

# SUFAC

## Meeting Minutes for April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

### I. Call to Order

SUFAC Secretary Brad Zuleger called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

### II. Roll Call

#### a. Members Present:

### III. Recognition of Guests

### IV. Approval of Agenda

Pha made a motion to strike the approval of the minutes. Anton seconded. Chris called the questions. Anton called acclamation. Amended agenda approved.

### V. Reports

- a. OFO: The current contingency balance is \$2,676.18.
- b. Senate: At the next meeting we will approve the constitutional amendments.
- c. SGA Exec: No report.
- d. Vice Secretary: No report.
- e. Secretary: No report.

### VI. Information Items

- a. *Honorarium Forms-* Ron said that the evaluation process is a little different this time. Ron said he would collect the forms, collate the data, and make his own recommendation to pass onto Brenda. Ron said that she will meet with Nick and Sara and they will go over the recommendation as well as make decisions on the evaluations for Pha and Brad. Ron said that the timeline is kind of tight so it won't take too long. Ron said Brenda will collect the data on all of the evaluations and then make the decisions. OFO said the information is due to OFO on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Ron asked that the board please go over them at the end of the meeting and turn them into him.
- b. *Viewpoint Neutrality-* Brad said that he wanted to talk a little about the meaning of viewpoint neutrality. Brad said that he wasn't really sure what it meant so he did a little bit of research and found the definition that was sent via e-mail. Brad said that the board will get a general consensus and then get to the tabled items. Brad said then the board will decide if it wants to allow the appeals to go through. Chris made a motion to move into Committee of the Whole for five minutes. Andy seconded. Tania called the question. Brad said in last weeks meeting he misinformed the board. Brad said that viewpoint neutrality deals with funding or not funding an org because of their view. Brad said just because SUFAC allocated different amounts it doesn't mean SUFAC violated viewpoint neutrality. Tania said she thinks it's a pretty easy concept to understand. Tania said when SUFAC had D-day, it wasn't supposed to look at what the org represented, but at what it needed. Tania said SUFAC looked at what was reasonable based on numbers, and the student body, who SUFAC represents. Pha asked if anyone had questions about what was sent to them. Brad said if board members agree with Tania speak up. Andy said he agreed with Tania. Andy said SUFAC looked at every budget line by line, monetarily. Chris said SUFAC is to a point treating the orgs the same because SUFAC is holding them to the same standards. Matt wanted an example. Brad said a hypothetical example would be not funding an org at all because of the views that they have, such as republicans or democrats, or cutting them because the board doesn't agree with what the org represents. Ainura said she thinks SUFAC did it's job based on numbers, not on race. Andy said SUFAC tried to keep things as fair as possible, and that's what SUFAC voted with. Shelly said SUFAC looked at what orgs received last year and did a comparison to make sure that it was kept fair. Tania said SUFAC also had to look at auxiliary budgets, so that's why it

may have had to cut small orgs. Tania said SUFAC tried to give organizations what it felt that they needed. Brad said that's the perception that he got. Brad said he thought on D-day that SUFAC made educated decisions and tried to keep the tuition rate as low as it could. Brad said some had to be cut and some didn't. Claudia said SUFAC looked at the information to back up their budgets. Ainura said the orgs also have contingency requests. Brad said those that don't have the correct information can file contingency requests. Tania made a motion to exit Committee of the Whole. Andy seconded. Chris called the question. Lynsy called acclamation. Andy made a motion to end discussion. Tania seconded. Chris called the question. Lynsy made a motion to remove items A through D off the table. Matt seconded. Andy called the question. The board voted in favor of removing the items off the table.

**c. Appeals-** Brad asked if the board wanted to package them or keep them separate. Chris said that he thinks as much as they may or may not be alike, they should all be heard separately, because they are separate. Brad said SUFAC is either going to vote on them as one appeal, or separately. Tania made a motion to package. Andy seconded. Tania said SUFAC should package these to discuss the procedure of appeals. Tania said if the board doesn't have them all together, it might get into a sticky situation of denying one or accepting another. Andy agreed with Tania. Chris asked if the board would vote on them separately then. Brad said yes. Lynsy made a motion to move into Committee of the Whole. Matt seconded. Chris called the question. Tania said that right now SUFAC is just trying to figure out the idea of the process. Brad said yes. Tania said so then if the board discusses, then SUFAC moves into discussing them individually. Brad said if accepted, they will be heard separately. Brad said they will be brought in one by one then SUFAC will notify the orgs, and they can each make their cases before the board. Anton asked what are the ramifications of accepting. Brad said then SUFAC will have to let them know what the process is. Brad said they could all come in and state their case. Tania said they can only appeal on viewpoint neutrality or procedural. Lynsy asked for a straw poll. Pha said some are appealing based on nothing and failure to follow due process. Brad said if SUFAC accepts one, then SUFAC will have to accept all because the board will have to open up the floor. Anton said there might be a process beyond SUFAC hearing the appeals. Nick said there is a section in the constitution that would allow the senate to look at the decision made by this board but only to be done after SUFAC makes a decision. Nick said that is another option that could happen afterwards. Lynsy made a motion to end Committee of the Whole. Andy seconded. Pha called the question. Brad asked for a hand raise for those in favor of packaging. The board agreed to package. Brad said SUFAC will now discuss appeals. Brad said SUFAC will have to discuss whether or not it is going to accept these appeals. Tania motioned to enter Committee of the Whole for 15 minutes. Lynsy seconded. Andy called the question. Tania said she does not feel or see that this board violated viewpoint neutrality or procedures. Tania said there is evidence in the minutes that SUFAC would have been stomped, if any of the board had tried to consider. Tania said the discussion was stopped by this board. Tania said this board looked at numbers when different orgs presented their budgets. Chris said he is going to agree with Tania on this. Chris said if he had voted on D-day he would have not voted because of ideology but because of cost efficiency. Claudia said she was neutral and looked at every org as a different org. Claudia said she tried to make the best decision with the information that she had on hand. Matt said that the only thing that bothered him about this thing was International Club. Matt said the fact that SUFAC said no to all of these but yes to International and SUFAC allowed them to go. Andy said he didn't remember that happening. Chris said the mission of the club dictated what the benefit was to the members. Tania said their goal was to travel. Ainura said their mission is to spread their culture to the community and also to get the culture that's here. Ainura said pretty much what they had was a sight seeing trip and dinners here to show off their culture. Ainura said International Club doesn't have many other activities going on. Anton said he agreed with Matt's perspective. Anton said Intertribal is also appealing because there is a question about the trips. Brad said view point neutrality doesn't mean that SUFAC has to fund every org for the same reasons. Chris said SUFAC is looking at whether or not the trip was cut for un-neutral reasons. Tania said when International Club presented they said they give international students an American experience. Tania said she thinks this board decided the budges based on what the orgs gave SUFAC and presented to SUFAC. Tania said

SUFAC allocated the money based on needs. Anton said that SUFAC should look at the D-day minutes. Brad said the minutes do not clearly state everything. Anton said he would like to see the appeals process move forward. Anton said his opinion is that the orgs do have a say and that they should be allowed to appeal. Anton said they were vague and they should be more specific and they should do more research. Anton said he thinks that on their end they have to step up to the plate. Anton said the appeals process should go through. Tania asked where does viewpoint neutrality and violation of procedure on the part of this board come in if so. Tania said that is what will be dealt with on the appeal. Tania said the board has to decide if this board violated viewpoint neutrality when deciding these budgets and not whether or not the orgs need a second chance to present their budgets. Andy said SUFAC followed all procedures. Shelly said the main comparison in International and Intertribal is because of the cost difference and participation. Shelly said SUFAC based it on numbers. Shelly said International scored a very good number on their trip. Brad said if SUFAC would happen to turn down the appeals then orgs can do a contingency request for next year. Brad asked for a quick straw poll. Straw poll showed that 3 were for appeals and 5 against hearing the appeals. Pha said he didn't think SUFAC violated viewpoint neutrality and SUFAC did go through Roberts rule of orders. Pha said he thought that because it was so long and SUFAC was in a hurry to get out of there, the board should of looked at more requests better, line for line. Pha said some could argue since decisions were ultimately voted on as a lump sum it could be a violation of procedures. OFO said the requests can still be grouped and the process can still be followed. Andy said SUFAC asked orgs to rank their programs and the board all labeled that in the budgets. Andy said SUFAC gave them that lump sum to do their highest ranked programs. Anton said there was separation that SUFAC did not allow BSU to have. Tania said SUFAC looked at what the orgs wanted and gave them a lump sum for programming so SUFAC wouldn't be micromanaging an orgs events. Tania said SUFAC would have been controlling the orgs way too much if so. Tania said everything comes out as a lump sum and the orgs get their budget and can spend what the org wants. Andy said SUFAC didn't want to micromanage. Brad said that the board shouldn't get too caught up on comparing budgets. Nick said it still hasn't reached the view point. Nick said that everything that the board has stated still hasn't reached a viewpoint neutrality violation. Chris said instead of arguing over which program was better or which one the org should do, the lump sum was to allow orgs to make their own decisions on which programs to do. Tania said SUFAC tried to give the orgs more freedom on how they wanted to spend their money. Committee of the Whole ended. Pha called the question. Motion failed 3-6-2. Brad said that there will be no appeals heard this year. Brad said the appeals can be heard next year.

## **VII. Announcements**

Brad said there will be a meeting next week at the same time and same place. Brad said he will send emails. Pha said good job. Pha said it was very frustrating and that he hopes everyone can still all be friends.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Pha made a motion to adjourn. Chris seconded. Andy called the question. Pha called acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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