

SUFAC

Meeting minutes from November 9, 2017

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. SUFAC chair Mark Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:17
- II. **Roll Call**
 - A. Members present: Mark Fischer, Megan Walters, John Landrum, Alex Zeller, Lea Truttman, Dennick DeBeck, Courtney Zambon, Nathan Zacher, Jaclyn Delagrange, Paulina Godlewska, Eric Bohl, Dylan Janssen, Derrick Prenot
 - B. Absent: Brianna Messner (excused)
- III. **Recognition of Guests**
 - A. Rick Warpinski, Lee Reinke, and Andy Wenig from The Union
 - B. Dick Anderson from the UWGB budget office
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
 - A. Mark entertained a motion to add “discuss meeting time” under action items. Courtney motioned, Dennis seconded. Voice vote: motion passes
 - B. Mark entertained a motion to approve the agenda for this week’s meeting. Dennis motioned, Jaclyn seconded. Voice vote: motion passes
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Mark entertained a motion to approve the minutes from last week’s meeting. Jaclyn motioned, Courtney seconded. Voice vote: motion passes
- VI. **Reports**
 - A. OFO: committed funds amount to \$28,987.61. Org startup is \$889.30
 - B. Liaison: women’s basketball against Chattanooga on Saturday, disc golf club on Sunday night, Men’s soccer is up 2-1 (looking at a fan bus if they make it to the championships). RHAA bingo on Monday night is fall harvest themed. The drama department will be putting on a new show “*Legally Blonde*” similar to the movies. Budgets are due Sunday.
 - C. Senate: next Monday we have resolution training. We are working with the senator to postpone the sustainability fund, and we are looking into how the SGA will be structured after the merger.
 - D. SGA exec: no report
 - E. SUFAC Vice Chair: Budget training continues with the last day being Friday - Ballroom and outdoor rec came in for help. Dylan is now a member on our board.
 - F. SUFAC Chair: Dylan was trained on viewpoint neutrality and we will continue talking to the auxiliaries.
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. Union Auxiliary budget

Rick Warpinski, the Union Director, presented the budget and some history behind The Union. The Union was built 31 years ago and roughly 20-21 years ago, Student Life split from it. Now Student life focuses more on event programming while The Union focuses on the business aspect. Starting with the budget, Rick explained revenues first. He noted that most the revenue for the Union is segregated fees, which makes up about 45-55% of the budget. However, he sees no need to increase the union's seg fees request in the next few years. Sales and charges also fall under revenue with most revenue coming from programs and services in the building. Moving on to expenses, Rick notes that a 3% increase in salary due to the increase in state pay plan drives the request up along with one position in university staff changing to an academic staff position. In the university staff section, they plan to hire a professional custodian and a staff member for the University Information Center. However, student employment continues to be huge with over 70 students working in The Union that cover over \$35,000 annually. The operating S & E will go up to cover maintenance costs, programs, services, and funding for the Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Travel sub-department. Big changes are coming to the Chartwell's contract that seem favorable to the budget and produce more revenue: participation is growing meaning the service and food is of good quality. In other news, the fund balance is increasing to help fund the planned renovation of the union in coming years. The renovation consists of a 21,000-sq. ft. addition to the loading dock and to the building's east side which projects to be about \$5,750,000.00.

Questions/Comments

- Mark: Is the expansion approved or just a plan? It's mainly just a plan right now, but it is covered in the master plan; this is the third year planning for it. Approval will come with development.
- Dennis: regarding the new program, is there a plan for canoeing/kayaking guides in the budget? Guides will be provided as needed, anybody could be a guide with the right certifications and some may be volunteers or staff. This program will also be provided year-round as some students do attend college in the summer and we could plan for summer trips.
- Mark: what is the significant projection in S&E (\$771,000-\$850,000)? That is going to maintenance and repair; more carpeting, more furnishing. More revenue than budgeted for lead to more projects.
- Megan: Why is "student salaries" increasing 10%? The phoenix club doubled in activity which means we need more staff and more hours of student help
- Dennis: what's happening with the privatization of the bookstore? Standing alone, the bookstore cannot bring enough revenue and contracting it to join the union will increase its revenue. However, a

challenge will be faced with using SIS to buy books after the privatization, but you can still use pass points on SIS to buy books.

Discussion

The budget was well presented, and color coordinated making it very easy to follow. They did a very good job of answering the questions. Some questions arose about why the fund balance percentage was not in the 10-12% range: the percentage was out of range because they're saving up for the expansion. Other than that, the budget was well prepared, but it is a lot so it will take time to look over.

VIII. Action Items

A. Club Volleyball request

1. Mark entertained a motion to approve the contingency request. Jaclyn motioned, Courtney seconded. Roll call vote: motion passes 8-0-1

B. Meeting times

1. We are changing meeting times next semester because Courtney has a class conflict with the scheduled time.
2. Mark entertained a motion to enter committee of the whole. Jaclyn motioned, Courtney seconded. Voice vote: motion passes. Discussion ensued.
3. Discussion ended with the group settling on the new meeting time of 6:30 Wednesday nights.

IX. Announcements

- A. Informal union vote by raise of hands: 8-0-1
- B. New meeting time is 6:30 Wednesday nights (for next semester)

X. Adjournments

- A. Mark entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alex motioned, Nate seconded. Voice vote: motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm