SUFAC Meeting Minutes

October 17th, 2019, 5:15pm

University Union 1965 Room

1. Call to Order
   1. SUFAC Chair Haley Marks called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm
2. Roll Call
   1. Members Present: Haley Marks, Yasmin Nur, Kyle Klumb, Kejuan Goldsmith, Reese Eckenrod-Snyder, Guillermo Gomez, Kody Klumb, Sarah Bock, Sierra Miller, John Landrum, Lea Truttman
   2. Absent members: Val Gonzalez (excused)
3. Recognition of Guests
   1. No guests
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. Haley entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Yasmin motioned. Sierra seconded. Voice vote. Consent was called. There was no dissent. Motion passes.
5. Approval of Minutes
   1. Haley entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Sierra motioned. Kyle seconded. Voice vote. Consent was called. There was no dissent. Motion passes.
6. Reports
   1. OFO: Committed $33,928.53 Org Start Up $1454.11
   2. Liaison: Busy weekend, 6:30 PhoReal Craft Night, Hobbs and Shaw cheapseats this weekend,
   3. Senate: Senate meeting this week, confirmed a new senator, went over academic plan delegation to the different committees (not SUFAC), went over parli pro
   4. SGA Exec: Discussion on academic plan, talking to execs about it, very excited about the conversation about the academic plan, Pres and VP have been reaching out to branch campuses SGA to see what everyone else is doing, more communication with them in the future
      1. John - What is this academic plan?
         1. G - Provost’s new plan, academic strategic plan, 7 pillars, wants to get student feedback on them before moving forward with it, that’s why he came to student senate about it
   5. Vice Chair: Val is good at her job, I am not, congratulations to Val!
   6. Chair: Approved a contingency for Ultimate Frisbee for, went to the Senate meeting, hosting a big training tomorrow 10 people!
7. Haley entertained a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion point after new business. Reese motioned. Sierra seconded. Voice vote. Consent was called. There was no dissent. Motion passes.
8. New Business
   1. Viewpoint Neutrality
      1. Lawyers from Madison and MKE made this, not legal advice! Don’t think it is! Used to have a big event with all of the UW system SGA and SUFAC’s, go to it if it ever happens again, every SUFAC is very different from one another, Viewpoint neutrality is important because?
         1. Kejuan - because we’re handling money
      2. J - ensures SUFAC stays legal, ensures we can continue to have a Seg Fee, court cases
      3. Southworth v Board of Regents
         1. allows you to decide where the pool of Seg fee money goes, rather than asking every individual student about each decision
         2. Viewpoint Neutrality allows SUFAC to be able to do what we do now, divide the seg fee pool for the student body
      4. 1st amendment secures free speech, cannot discriminate between student orgs for money
      5. Southworth was filed because there were not many rules, was not viewpoint neutral, court case ended with the implementation of viewpoint neutrality
      6. Cannot not fund an org because you don’t agree with their values
      7. unbridled discretion, must have objective rules in place, maintain checks and balance, review and/or appeal process, appeal to the chancellor compare grant amounts to determine whether similar orgs were treated equally and fairly, cannot stifle a minority opinion
      8. What if Spock hears Kejuan saying he will fund chess club no matter what, what should Spock do?
         1. If he’s made up his mind before hearing the request, that is where the issue comes from
         2. “hey Kejuan, you have to hear what chess club has to say before making up your mind”
         3. Kejuan - “Doesn’t matter, I’m going to fund them anyway”
         4. John - What then?
         5. Guillermo - Talk to Haley or Reese
         6. John - yes, or me, get help, talk to someone
      9. Continued Viewpoint Neutrality Training
   2. Big Picture
      1. John talked about how much SUFAC approved last year for orgs, how the request amount can change before d day, chairs can decide budgets under 500, and use discretion between 500-3500, 3500 plus must come to board
      2. Talked about the letter Chair sends to chancellor at the end of year with their recommendation for seg rate and funding
      3. Talked about the guessing of who will pay seg fee, how the seg fee is split, how much funding around the university is from the seg fee and where it goes, how the seg fee is set
9. Discussion
   1. Non-Allocable Request
      1. This week we got a contingency request from an auxiliary,
      2. Talked about the bylaws to talk through the process of presenting and maybe approving that request
      3. The Union is asking for money to do a survey about a possible renovation, its been about 15 years since the last renovation, time to grow it, too small for the student body
10. Announcements
    1. John - don’t forget to tell your friends to turn in their budgets!
11. Adjournment
    1. Kejuan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sierra seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.