SUFAC Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2022, 5:15 PM

1965 Room, UWGB

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Recognition of Guests
   1. Lisa: Budget director
   2. Matt Suwalski: Executive director of union
   3. Gail Sims-Aubert: Assistant Vice-chancellor for student affairs and dean of student
   4. Corey King: Vice chancellor for student affairs and inclusivity
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. So moved: Riley
   2. Seconded: Aidan
5. Approval of Minutes
   1. So moved: Riley
   2. Seconded: Harrison
6. Reports
   1. Vice Chair: Continuing finishing all of the exceptions we have to iron out and preparing the agenda for D-day.
   2. Chair: Following up with athletics with questions. Reallocation for BSU for $150. Track down remaining orgs and ironing out last exceptions.
   3. Senate: Involved in working on a university wide SGA and a statewide student government. We approved $20,000 for the childcare establishment fund. SUFAC approved this money in a previous year, and we decided to give out.
   4. SGA Exec: We confirmed 6 people at the last senate meeting. Next senate meeting we will be adding another senator.
   5. Liaison: Committed $29762.25, Org startup $1,059. Cheap seats is showing Eternals. Women’s basketball game tonight. Saturday the fifth is skating and tubing at the Titletown District. Monday the 7th is grocery bingo. Wednesday the 9th there is snowshoeing out at Shorewood.
7. New Business
   1. Counseling – Amy Henniges
      1. 31% increase in volume of service.
      2. National standard is once counselor per 1000-1500 students.
         1. GB is at 1 per 2,000
            1. Adding another counselor in the new budget.
            2. Harrison: Why haven’t you requested this money for this before. I hear everything about needing more and needing better. Does UW system support schools at all if they want to reach this ratio.

We need more support and additional offices and space. There has been a lot of focus on this recently. They are trying to see if they can get UW system support.

* + 1. Total SUFAC request: $398,392
    2. Questions:
       1. Harrison: What is the service like during the summer and winter session.
          1. One counselor works in a 9-month contract, we have one that decreases to 2 or 3 days in the summer. We have less volume in the summer and we do continue to see students in the summer.
       2. Riley: You moved some to branch campus a couple days a week is that funded out of this fund
          1. We had 10% on the Marinette budget this year. We will bring that counselor back and send the new counselor there.
       3. Aidan: Will this new counselor be full time or 9 months?
          1. New counselor is 12 months full time and 10 percent of time and money will be at the branch campus
       4. Harrison: Is there any monitoring feedback that you can track student input on their services. Can we support you in collecting more student data to guide in the right way?
          1. This spring we had the national college health survey go out. We survey students who receive our services. There is a report. We have opportunities to do more focus groups.
  1. Health – Gail Sims-Aubert and Amy Henniges
     1. Asking for total expense of what the contract requires by FTE of students.
     2. SUFAC total request:
     3. Questions:
        1. JD: Services are available to branch campus students. Do they come to this campus to receive services?
           1. There is not a wellness center on the other campus. Students can go to the nearest Prevea and they can be seen or evaluated for no cost as it is paid for by the seg fee. We have counseling services available for them.
        2. JD: Does the wellness center offer urgent care services?
           1. Yes, we can do urgent care and basic care in our center. Similar to what the branch campus students would receive. Being seen in other locations is covered but if Green Bay students go to urgent care it is not covered.
        3. Tristan: On the branch campuses, are they pitching into the contract or are we footing it all?
           1. The other locations are subsidizing the counseling services. The Marinette budget is paying for 10% of the one counselor that travels there. On the urgent care side, we had a low utilization.
           2. Gail: There is fee if it does get used. We have had no usage though. That is something we need to look at for the future to promote it better. We need to strategize long term.
        4. Brenden: On student outcomes for 3 out of 5 were under the mean of the rest of the UW system. De you have any strategy to improve those categories.
           1. Yes, we are trying to meet or exceed the benchmark in every category. We have used these as our strategic plan, and we struggle with student participation by getting them to respond. UWGB has a lower response rate so we a re trying to figure out. The academic questions are just for those coming for that service.
  2. Student Life – Matt Suwalski
     1. SUFAC Total Request: $972,125
        1. 1% increase over the 2021-2022 funding
     2. Questions:
        1. Harrison: What are the E-sports managers managing?
           1. We hired them in December, and they are creating the program. They are managing the computers and marketing and planning student outreach.
        2. Brendan: How much interest is there in the E-Sports
           1. We have three games that we will be competing with next year. Our e-sports manager is working on leagues. We have recreational interest, and we will go in the direction students want to take us. There is an interest form and if you fill it out then we will create leagues.
           2. Advisory committee had 12-15 students and the interest is for the e-sports mangers to bring the interest in. This will give us the ability to expand beyond our campus.
  3. University Union – Matt Suwalski
     1. SUFAC total request: 1,290,124
        1. 2% increase from 2021-22 budget
     2. Questions:
        1. Harrison: How was $10 decided
           1. We did an analysis and that was the most budget friendly. Our goal is to get the minimum position to $12. $10 puts us near other UW systems. We have a convenience factor.
        2. Harrison: If the goal is to cultivate students first why aren’t we paying them comparable amounts to off campus jobs.
           1. We have a three-year plan to get to 12. The student employee hours change pretty quick. We will continue to make progress as being fiscally responsible
        3. Harrison: If it is going to student wages that is a more palatable expense then other things because this money will go back to students. I am disappointed that we are paying 10 an hour. Our best students will feel the need to stay based on loyalty and not the pay
           1. We support increases student wages.
  4. Transit – Matt Suwalski
     1. SUFAC Total Request: $12,000
        1. Continue partnership with bus system
        2. Trying to find other forms of transportation
     2. Questions:
        1. JD: What is the Uber program and can I get details
           1. Once the funding is approved there are a few different ways. A coupon type system. Percent off per ride.
           2. The busses will continue. We are trying to just find alternative routes and transportation systems.
        2. Riley: How much does the university pay per ride
           1. $1 per ride

1. Discussion
   1. Counseling
      1. JD: It would be nice to see the additional FTE staff to bring us into the goal and offering a better service to students. She mentioned students are allowed 12 session per year. Is there plans to increase that or if that is effective the way it is.
      2. Ted: Dr. King moved to 12 because 12 is the start to the 12 to 15 for the national average range.
      3. Harrison: Counseling, health services, and union pay for student employees are all things SGA is aware of and is working on. For transit we might lobby green bay and see if the city or the UW system can reach out and help.
      4. Riley: After we go through this on D-day while we approve it, maybe we say would like to see a bigger increase.
      5. Harrison: The best option is to approve this and see how they can reach the 1 to 1500 ratio. Encourage them that we can hit the benchmark at some point and SGA can work on that with them. We want to survey students on the services they receive.
      6. Isaac: I would be interested in if we can figure out what would be a good number for this campus specifically. This campus might need more than that ratio or less. Can we request counseling provide us those numbers?
      7. Riley: We have the third highest ratio. Most are not over 1500 and are all under that.
      8. Harrison: Just improving the ratio we can improve the quality of the services.
      9. Riley: They had a 10% increase in base salary. They gave us use data I want to know if they can get data from other campus.
      10. Straw pull vote:
          1. Motion to approve the budget for the university counseling service of in full
             1. 9-0-1
   2. Health
      1. Riley: This is a narrow amount in terms of their flexibility. This amount is request and it is proportional to FTE on campus, and they spend all.
      2. Harrison: Why does the amount charge look like it is more than double? The contract rate is going up 15 per FTE. What caused the increase this year but only 2.35 next year?
         1. Riley: They bill it based on the fall FTE
      3. JD: Ted or Harrison, can you speak on the student experience with the new system.
         1. Harrison: I have no official data on this. People say that Prevea is okay. I don’t know about general health services so I can’t speak to it.
      4. Straw pull vote
         1. In favor of approving health services budget in full
            1. 11-0-0
   3. Student Life
      1. JD: I am happy with what they have. They are the biggest event and program providers on campus. I have heard great reviews from other students.
      2. Harrison: I’d like to start providing usage data on programs for future budgets. Per FTE what is the rough cost per program approving and rough benefit to students and how many students benefit from the program.
      3. JD: In the union budget we discussed raising student wage. I am in support in increasing the budget to a higher rate to $12 for student and life and the union
      4. Brendan: He seemed to hype up E-sports I am trying to gage how many students are interested and he didn’t really answer that question for me.
         1. Tristan: The committee that he created was about 15 people and they have gotten emails from other students
      5. Ted: It seems like out school is below average for every aspect within the UW system. I think E-sports is something that will be big, and it will be nice to be ahead in that aspect.
      6. Harrison: Once there are teams how does that space get used in terms of space allocations. What does it look like when an E-sports team needs time to practice? They probably don’t have a plan, but they should have a plan for that in the future.
      7. JD: Was UREC exploring something to do something with E-sports. Would that be this budget?
         1. Ted: There is intramural rocket league, but it is through UREC.
         2. JD: who will end up having control over E-sports lounge. Will it be treated as an intramural sport?
         3. Ted: People use their own computers for intramural so that is completely separate things. I would assume you can use the E-sports computer if they need to.
         4. Harrison: We can look at something for SUFAC not funding the same program from 2 different groups. Athletics can’t come to us requesting to create an E-sports league when we already have that allocated on a different budget.
      8. Straw pull vote
         1. Approving the student engagement budget in full
            1. 11-0-0

* 1. University Union
     1. JD: I would like to see a raise in the student minimum wage. I have heard floating rumors of a union renovation and if we are expecting information on that.
        1. Tristan: It will need to be redone and the whole survey of the cost is changing all the time. I have heard different budgets. SFUAC has designated funds to the rebuild.
        2. 1.6 mill that SUFAC has already put down for the rebuild.
        3. Riley: Matt did present to the student senate for the rough time. None of us will still be here when a budget comes to SUFAC.
     2. Harrison: I am dissatisfied for the minimum wage. It is not very competitive. I don’t think we should rely on that it is convenient to pay people less. They should not ask us for money this budget but there needs to be a plan in place. Plan for how they can get to a higher student wage.
     3. JD: Student wage increases across the board
     4. Riley: The plan is to go from 10-12 in three years which I don’t understand why the turtle’s pace is necessary
     5. Tristan: We draft a letter to the chancellor to explain what we approved. In that letter we are able to give explanation in our ruling we can include that SUFAC is in support of raising the student wage.
     6. Riley: One reason they might be wary of raising because we are the ones paying for these raises.
     7. Harrison: the best way to achieve this is through the lobbying effort through the sate because they control the UW system.
     8. Riley: SGA can do that, but that is outside of our control
     9. Isaac: I would be interested in what the seg fee would like with the pay increase.
     10. John: There is no university wide minimum wage.
     11. Harrison: The other way of doing this is to just ask for them to consider the total budget request and ask them to reallocate their budget differently to be able to raise student wages. We would like this to happen and help if we can to support wellbeing of students
     12. JD: There are many student orgs that have campaigned for a higher minimum wage. LIT has asked for 15 per hour.
     13. Straw pull vote
         1. Approving the union budget in full.
            1. 10-0-1
  2. Transit
     1. JD: Students have issues being the only bus stop being at the library. I want to see initiatives to increase service on campus and implement the new micro transit is on campus. There is a lack of transportation to housing.
     2. Ted: There is a housing bus stop
        1. JD: It is not in service anymore. The micro transit night service and fixed service is at the library.
     3. Riley: Most problems come from structural issues outside of our control and it is due to the way the city of Green Bay is set up.
     4. Harrison: Issue where we may have to look into a lobbying issue to fix it.
     5. Tristan: A lack of advertising may be an issue and we brought that up and they looked at expanding advertising and they added some and it still didn’t raise the usage.
        1. JD: I don’t think those are working and the bus map is from 2009.
     6. Mac: I got a free bus pass from jump start but there is no advertising for it anywhere else.
     7. Straw pull vote
        1. Support the transit budget it full for
           1. 11-0-0

1. 5-minute recess
   1. Riley motion to enter a 5-minute recess
2. Announcements
   1. Harrison: The chancellor will attend the senate meeting on valentine’s day
   2. JD: I have jury duty and might miss the Thursday meeting in 2 weeks.
   3. Riley: D-Day is in 2 weeks on Saturday.
3. Adjournment
   1. So moved: Riley
   2. Seconded: JD