SUFAC Meeting Minutes

April 13th, 2023 5:15 PM

1965 Room, UWGB

1. Call to Order 5:16 PM
2. Roll Call
3. Recognition of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. Moved by Brendan
   2. Seconded by Tanisha
   3. Motion to amend agenda to have Phoenix Law Society first and move Jasmin to the end
      1. Moved by Zea
      2. Seconded by Zach
      3. Motion carries
5. Approval of Minutes
   1. Moved by Zea
   2. Seconded by Nathan
6. Reports
   1. Chair
      1. Working on transition binder
      2. Finding successors
      3. Org startup approved for crochet club and biking club
      4. Engineering club reallocation $51.88
      5. Predental club reallocation for $40
      6. MSA supply request for $204
   2. Vice Chair
      1. Working on transition binder
      2. Updates to bylaws
   3. Senate
      1. Last senate meeting this Monday
      2. Resolution to provide menstrual products in all bathrooms
   4. SGA Exec
      1. Approved health and safety chair
   5. Liaison
      1. Meetings and working with orgs and departments
      2. Committed at $27,531.79
      3. Org start up at $2,658.47
7. New Business
   1. Phoenix Law Society Supplies Request
      1. Justice for All Gala
      2. $21 on lights
      3. $26 on balloons
      4. Awards being bought
         1. 7 awards at $24.31 per award
         2. Total comes to $117
         3. Doesn’t come near threshold for giveaways so should not be considered expensive
         4. Awards are highly valuable in field they care how you look on paper
      5. Questions
         1. Brendan: what awards look like
         2. Hannah: crystal balls that say founders award
         3. Brendan: would this be ongoing?
         4. Hannah: in future we will only give out to max of 5 members
         5. Maleny: how big is your org?
         6. Hannah: 10 consistent and 5 in and out members
   2. Graduate Student Council Supplies and Food Request
      1. Supplies is for $35
         1. $25 for Phlash
         2. $10 for paper
         3. Questions
            1. Riley: how does the Phlash costume work?
            2. Rep: you make request and pay for costume
            3. Stephanie: the money goes to the student that is Phlash
      2. Food request
         1. 700 graduate students, the average age is 38 years old
         2. 38% of grad students are over 25
         3. Ask for coupons that they would buy to present coupons to graduate students and their families
         4. Estimate 30-70 people coming
         5. $500 total cost
         6. Questions
            1. Rep: is this all or nothing?
            2. Riley: you would at least get $200
            3. Stephanie: would it be possible to get the coupons and they can take a count and then you pay after
            4. Riley: Is this just for masters' students?
            5. Rep: yes, and doctoral students
   3. SAGA Reallocation Request
      1. SAGA recently went over a change of leadership
      2. 42 student members
      3. Want to give items to Drag Queen Bingo to let students know they are still here and running
      4. Bring attention to the issues in politics right now that are negatively affecting the queer community
      5. Prizes not meant to be for specific people and 6 additional people can get prizes at Bingo
      6. Going to be 170-200 people at this Bingo
      7. Questions
         1. Matthew: when you said this is one year, is this the only year SAGA is contributing to it?
         2. Mack: this is the only year we will be involved in it
         3. Tanisha: it sounds like you have some extenuating circumstances
         4. Mack: the budget is in disarray, and we are trying to work with what we have and reallocate money
         5. Brendan: Why isn’t the Pride Center sponsoring everything?
         6. Maria: this is a partnership and none of our money has been touched yet
         7. Riley: if we were not to fund this, would SAGA be in danger of collapsing? Is this request essential to SAGA’s existence moving forward?
         8. Maria: I say yes, we have had now 3 meetings and they have all been very small because of our late start. With all the people going to Bingo, this will be a way for our voices to be heard.
   4. Workers and Socialist Party Food Request
      1. May Day Celebration
         1. May 1st in Phoenix Club from 12p.m.- 3p.m. open to everyone
         2. Officially announce org to campus
         3. Make progress for workers at UWGB
         4. Main event is food and games
         5. Pagans doing fire in evening
         6. Gnome games coming with Dungeon Delvers
         7. Plans to advertise
         8. Asking $800 for food
         9. Question
            1. Alex: is this a political event?
            2. Rep: this is not an outwardly political event; this is to mainly support workers and bring people together
            3. Brendan: what do the lunch meals entail?
            4. Rep: we want lunch boxes for people to take
            5. Tanisha: are we still following state guidelines?
            6. Riley: the state puts a cap on how much can be spent on a student for a meal
            7. Matthew: is this community outreach
            8. Rep: the focus is right now UWGB students
            9. Ayansa: are you co-sponsoring the food with other orgs?
            10. Rep: we all pick a section of May Day to sponsor
   5. Confirmation of Jasmin Puls
      1. Was already on SUFAC and must reapply as a member at large
      2. Questions
         1. Riley: do you plan on being on SUFAC next year
         2. Jasmin: yes
      3. Motion to approve
         1. Moved by Brendan
         2. Seconded by Zach
      4. Discussion
         1. Tanisha: we like more SUFAC members
      5. Motion carries
   6. Bylaw Review
      1. Art. I: Establishment
         1. No change
      2. Art. II: Membership
         1. Chair is elected by committee under this new proposal
         2. Admin assistant renamed to secretary and is elected by committee
         3. Tanisha clause: allows for senator who resigns from senate for non-disciplinary reasons to be accepted into at large membership if there is a seat available
         4. Reserved seat to graduate student office
         5. Establish all elected positions as their own membership category
            1. Give more member at large seats
         6. Resignation and expulsion
            1. Member cannot be expelled just based off a motion
            2. 2/3 majority needed to be expelled from committee
      3. Art. III: Officers
         1. Terms vary currently when the end of the year is, move it so terms expire on Sunday before final meeting of academic year, the week before finals week
         2. Chair elected by committee before the final meeting
         3. If there is a candidate avilable must have at least one semester of prior SUFAC experience and must have attended ¾ of the meetings
         4. If SUFAC has 3 or fewer members, the chair can vote
         5. Vice chair voted at seconded to last meeting
         6. Indicates that the Vice Chair should preside over meetings in absence of the chair
         7. Changing last to penultimate
         8. Renaming admin assistant to secretary
            1. Has 4 office hours a week
         9. Section 7 has blocks of texts deleted explaining the succession
         10. Every spot is up for reelection
         11. Elections at penultimate meeting
         12. No clause on how to fill vacancies
         13. If chair runs for reelection, gavel has to be passed to neutral member
         14. If elected positions vacant for 3 weeks or longer, the chair can nominate an eligible student and committee votes on that
         15. Clause that the chair can appoint secretary for duration of meeting
         16. Chain of succession: Vice chair, vice chair pro tempore, secretary, speaker of the senate, president or VP of SGA
         17. Motions of no confidence clause
         18. Section C gets rid of something null and void
      4. Art. IV: Meeting
         1. Chair and Vice Chair able to approve anything less than or equal to $5000 during winter or summer session and committee votes on when to enter that at the last meeting of the semester
         2. Last meeting of year is the week of finals and penultimate meetings of the week prior
         3. Quorum is half not half plus one
      5. Art. V: Procedures
         1. 2 yay, 1 nay, and 3 abstentions, vote would pass
         2. Allowed to make stylistic changes as long as they do not get rid of the meaning
      6. Art. VI: Amendment and Coming into Force
         1. Getting rid of coming into force
      7. Bylaws never specifies Roberts Rules, so that will be added
8. Action Items
   1. Graduate Student Council Supplies and Food Request
      1. Motion to approve $535 by Nathan
      2. Seconded by Matthew
      3. Discussion
         1. Tanisha: this is their only event of the year and its only $500
      4. Vote
         1. 11-0-3 motion carries
   2. SAGA Reallocation Request
      1. Motion to approve $152.88 by Zea
      2. Seconded by Matthew
      3. Discussion
         1. Tanisha: couldn’t they just reallocate?
         2. Riley: since this was against guidelines, we asked them to present, the guidelines about giveaways it is tailored toward org smorg
         3. Tanisha: this is an extenuating circumstance, so I think we should grant it
         4. Ayansa: one question I had, with the flags being bought, those are not accepted under the guidelines, under section 2 number 7, the items should be given to many people
         5. Riley: that is the exception they are asking for, yes
         6. Brendan: we should not fund flags at all, I don’t feel like this event is very important because they are just adding a few additional items, so I am not in favor for approving any of it because it isn’t a good precedent and whatever we decide her applies to other situations
         7. Matthew: this is essential to their existence to co-sponsor so people know they exist
         8. Ayansa: when I added it up, this is not under $200
         9. Riley: the total is actually $152, not $500
      4. Vote
         1. Motion fails as a 2/3 majority was not reached
            1. 6-6-2
   3. Phoenix Law Society Supplies Request
      1. Motion to approve for $216.17 by Brendan
      2. Seconded by Jasmin
      3. Discussion
         1. Alex: we should strike down awards
         2. Nathan: how these awards are made and what it means, does not really matter, and it is not that expensive
         3. Kris: I agree, they could easily do certificates
         4. Eliza: it sounds like they will do this every year, it is very clearly against our guidelines
         5. Brendan: this is kind of like a graduation material and it is limited in who is going to get it and it is not open to the whole student body
         6. Braden: they like to look good on paper, paper is a perfect award
      4. Vote on awards
         1. Motion fails 2-8-4
      5. Motion to approve amount of $46 for remaining supplies by Brendan
      6. Seconded by Braden
         1. Brendan moved to amended motion to add $1
         2. Seconded by Jasmin
         3. Consent called
            1. Motion carries
         4. Approve $47
            1. Vote

Motion carries 10-0-4

* 1. Workers and Socialist Party Food Request
     1. Motion to approve request in amount of $800 by Zea
     2. Seconded by Kris
     3. Zea: I like the premise of the event and I like the grab and go option
     4. Matthew: I think 80 attendants is high balling it especially for a first-time event
     5. Alex: personally, I feel like 80 is a low number considering the time and where it is located
     6. Tanisha: being so new, he really had it together and it is well planned, I am in favor
     7. Brendan: this does not break any guidelines, so I am in favor
     8. Braden: I like that this is a collaboration
     9. Vote
        1. Motion carries 12-0-2
  2. SUFAC Policy Manual
     1. Motion to approve the SUFAC policy manual and repeal all the old guidelines and replace them with new ones to be effective contingent upon the approval of the next agenda item by Zea
     2. Seconded by Braden
     3. Brendan: after some points about the broadness of electronics, it is pretty hard to come up with something that does what we want it to do, we made it to be media or other high value electronic equipment
     4. Riley: media equipment includes things like editing software and graphic software
     5. Unanimous consent to get rid of word “other”
     6. Brendan: I did not get rid of the banners, we will leave it up to the next SUFAC to figure out
     7. Brendan: for travel, we are making it $60 per person per day because registration no longer has a $4000 cap and it is one big pool at $10,000
     8. Brendan: reducing 10% to 5% for scholarships
     9. Vote
        1. Motion carries 12-0-2
  3. Approve removal of Section 1.04 of the SGA Constitution
     1. Our vote will not remove it, SGA has to do that
     2. Motion to approve removal contingent upon and amendment that make SGA autonomous by Kris
     3. Seconded by Zach
     4. Committee in favor

1. Announcements
   1. Stephanie: there is a GLOW event in the Kress tonight
   2. Riley: I have a very nice list of superlatives drafted by me, if you want to nominate anyone for a superlative, email me
   3. Kris: Drag King Bingo is next Tuesday in the Phoenix Rooms
2. Adjournment 7:08 PM