

SUFAC
Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2013

I. Call to Order

SUFAC Chair Kim Dawson called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. **Members Present:** Kimberly Dawson, Shawn Brown, John Landrum, Reed Heintzkill, Megan Leonard, Heba-SGA Exec., Bea Yang-OFO

III. Recognition of Guests:

Green Fire Drumline: Jack Vanbeek, Evan Ash

Small Group Communication: Joel Taipale, Denise Liem-kon-Tja, Elizabeth Smeaton, Tiffany Treml, Robert Lambert.

IV. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Kim entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Reed motioned. Megan seconded. Shawn called the question. Megan acclimated.

Kim entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Shawn motioned. Megan seconded. Megan called the question. Shawn acclimated.

V. Discussion Items:

- a. **Green Fire Drumline Committed Request:** The Green Fire Drumline would like to request funds for 2 Yamaha Snare Drums and 1 Quad Drum to expand their organization and encourage more members to join the Drumline. Representing the Drumline is the captian, Evan Ash and musical coordinator, Jack VanBeek. The main purpose of this request is to facilitate new drummers because only 6 drummers can be provided for with the current instruments in the Drumline's possession.

Questions:

Megan asked, where they are currently storing their drums? In Room 116 in the Studio Arts Building. The room is open 15 minutes prior to rehearsal so the instruments are secure and under the advisor's supervision, Eric Hanson. Evan explained that the Drumline organization started two weeks ago and the items being requested are not for pep-band use, therefore not for academic use by the music department. It would be easier to organize a small group of drummers like the Drumline rather than the entire pep-band for small events. The snare drums and quad drums being requested are also more portable than bass drums.

Heba asked, who owns the current six drums in their possession? Jack responded that there were donated by the pep-band and the drums being requested would not be used by the pep-band. The Drumline is an independent arm from the pep-band that would be stationed nearby playing separate music pieces during the pep-band's

breaks. The drumheads being requested have an estimated 3-5 years of use and can be used up to 10 years with proper care.

Shawn asked, why the music department is not expanding and providing more drums for the pep-band? The drums currently used by the Drumline are not being used by the pep-band. Not all members of the pep-band are in the class for an academic credit, there are also members taking it as an extracurricular activity. Megan said that the pep-band is not funded by SUFAC and it is not known who funds the pep-band at the moment.

Heba asked, would be possible for the drummers from the Drumline to join the pep-band? A separate Drumline would encourage members that are not involved in pep-band to play. The first rehearsal is September 27th.

Heba asked, is there a potential for the pep-band to repossess the 6 drums given to the Drumline? No, the music department allows students in the pep-band to use the department's instruments and other students own their own instrument so the pep-band is not using the drums given to the Drumline. Evan and Jack will email an updated member list to the SUFAC email after the first rehearsal.

VI. Reports

- a. **OFO**: Contingency is \$27,238.21 and small organization start up is \$1,347.00
- b. **Senate**: Heba said they are working on sending senators to the meetings.
- c. **SGA Exec**: Heba is the representative for SGA this year.
- d. **Vice Chair**: Shawn welcomed everyone and encouraged people to recruit new members.
- e. **Chair**: Kim announced that there might be 3 new members next week. She will be graduating in December so a new chair will need to be elected, which is why it is important to get new members. Please look over the guidelines for next meeting.

VII. Discussion Items:

VIII. Action Items

- a. **Green Fire Drumline Discussion**: Kim said that new members will not vote on this request. Heba would like to know whether the drums requested are reasonably priced and their reason behind requesting Yamaha drums. John said that no one enrolled in the class getting an academic credit should be allowed in the Drumline. John also said there is no definite evidence that they have a need for more drums since they do not presently have more than two members. Reed suggested postponing the decision and letting the Drumline captains organize their new members and present again at a future date. Megan would

like to see committed members before considering granting their request and providing more drums. Kim said she will email them about further questions and the vote will be next Tuesday.

IX. Announcements:

X. Adjournment: Kim entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Megan motioned. Shawn seconded. Reed called the question. Shawn acclimated. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
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