

SUFAC

Meeting Minutes for September 27th, 2007

I. Call to Order

SUFAC Secretary Brad Zuleger called the meeting to order at 5:08PM.

II. Roll Call

- a. **Members Present:** Brad Zuleger, Pha Thao, Michael Seleskie, Andy Locke, GTP Rep, OFO Rep, Ron Ronnenberg, Peter Xiong, Sheila Schroeder, Long Kha, Ainura Khissimova

III. Recognition of Guests – Yue Yang, Cheng Thao, Jamie Karlin (SAGA), Matthew Kehl

IV. Approval of Agenda

Pha made a motion to approve the agenda. Andy seconded. Pha called the question. Michael called acclamation.

V. Approval of Minutes

VI. Reports

- a. **OFO:** The current balance of the contingency fund is \$30,000 and the small org start-up is at \$1,000.
- b. **Senate:** No report.
- c. **GTP:** Next big event is a same sex marriage debate on October 16th in the Phoenix rooms at 8pm. Also, the camping trip was cancelled.
- d. **SGA Exec:** We are happy to see SUFAC up and running.
- e. **Vice Secretary:** No report.
- f. **Secretary:** Welcome to the first meeting, it's going to be a fun year and I hope to see everyone here at every meeting.

VII. Discussion Items

- a. **At-Large Applicants-** Yue Yang explained he wanted to join because it would be a great experience. Yue also added it would get him involved in campus activities more. Cheng Thao reiterated Yue's explanation. Matthew Kehl said being on the board would get him more involved. Matt added that he saw the board in action last year and was involved in D-Day. Pha made a motion to move into Committee of the Whole. Andy seconded. Committee of the Whole for ten minutes. Michael asked if the candidates can be objectionable with issues dealing with personal groups and orgs. Matt said he is the Orgnet chair and he works with Student Life directly as well as working with orgs, but he added that he can be objective and realizes he can't say yes to everyone. Matt also stated that as Gamers Club president he would not vote on their budget or requests. Cheng said he can be objective when the need arose. Yue said as long as it is logical, it won't be hard to be objective. Brad said that members can't be afraid to state what they think and feel and that it might feel mean, but that's unnecessary given it's a duty and all members should feel comfortable. Pha added that there is no such thing as a stupid question and members learn more and make better decisions that way. Brad said that it is proper not to vote on budgets that would affect you if you are a member of the org. Andy said the applicants seem fine and added that he wasn't worried. Sheila said it looked good. Iunara said it was fine. Michael asked Matt if he is worried about overstretching himself with all the orgs he is on. Matt is not worried, Thursdays are free with the intention of being on SUFAC. Matt added that SUFAC is his primary responsibility and focus. Brad asked if Yue and Cheng were in other orgs. Yue said that he is a confirmed member of SASU and Habitat for Humanity and added that maybe Otaku club and International Club in the future. Cheng said that he is currently the Vice President of SASU and a member of the Japanese club. Yue and Cheng both said they are not stressed for time. Michael made a motion to end Committee of the Whole. Pha seconded. Michael made a motion to package the three At-

Large candidates and make it an immediate action item. Peter seconded. Pha called the question. Pha called acclamation. Brad asked the three At-Large applicants to leave the room. Brad said they were all good candidates. Pha made a motion to approve the At-Large applicants. Andy seconded. Pha called the question. Motion passed 5-0-1.

b. *Straight and Gay Alliance-* SAGA said in April they want to bring Ellis, a singer of the folk genre to come and perform. SAGA added that Ellis is gay and would serve as a good influence for members of SAGA as well as people on campus and the student body as a whole. SAGA said her music talks about relationship issues, questioning who you are based on appearance and what you say and the issue of people judging you. SAGA said it would be a really good program and they know people who have seen her perform live and say she is a really good performer who adds a sense of humor to issues that would otherwise be sensitive. SAGA said they got \$500 from Grant Winslow and Student Life. OFO asked SAGA to explain the travel costs for \$100. SAGA said it is gas money to bring her here from Minnesota. OFO said travel costs are 42.5 cents a mile. SAGA said the manager sent an invoice saying Ellis needed \$100 for gas. OFO said it will need an exact location and the name of the hotel Ellis is staying in. OFO said there are state approved hotels. SAGA said no hotel had been picked out already. OFO said there is a list in the office, costing approximately \$62. Andy asked about the estimated number of students and if that was just SAGA members. SAGA said SAGA itself has about 20 members with an email list of 80. SAGA said currently 40 are active so SAGA is guessing more students will most likely attend. SAGA added it is a general concert. GTP asked which venue it will be at. SAGA said it is in Phoenix B. Matt asked what type of advertising is being done. SAGA said posters and an email announcement, with a reserve on table toppers. Michael asked if there should be an updated bill. OFO said it should be updated for travel costs. Michael asked SAGA if there is any sort of window to contract Ellis. SAGA said the contract must be in as soon as it is possible and have her book the day sometime this fall, as her schedule is filling up fast.. Pha asked if SAGA is working through Grant Winslow. SAGA said yes. GTP asked if SAGA is having any other programs to go with the concert, to bring out LGBTQ message. SAGA said there is a conference that weekend. Michael moved to table the SAGA request. Peter seconded. Michael called the question. Motion passed 8-0-0. Discussion will take place next week..

c. *SUFAC Overview-* Brad welcomed everyone to SUFAC. Brad said he is new to SUFAC, and hopes the new members don't feel like they are alone. Brad added if there are any questions, don't hesitate to contact Pha or Brad. Brad handed out the parole pro cheat sheets and the SUFAC FAQ. Brad explained SUFAC gets \$30,000 contingency dollars to give to students throughout the year and student orgs come to the board to be allocated funds for projects and events. Brad added that every vote is important and all the board members should take pride in their position. Pha said every year students pay Seg Fees and being part of the committee, the members get to vote on how to distribute those fees collected equitably. Pha added that everyone is here because the members of SUFAC want to make sure the money is put to good use. Brad mentioned that members shouldn't be afraid to speak up. Peter asked if the Vista room is the new meeting place. Brad said since the union has construction, the meeting places will change and will be on the timeline. Brad added SUFAC meets every Thursday and the Vista room is reserved every week, but more room may be needed in the future. Brad explained that if any members know of an alternative room to use to tell Pha or Brad. OFO mentioned the gathering room. Brad said that room is reserved as well. GTP asked as an ex-aficionado if he can second and call questions and do those other things. Ron said this is not a board driven by Robert's Rules of Order. Ron said if you are all comfortable with fairly equal participation not to be concerned about it. Brad asked for thoughts. Michael said that SUFAC is a serious board and parole pro is easily picked up after a few weeks. Brad said the board can work their way up to it and to just feel free to chime in. Ron said this is a serious board and the members will have an active voice in deciding the funding of millions of dollars. Ron stressed that members have got to participate if its going to be an effective board. Ron said that having been the advisor for 5, 6, 7 or 8, boards for several years, it is important to make sure your voice is heard. Ron added that \$572 of every student's tuition goes into the SUFAC funds to supports programming and operation. Ron added that when big budgets come to SUFAC, such as Kress or Dean of Students that members understand what is

being presented. Ron stressed that members have got to make a commitment to be here. Ron said commitment is vital; members have to read minutes before and have to be prepared for the meetings. Ron ended saying that SUFAC was the most important board including administrative boards, in his opinion.

VIII. Information Items

IX. Announcements

Brad said next week's meeting is scheduled in the Vista room at 5pm on Thursday. Brad added if it should change, an email will be sent out. Brad finished by saying binders for everyone will be in the office and papers in the mail boxes.

X. Adjournment

Andy made the motion to adjourn. Matt seconded. No objections. Pha called the question. Michael called acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 5:52.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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