and there are a lot of people running for office. Reed will be a senior next year but he will not be the chair. This means that there will be an open position on the board.

Everything is set up for D-Day: Saturday March 21 at 9:00AM. Eric commented that we are going to have lunch at noon at the Mauthe Center.

1. **Adjournment:** Reed entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric motioned. Han seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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