

SUFAC
Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2015

I. Call to Order

SUFAC Chair Eric Kissinger called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. **Members Present:** Eric Kissinger, Allison LeMahieu, Reed Heintzkill, John Landrum, Lea Truttman (OFO), Milton Byers, Erica Kuehn, Nate Rousseau, Penghan Yi, Noelle Poppe, Gretechen Klefstad, Hannah Stepp
- b. **Absent:** Nikolas Austin, Marc Minani

III. Recognition of Guests:

Alumni: Nick Toyne

Ballroom Dance Club: Bradley McDonald

Circle K: Michelle McChesney, Brittany Heinen, Taylor Steele, Kortney

Krajewsla, Katelyn Krajenski

SGA: Hannah Stepp, Gretchen Klefstad

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

Eric entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23rd meetings. Nate motioned. Erica seconded. Voice Vote. Agenda passed.

V. Reports

- a. **OFO:** Committed funds amounts to \$35,000 and org start up are \$1464.65.
- b. **Liaison:** N/A
- c. **Senate:** Senate meeting on Monday if you would like to become a senate member.
- d. **SGA Exec:** I'm Hannah Stepp and I'm the president of SGA>
- e. **Vice Chair:** N/A
- f. **Chair:** Welcome to SUFAC. This is the first official meeting and we will start viewpoint neutrality training next week when we have new senators.

VI. Reinstating of Returning 2014-2015 Members :

- a. **Marc Minani:** He has expressed interest in becoming an at-large member but he is not present.
- b. **Milton Byers:** I was a senator last year and I have cut back on some clubs since last year because I want to be more involved in SUFAC.
- c. **Reed Heintzkill:** I will be joining senate and I will be confirmed as a senator on Monday. I look forward to seeing the new leadership.

Eric entertained a motion to package the returning members, Milton and Reed. Han motioned. Nate seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Eric entertained a motion to reinstate the members. Milton motioned. Nate seconded. Roll-call vote. Motion passed 6-0-0.

VII. Approval of New Members

a. **Noelle Poppe:** I sat in on some meetings last year and I am interested in participating this year.

Eric entertained a motion to approve Noelle as a new member. Reed motioned. Nate seconded. Roll-call vote. Motion passed 8-0-0.

VIII. Discussion Items

a. **Welcome to the year**

b. **Contingency Budgets**

i. **Ballroom Dance Club**

We did not receive a budget this year because of communication issues. The first item under committed is for our winter formal in February. The \$100 is for decorations for the ball. We recycle our decorations. Next, under contractual is payment of instructor. Every Monday, we have an instructor that is a professional ballroom dancer that instructs for 2 hours. This is essential to our organization. It is usually \$40-\$60 per hour. We try to have live music at our winter ball so the \$100 is for the jazz band. We also provide snacks and drinks at the ball including cake. It is not a full meal but refreshments. Under travel, we take one trip per year at the end of April for our ballroom state competition. We usually go down the day off and spent the day off. 16 students attend and the money pays for each individual dance because it costs to be on the floor. We have had huge success in the past and many students have taken first in the category. It is also a great bonding activity.

Questions:

- Han asked where the competition is? Milwaukee.
- Reed asked for more detail about the registration costs?
Each student needs to pay a registration fee as a dancer. Each dance costs anywhere from \$10-\$25 depending on the category in addition to the additional registration fee.
- Allison asked if part of the registration is the cost of staying overnight in a hotel?
No, we usually go down the morning of so it should not say overnight. It is a one-day competition.
- Eric pointed out that this is over the \$40 per person per day guideline.
They decided to change it to a two-day competition, which would fit the guidelines. They would not require lodging.

ii. Circle K

We fall on three pillars: leadership, fellowship, and service. Under supplies and expenses, we have made an itemized list due to our total cost of expenses. General supplies are for decorative materials for our volunteer opportunities. The photocopying is for advertising events to our members each month. We are asking for a portion of our international fees. Kewaunee Club funds some of that fee but we need help for the rest. Every year in the past, we have gotten T-shirts to unify us as a group at our volunteer events. Typically whatever the T-shirt costs, we raise the amount by \$5 to bring in a profit to our club. Under food, our end of the year social is to reward our members for their volunteer hours. We will have snacks like cookies and juice. We also have a cookout where we charge an entrance fee (\$5-\$7) where we help raise money for our scholarship fund. We also go on a few trips. The first one is at a camp in Wisconsin Dells where we attend workshops and receive leadership training. We help the camp get ready for the winter. We also have our district convention in March, which will be held in Green Bay. There are volunteering opportunities, workshops, etc. The last trip is in April and it is similar to the first trip. It is also in the Dells where we do leadership training and get the camp ready for the summer.

Questions:

- Eric asked for clarification about the travel events (one-night events, etc.).
Reed asked how they determined who gets to go on these trips? It is usually about 5 members and it is whoever shows interest. We generally do not have too many that go.
- Reed asked for more information about their volunteer events?
We have cleaned up bunks, restocking shelves, etc. at the camp. We also have fun workshops that teach us to recruit members. There are service projects where we make Mother's Day cards for mothers that have lost their children.

c. AIC/Multi-cultural Ad-Hoc

Eric reminded the board about the AIC presentation proposing an AIC committee that combines the multi-cultural organizations (WOC, OLA, Intertribal, BSU, SASU). Allison is sitting on the committee and welcomes any members to join her as a voice on the board.

Reed commented that the cultural orgs are important and big budget orgs while they also take a lot more time to organize. This would be very helpful to the Chair and Vice-chair. The major decision to be made is whether we approve of the org budgets being combined to one pot. Eric commented that we would need to ensure that SUFAC guidelines are followed.

d. Greek/Exclusionary Organizations

Section 5.05 states that Greek organizations are not funded by SUFAC but they are allowed to request funds for specific events. This by-law was added a few years ago. During the summer, we were getting questions about certain events benefiting the entire student body, which may differ person to person. This is a subjective question so we sought clarification from John, who provided us the F50 document for legal policy. This states that we are not able to fund organizations that judge based on race, gender, etc. This includes pledging and directly selecting which members can join.

Allison stated that from this point forward, we are not going to approve any further requests from Greek organizations. We will still honor the requests that we have already approved this year for Greek organizations.

Questions/Comments:

- Reed motioned to strike the language in Section 5.05B2 to exclude Greek organizations from being funded at special requests. Nathan seconded. Milton clarified that we will never be funding Greek orgs due to the exclusionary nature. Eric clarified that other organizations can co-fund Greek orgs.
- Hannah asked if there are other schools in the UW-system that is funding Greek orgs? Eric replied that he is not aware. Reed commented that no other school funds Greek activity.
- Hannah asked if Greek orgs is aware of this decision? Yes. Are they upset? Eric has not gotten negative feedback. Hannah asked if there are other organizations on campus that are also exclusionary that are similar to Greek pledging? John explained that the subjective nature of choosing their members differ from the other orgs. John clarified that Title IX allows for exclusively same sex organizations but with open membership.

Reed motioned to table the motion until the document was sent out to the board. Nate seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

IX. Action Items

a. Presented Contingency Budgets

- Ballroom Dance Club Contingency Request

Eric entertained a motion to approve Ballroom Dance Club's contingency budget. Erica motioned. Erica seconded.

Milton is still questioning the matter of whether they are staying overnight. Reed commented that it is their only trip.

Nate called the question. Roll call vote. Motion passed 8-0-0.

- Circle K contingency budget

Reed called the question. Roll call vote. Motion passed 8-0-0.

X. Announcements

Nick Toyne commented how we had a marvelous time last year and the new members are in for a treat. Be skeptical and keep an open mind. Listen to John because he knows everything.

XI. Adjournment: Eric entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Reed motioned. Nathan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
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