

SUFAC
Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2015

I. Call to Order

SUFAC Chair Reed Heintzkill called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. **Members Present:** Reed Heintzkill, Eric Kissinger, John Landrum, Lea Truttman (OFO), Allison LeMahieu, Milton Byers, Sami Dannhauser, Jessica Murphy, Erica Kuehn, Nicholas Toyne, Penghan Yi
- b. **Excused:** Nate Rousseau, Nik Austin

III. Recognition of Guests:

SGA: Chad Osteen, Sierra Spaulding, Nate Nichols, Hannah Stepp

AIC: Justin Mallett

IV. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Reed entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Allison motioned. Marc seconded. Voice Vote. Agenda passed.

Reed entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the 3/26 meetings. Erica motioned. Milton seconded. Voice Vote. Agenda passed.

V. Reports

- a. **OFO:** Committed funds amounts to \$27,044.44.
- b. **Liaison:** Everything happens in April. Student orgs should see Lea to settle any receipts, etc.
- c. **Senate:** N/a
- d. **SGA Exec:** N/a
- e. **Vice Chair:**
- f. **Chair:** The budgets are completed and the letters are sent out.

VI. New Business:

a. Karen Basulto—Steps to Make a Difference Walk

Saturday at 10:00. Students can form a team at UTIC or fill out a sheet. We have already raised \$4000 so we want to increase that.

b. Justin Mallet—AIC Multicultural Presentation

I have used the last 8 months to see how things operate here at UWGB. I have learned that the perception out there about 5 student orgs: WOC, OLA, BSU, Intertribal, SASU. Those groups are perceived as American Intercultural center groups even though they fall under student organization characterization. The perception is that they receive funding from the AIC even though this is inaccurate. We do try to support them in times of deficits but they do not receive direct funding. I have looked at other UW schools to compare their systems. Other schools' SUFAC segregated fee shows these groups as one compiled budget. These multicultural groups total an average of \$70,000 at Steven's point. My

plan is to take the money and combine it into one lump sum so that the AIC becomes the financial distributor of these funds. This benefits SUFAC on D-day because AIC will honor the same process that students org have to submit the budgets but the AIC will review the budget before going to SUFAC. I will make sure that all the events are culturally relevant. This is still student funds so we will establish a multi-cultural committee made up of members of each of the 5 groups as well as myself that will examine the budgets before submission. A lot of our organizations reallocate money for trips and events but they will come to me before continuing the SUFAC process. I am an honest person for the job and these responsibilities are already falling into the hands of the AIC currently. This will make it easier for us to communicate with students and OFO to get things done. We will still honor and abide by SUFAC rules. If SUFAC decides that they would rather not pursue this route, I want to remind the board that these 5 groups will be separate from the AIC as student organizations that need to undergo these processes on their own. This would be a much more streamlined process for my office and the 5 student orgs. We will also welcome other multicultural groups that want to fall under this umbrella. We met with representatives of all the groups and they all support this plan.

Reed asked if the proposal is to present one individual budget to represent all these groups. Allison asked if we would be multiplying the guideline limits by the number of student orgs included in the budget to determine our guidelines.

Reed commented that a SUFAC member should also be present in helping to review these budgets with the committee. Reed said that it would be a good idea to make this more of an auxiliary budget.

Justin explained that all of these groups would still need to submit their own budgets and be scrutinized under the guidelines but SUFAC would not need to worry about examining the cultural relevance of these events because they would be reviewed by the AIC.

Eric commented that these modified guidelines could be determined next year before the budget is presented.

Milton asked what still differentiates these orgs as separate or are they all combined into one group now?

Each group will still submit their own budget but we will guide them in the process with the help of a SUFAC representative. The board reviewing these budgets will be made up ideally of the presidents.

Marc asked if there are guidelines to determine if the events are culturally relevant?

For example, if BSU decides that they want to go to 2 conferences, National Black Student Union Conference and the United Hispanic Conference. BSU expended the majority of their money to go to the BSU conference and they have a small amount of money remaining. In this case, it would not be considered culturally relevant to go to the United

Hispanic Conference. Another example would be if BSU wanted to use SUFAC money to do a taco sale, which would not be culturally relevant to the student organization.

Eric asked if new student organizations want to join this group, would that be feasible for the AIC? Yes, we welcome other groups because it is our mission to promote inclusion and diversity across the board. For example, if SAGA wanted to join this plan than it would go against our mission to refuse.

c. SGA Presidential Candidate Presentation

i. Jessica Murphy/Nate Nichols

We would like to reestablish EcoU on campus by working with eco groups on campus. We want to prioritize childcare on campus to work with students, faculty and community.

Eric asked if they foresee a good working relationship with SUFAC? Yes, we believe so especially since I have sat on the SUFAC board this year.

ii. Sierra Spaulding/Chad Osteen

I am Sierra and a triple major. Chad is a psychology major. We want to protect and uphold shared governance. Student voice is very important. We want to increase and broaden student representation around campus. We want to include more students from other areas of the campus including artists, athletes, disabled, veterans, etc. My plan is to increase student representation, which the faculty has been asking for. We also need to work on support the interdisciplinary nature of this campus as well as transfer students. We are making well-rounded students that will do well in their fields by combining related subjects. We need to increase the organization and support the transfer students. Lastly, we want to work on student awareness of local state politics. We also want to keep students aware of the opportunities on campus, such as different positions on campus and conferences/panels. We are small enough to have the close relationships so we want to take advantage of that.

iii. Hannah Stepp/Lorenzo Jones

Our platform is to increase SGA transparency. We want the open lines of communication. We want to be more involved in SUFAC meetings to know the process. I do a lot of work with the SGA constitution so we really want a representative to help us with that process.

Vote next Tuesday/Wednesday.

d. Feminist Book Club 2015-16 Budget

e. Guidelines and Bylaws Review

We decided to keep office hours and Greek life guidelines the same. We added that the SUFAC chair needs to sit on the Childcare Alliance Board as a voting member.

We also added under the voting requirements that the administrative assistant will record the attendance of who is present at the budget presentations because those are the only members that can vote on the budget at D-day.

We are maintaining that we have the opportunity to fund public events for Greek life.

VII. Action Items

a. By-law Approval

Reed entertained a motion to approve By-law Revisions. Jessica motioned. Erica seconded. Roll call vote. Motion passes 8-1-0.

b. Guideline Approval (Club sports, Committed, Travel, Contractual etc.)

Reed entertained a motion to approve to package the guideline (travel, food, club sports, contractual, committed) revisions. Marc motioned. Jessica seconded. Reed entertained a motion to approve the guideline revisions. Jessica motioned. Erica seconded. Roll call vote. Motion passes 8-1-0.

VIII. New Business

a. Feminist Book Club

Everything is within guidelines.

Reed entertained a motion to approve Feminist Book Club Budget. Nick T. motioned. Jessica seconded. Roll call vote. Motion passes 9-0-0.

IX. Discussion

a. AIC Presentation

It would be the job of the vice-chair and chair to designate the representative to sit on that committee. We need to decide if this saves enough a time for SUFAC. Nick T. is worried about the authority of overseeing what is culturally relevant because already do that on their own. Reed commented that we would still be funding the same amount of money but the AIC would help the orgs that have trouble organizing their budget in time.

Milton commented that he is concerned that student org budgets might be combined so that one org would be using another org's requested funds.

Nick T. commented that this seems like a solution without a problem. Reed commented that he has spent more time on these orgs because of reallocations, etc.

Milton believes that the SUFAC representative should oversee the budgets and prevent one org budget being used to fund another org within that group.

Erica asked if this will be one combined budget or separate budgets? That was not completely clear. We would need to discuss how much power the AIC has and what the committee would oversee.

Allison supports the AIC presentation.

X. Announcements

We will have one more meeting in two weeks.

XI. Adjournment: Reed entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jessica motioned. Milton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
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