

# SUFAC

## Meeting Minutes for 29 Oct. 2009

### I. Call to Order

SUFAC Chair Lynsy Beckett called the meeting to order at 5:18pm.

### II. Roll Call

- a. **Members Present:** Lynsy Beckett, Matt Kehl, OFO, Jessica Olive, Joe Xiong, Ryan Conohan, Lindy Vang, Sophie Nelson, Dominic Petroni, Tiffany Wilhelm, Jeff Watts, Lisa Tetzloff, Riley Peterson

### III. Recognition of Guests — Brenda Amenson-Hill; Lisa Tetzloff; Emily Brucket; Amy Henniges, Stephanie Kaponia

### IV. Reports

- a. **OFO:** Contingency is \$36, 529.28. Small org start up is \$1200.00.
- b. **Senate:** no report
- c. **Vice Chair:** Riley Peterson is new to the board. He is a freshman majoring in social change and development. Matt quit. Later this evening we will be discussing what to do next semester.
- d. **Chair:** we included an application for the new vice chair. They are due next Friday, Nov. 6. We have org budget meetings and we had a good number of people attend and we are meeting with people outside of the meetings.

### V. Approval of Agenda- Lynsy entertained a motion to entertain the agenda. Matt motioned. Ryan seconded. Jessica called the question. Jessica acclimated.

### VI. Approval of Minutes- Lynsy entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Jessica motioned. Ryan seconded. Jessica called the question. Matt acclimated.

### VII. Discussion Items

- a. **Office of Student Life Budget:** handout of highlights from last year. We are asking for the second half of the position we added last year. Last year SUFAC approved the addition of a new position with the stipulation that the first year, SUFAC would pay for half and we would pay the other half in reserves. There are no increases, just paying the full position. The number of programs continues to grow and that's why the addition of the new position came into play. The position works Tuesday through Saturday 1pm-10pm. Student life is 100% funded by segregated fees. We get a small amount of money from parent weekend through charging the families for activities they attend. We have found that when students have to pay a bit they are more likely to show up to the events. For some events we charge students a ticket price, such as Mythbusters. These items mentioned above are all listed under revenue, however; we don't bring in big revenue. We do one overnight leadership program and a few outdoor recreation and travel activities. In order to limit costs, we use our reserves rather than asking for additional SUFAC requests. Another pricey item on campus is the catering menu so we are cutting back. We are also cutting back on giveaways. We are also adding another student employee; however we will do that out of our reserve. Students cannot register their orgs online anymore because our program crashed and can't be rebuilt so we found a new program called Org Sync all through our reserves. Our budgets are almost identical except for the addition of the other half of the new position. There are no salary increases. Also, our reserve is closer to the 15%. The furlough is given a 3% cut but it doesn't change a whole lot on our budget. As a point of interest the 3% cut does not come completely off, it will be put back on to bring the salaries back to normal. Matt asked why the furlough is there. Because of the shape of the economy and instead of lying off

large numbers of staff state wide the furlough is just put into place. This is a way to try to protect and deal with budget cuts. Fringe benefits are also increasing. Because the pay plan is so delayed it could be about 5 years until the salaries are back to normal. The segregated fee was 2% higher for each student with the increases however with the furlough, the 2% was not needed and went to the UPASS bus pass program instead. Matt asked if all student life programs on all campuses were funded by segregated fees. Most likely UW schools but they are unsure. Matt asked if there were any other sources of funding. If there were grants available but they are usually not huge amounts. We could find big donors although they are scarce, or we could charge students more. Although they are paying in segregated fees. We have a LTE employee but she is being charged the same amount as a student employee.

- b. **Counseling and Health Budget:** we service 1749 students. There are no additional positions requested. However we did shift a position. The SUFAC increase is 0% for the year. We have been noticing a significant drop in fees due to the fact that women are qualifying for free birth control. Under the fringe benefits there is a significant decrease because of the furlough and a slight decrease. I would like to shift the dollars instead of charging more. Through our reserves we will add voicemail to more phones, add another computer, and add an additional 50 hours for the Clinical Psychologist. At this time the clinical psychologist is overseeing other counselors and the psychiatrist. In the past, Chancellor Sheppard didn't want to have students pay to see the psychologist or have students have to visit a nurse or counselor first because of the severity of mental health. Matt asked if they could explain the minimal health module on the university system. A basic health module was recently put out as an outline of what is expected to be seen. The one piece where a referral is needed is through dentistry or overnight care and is not as easily referred out to the community. We are blessed to have a psychologist and a psychiatrist on campus. Matt asked why towards the future is there such a large increase. Because the furlough is taken out it will gradually go up. We have a few other items that will need to be replaced as well as \$10,000 in case of a huge epidemic and supplies. We are also saving up for an electronic organization system to get away from keeping medical records in three ring binders. There is also a remodel scheduled for next summer where some money may need to come out of the reserves.
- c. **French Club Travel Request-** we submitted a travel fund request form with a slight change of the dates to December 5, 2009. With this change, we also would like to include a Warhol exhibit at the Milwaukee Art museum. We also got the rate changed from \$12 per student through a college discount to \$5 per person. The total we would be requesting is \$269.11. Ofo was curious on whether or not they will be taking cars or vans. If taking cars, it would be  $\$313.60 + \$15 \text{ per vehicle} = \$373.60$  for transportation.  $\$473.60$  with a 1/3 being  $\$157.87$  with the SUFAC contribution being  $\$315.73$  is the final total. Matt asked what the dates were. December 5. Matt asked how they will be advertising. We will send out our usual emails to the French students and Art majors as well as posters around campus. matt asked if there were any food costs associated with this. No, if we stop they would pay for their meal. Matt asked if there would be any community members. Not to our knowledge. We advertise in the community and they pay membership dues. However, if they do attend, they will have to pay a bit more than the students to offset this cost. Matt asked what the agency was being used for. It has a plan in the future for our members.
- d. **Travel Guidelines-** Item 10. The 5 week prior to travel is up for discussion. Jessica motioned to enter committee of the whole. Matt seconded. Jessica called the question. Jessica acclimated. There was a discussion on the Terror of the Fox trip. There was a discussion on the guideline being enforced or strike. There was a further discussion on how strict this should be enforced. Jessica motioned to exit committee of the whole. Matt seconded. Jessica called the question. There is a new item on the agenda as a review of the requests for the evening. Matt stated that he has a problem on sitting on the topic for a week because people may bring out a good point and minds are changed quickly. Ryan asked about the summary for the travel request for the French club.

**VIII. Announcements-** Leadership from the Heart opportunity. It is a weekend long event that goes from 8 am until 10pm. It is designed to work on confidence, public speaking, and other items. It is high energy yet very emotional. It is designed to look at you in a deep fashion. It is free and meals are provided. We have applications available.

**IX. Adjournment-** Matt motioned to adjourn. Jessica seconded. Jessica called the question. Matt acclimated. Exit at 6:44.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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