

SUFAC

Meeting Minutes for November 9th, 2006

I. Call to Order

SUFAC Secretary Matthew Winden called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

II. Roll Call

- a. **Members Present:** Tyler Vorpagel, Eric Frank, Chrissy Aurit, Ngosong Fonkem, Ryan Wegner, Jaime Carbo, Pha Thao, Anton Williams, Matthew Winden, Ron Ronnenberg, OFO Representative, Trista Seubert

III. Recognition of Guests

IV. Approval of Agenda

Chrissy made a motion to amend the agenda to change under information items – budget training, and remove Future Marketing Professionals contingency request for next week and under action items remove Line Dancing Club. Anton seconded. Tyler called the question. Tyler called acclamation. Agenda is approved.

V. Reports

- a. **OFO:** Under the contingency account nothing was allocated last week so it is currently at \$20,782.12. Under the org start up budgets, no funds were allocated so it is still at \$900.00.
- b. **Senate:** Trista is in Madison eating dinner with the regency and chancellor for senate so that is why she is absent. Dean Rodeheaver gave presentations on the union and Kress. Senate passed a textbook resolution urging professors not to renew their textbooks all the time and passed another resolution encouraging growth agenda for UW-System. Academic affairs also gave a presentation on academic affairs.
- c. **Assistant Secretary:** No report.
- d. **Secretary:** No report.

VI. Information Items

- a. **SUFAC By-Laws-** Matt went over the SUFAC by-laws and explained each section to the board. Matt added he will send out an email and that everyone is welcome to send him recommendations and hopefully in a month SUFAC's by-laws will be amended.
- b. **Budget Binder Presentations-** Chrissy walked through the budget and explained the format. Chrissy explained the cover pages all will look the same, it will show S & E expenses which include day-to-day for organization running. Chrissy said when asking questions, perhaps ask what orgs have used in the past, how did they get the numbers, etc. With capital items, ask how long it's projected to last, etc. Contractual may be a speaker, performer, someone to help the org. Some budgets request food, looks very similar to contractual sheet, description of why its needed. Travel worksheet is seperated to in state and out of state trips, on D-day SUFAC can give more than 2/3rds. Have the number of students traveling, 1/3rd contributed by students, travel justification – what the trip is, why its important, where they are going, ask how they will advertise, how they will decide who gets to go for limited number of students. Chrissy then explained the next page is summary, under expected profit, the money earned from say a dinner that costs 10\$ per plate, money comes back to SUFAC. Totals of all requests and subtract any revenue. A sheet that will show what orgs have asked for in the past and what they requested and what they've been given in the past. Chrissy added whatever orgs don't use, comes back to SUFAC. Budget forms are pretty straight forward in general. Matt added voting does not take place until February so take very good notes as a reminder for you, if you had any concerns raised when they presented. Tyler added don't be afraid to ask questions because speculation can't happen on D-day, only one chance to ask questions, take it. Chrissy added it is organized by alphabetical order. Matt said next week he

will bring sheets to show which groups present each week, along with sheets showing what was allocated in previous years. Ryan asked if a group could be recalled to present a budget. Matt said no, there isn't enough time to recall, five budgets presented each night, and have your questions ready ahead of time and if you think of something later, the time has already passed to ask, don't be afraid to ask questions! Matt said if SUFAC has to recall, it will get long and SUFAC has to make sure it is moving along at a good pace. Matt added groups are only allowed 10 minutes to present their budgets but questions can be asked as long as needed.

VII. Discussion Items

a. SAGA Contingency Request for Food, Contractual and Travel- SAGA presented five separate requests. SAGA first explained the food request. SAGA Social is once a semester which was started last year and it is used to get together all the members, welcome new members and invite a place to socialize. SAGA requested 4lbs of chips and salsa and a fruit tray. SAGA added the Spring Social is tentatively scheduled for March 5th which will also act as a post-trip meeting required to have when they come back, both open to all students. SAGA then presented a contingency request for supplies and expenses, photocopying for budget and other SUFAC requests and any other copies needed. SAGA also requested a subscription to *The Advocate*, a news magazine for LGBT issues, was wanted because not all the magazine is online and things on there aren't mainstream. SAGA also requested duplicating costs of \$25 for campus advertising, general supplies for \$20.01 which was for markers to use for banners because the banner room markers worn out on them in the past. SAGA then presented a contractual request for \$325 to show a movie for the Day of Silence April 18th, which is a day where people take part by being silent all day for the silence of LGBT issues in society and this has been done on campus for the past few years. SAGA added this event would be a movie night and SAGA would talk about issues afterward. SAGA picked to show the movie *Boys Don't Cry*, which is based upon a true story about Brandon Tina, living in Nebraska during the early 90s. SAGA explained they chose this movie because it's a way to get people to learn about a serious issue. SAGA talked to Grant Winslow and he said \$325 was the average price for the movie. SAGA finally presented its last request, a travel request for February 16th-18th for Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Transgender Conference, SAGA added its referred to as the Big Gay Conference for short. Registration is \$50 per person with 12 students estimated to attend, the estimate is higher because membership went up. SAGA compared three hotels which are the Radisson University hotel, two nights at \$114 a night for a total of \$912. The Holiday Inn Metrodome had rates of \$119.95 per night for a total of \$959.60 and the third is the Ramada Downtown for \$89.00 a night for a total of \$712.00 but SAGA got this rate using the online website Orbitz. SAGA said they are using 3 motorpool sedan vehicles, 2 motor pool van, and 3 personal vehicles. The distance SAGA got was from OFO, for a total of 576 miles. SAGA explained the cost per person of the trip was \$55.44 and that non-members and members pay equally. SAGA explained the purpose of the trip is to meet with people across the Midwest to learn issues about LGBT community and educate and create opportunities for networking and information for campuses, tips for getting involved in politics, tips for yearly events and with the 1/3rd contribution the amount SAGA requested is \$1,330.56. Discussion will take place on all of the requests at the same time. Ryan asked what is the source of revenue and where it is coming from. SAGA said from members and sometimes from agency. Chrissy asked regarding *The Advocate*, where does SAGA store it, how do members get to see it. SAGA said it is brought to meetings, as new issues come out, old ones are stored in the org desk. Ryan followed up, does the Cofrin Library get this magazine. SAGA said they don't get it as they are aware of. Ryan asked if SAGA has asked Cofrin Library if they will carry it. SAGA said they will talk to about it. Tyler asked about the hotel, why was one \$114 and another so much cheaper at \$89 per night. SAGA said the conference itself is in downtown Minneapolis, and they are listed from the registration and the third is from a website through Orbitz, and the reason they chose downtown, it would be easier to get to the conference instead of driving from the suburbs. Chrissy asked if the food for the meetings is advertised to all students. SAGA said they did banners and posters and also in campus life announcements. Ryan asked how long they have

been an org. SAGA has been an org since the early 90s. Chrissy asked if there were more than 12 people, how they will choose who gets to go. SAGA said if 13-14 sign up, they would ask SUFAC for more money or do 1st come 1st serve. Ryan asked for the hotel, if they plan to have 3 people in each room. SAGA said yes, guys and girls have to have separate rooms. Ryan asked how many people went last year. SAGA said they didn't go in 2006 because it was in South Dakota, but the year before 8 people went. SAGA said it was in St. Paul. Ryan asked what member contribution was in 05. SAGA said it was \$40 but registration went up. Ryan asked where has the revenue gone. SAGA said the registration was paid for by students, and the rest was SUFAC money, registration was 1/3rd. Chrissy asked if SAGA has showed a movie in the past for day of silence. SAGA said there was one shown for National Coming Out Week, the film *Common Grounds* was shown for that, spanned throughout different decades and how the town deals with it. Chrissy asked how many people attended. SAGA said about 15 people attended, and the year before, 20 or so showed up. Ryan asked if there were advertisements for each event. SAGA said advertising will happen as they come up. Ryan asked how it will be advertised other than campus life and banners. SAGA said table tents and posters. Ryan asked if any fundraising will happen. SAGA said it has happened in the past, selling necklaces, bracelets and sucker sales. No other questions. Voting will take place on this item next week.

VIII. Action Items

a. Kress Events Center Programming Auxiliary Budget- Chrissy moved to approve the Kress Center budget in full. Anton seconded. Tyler asked why it is increasing by so much more money. Point of Information – Formerly intramurals with programming added, that was the increase. Chrissy said there were a few problems discussed in private. Seems like they are adding full time staff under classified staff, classified staff person is hired, it is almost impossible to remove them. So for them to hire classified, they have to be confident in the person hired, or the other option should be academic staff, Kress couldn't answer why they were choosing classified over academic. If the fitness person hired wasn't up to par, it could be fired easily if it were academic rather than classified. Chrissy also added they are adding a groundskeeper, which is curious because they are losing grounds, so why do they need another fulltime person if they are losing grass to take care of. Chrissy stressed Kress couldn't give concrete reasons for hiring them. Chrissy said Kress is increasing projected sales and charges to \$176,000, which is confusing on rentals and vending machines how Kress could make so much money, there may be something they were considering that they didn't tell SUFAC. Chrissy added Kress mentioned square footage is increasing so they shouldn't be staffing arena, paying for cleaning up and staffing so student funding shouldn't be paying for this, rather the event should be paying for it. Anton added the \$32,000 is for a new classified staff person, just could easily put in academic staff. Chrissy said they weren't able to answer it, and thinks it needs to be answered before SUFAC can decide. Ryan added basically they are generally speculating, committee didn't seem to have subject matter experts, didn't have qualified people to plan ahead projected amount of people and co-ordinate who needed to do what, so inflation is going on and over-exaggerated and speculation, does need to be represented, further questioned and dissected. Anton added that he agreed with Ryan. Chrissy added that Kress were asked why they were paying out of 128 vs. 102 money. 128 is student funded monies and 102 is state funded money, because the money is going into 128 instead of 102 and that didn't answer why it was being paid with student money and not state money. Ryan added what positions were being referred to, which people were being paid from that money. Anton added that the \$400 per student wasn't really specific as to which amounts were going where, they said they would readjust and how that extra money is going somewhere else, where are they getting the extra to compensate. Chrissy said SUFAC can proceed in a few different ways, can approve as is, which doesn't sound comfortable for everyone, vote it down to the Chancellor or ask them to come back to present again to answer more questions. Ngosong added that he believes they should come back to answer questions. Ryan added about the personnel, about adding from 2-5, did SUFAC think these positions necessary, if there were any overlapping of duties. This could be discussed if Kress came back more in depth. Ryan commented if SUFAC will have input to email as a whole so then they

are prepared. Chrissy said yes, everyone is able to send questions that will be then sent to Kress. Tyler made a friendly to table this to next week. Chrissy accepted the friendly, as did Anton. Motion passed 8-0-0.

b. *Kress Events Center Auxiliary Maintenance Budget-* Chrissy moved to approve the maintenance budget in full. Anton seconded. Chrissy said there were a few things that brought concerns, the groundskeeper couldn't explain the duties properly and the other thing was the \$400 students are contributing, past has been mentioned but never set in stone, \$150 for maintenance and \$250 for debt service, if the board feels those numbers are good, from what they propose, more of a 200/200 breakdown, needs to be explained why the extra \$50 is needed for maintenance instead of debt service. Ryan asked how did Chrissy get 200/200 breakdown and he thought there was a third thing it went towards to. Point of information it is broken into, debt relief, programming and maintenance. Chrissy said \$150 is for maintenance and programming both, historically for both and \$250 for debt relief, when Kress talked they wanted \$200 for programming and maintenance and \$200 for debt relief. Tyler asked isn't \$100 for Union. Ron said when they bond the project, they will bond the project together with the Union, so the debt relief will pay for the Kress Center and the Union and that way those monies are co-mingled. Ryan asked when the \$400 breakdown was established. Point of Information Matt asked Ron to explain. Ron said the first reference was in 00-01 and Steve Podakart was the SUFAC Chair and there was a correspondence from the Chancellor to Steve discussing the eventual splitting of the budget for maintenance and programming and breaking it into debt relief for \$250 and programming/maintenance for \$150, the breakdown continued in budgets and the exception of one or two years due to forgetting to include it. Last year chair/vice chair included the discussion of \$250 and \$150, historically since the inception of the project those numbers have been used. Matt added the budgets that are based on expectations of certain things, there could be recommendations to change it, consider it in terms of what it means to students, SUFAC can't really lower it because there are expectations and they have been around for a long time, when considering the deliberations in terms of that only so much SUFAC can do. Chrissy added it isn't fair for SUFAC to split up too large a margin. Ryan asked if their proposed maintenance of \$325,000 can be outsourced and other grants, what would be considered maintenance money, students and personnel throughout the year. Matt said its not picked up by the state. Can't rely on donations to do that, its the same for other buildings here, state doesn't maintain our other buildings. Anton asked what was it they mentioned from other UW-campuses. Matt said it was for utilities, lights and heats. Maintenance is in terms of vacuuming, wiping windows, etc. Tyler asked what's the university's bond rating, the triple AAA, if the interest rate is good or not. Tyler made a friendly that it be tabled for next week. Chrissy and Anton accepted. Ryan asked when the emails needed to be received. Matt said it can be decided later. Chrissy called the question. Motion passed 8-0-0.

IX. Announcements

Emails should be received by Monday. If any members want to stay after the meeting to clarify, stay to discuss Kress.

X. Adjournment

Anton made a motion to adjourn. Chrissy seconded. Tyler called the question. Chrissy called acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 6:28P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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