SUFAC Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2022, 5:15 PM

1965 Room, UWGB

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Recognition of Guests
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. So moved: Isaac
   2. Seconded: Brendan
   3. Move to amend the agenda to move cheerleading after reviewing athletics in full.
      1. Seconded: Harrison
      2. Amendment is approved
   4. Agenda is approved
5. Approval of Minutes
   1. So moved: Riley
   2. Seconded: Aidan
6. Reports
   1. Vice Chair: I approved a $90 contingency for circle K. Emailed with orgs that we are discussing tonight.
   2. Chair: Emailing orgs to tie up loose ends. I met with financial planning association advisor to discuss items from their budget. We will get them to present next week because it is different from the original. Talked about the uber pilot program and transportation. Ordered food for d day.
   3. Senate: The Chancellor and Brian Merkel will be joining us Monday at 5:15. We are continuing to look into students to email the city to express student interest in early voting. Putting an early voting spot on campus. Email me and I will connect you to the people and you just have to send them an email.
   4. SGA Exec: We gathered opinions on a few legislation pieces. We talked about a resolution to create an amnesty policy to protect from police citation.. Looked over resolution to look at the EcoU trademark.
   5. Liaison: Committed: $29,117.26. Org start up fund: $963.62. Men’s basketball Friday at 7 in the Kress. Saturday is snowshoe at Cave point with UREC. Tuesday is luminary snowshoe at Shorewood at 5:30. Wednesday in the phoenix club for a paint and congregate event for Black History Month.
7. New Business
   1. Budgets Requesting Exceptions
      1. BSU
         1. Will we grant an exception for the max amount of food allocation?
         2. Harrison: This is an event that benefits the student body as a whole. It benefits more than just students. There was good reason why this was worth the exception.
         3. Riley: I agree entirely with what Harrison said
         4. Straw pull vote to grant the exception of $1500 max for food
            1. 9-0-0
      2. CRU
         1. Riley: We had correspondence that said that they are fine with removing the first event but still asking for the $200
         2. Harrison: We offer larger amounts they will spend significantly more to get students in their org and that only benefits their org not the whole school. Given that it is such a small difference. I think buying $150 of pizza is still a good recruitment event. I don’t see this as being worth it.
         3. Riley: I agree that this is recruitment, but this is different from most events I would argue. They stand on the corner of the street giving pizza to whoever walks by. They don’t even have to want to join, and it can benefit the student population
         4. Harrison: By giving them money, we are saying here is more to get people to want to join just their org. Student recruitment is good but there are methods that don’t require any money at all. I do worry about giving exception on recruitment
         5. JD: I think the way that it is advertised as recruitment. If they remove that and say we are just giving it out. Without the pressure of telling them they want to join the org there is a difference. Is this technically recruitment or could it be leaned as a large event.
         6. Tristan: It does say it is a recruitment event
            1. The org described it as such
         7. JD: I am weary to grant it for that reason. If they took it away from recruitment then I would feel less weary.
         8. Harrison: They said this was because of a raising price. This is a raise in price that any org would experience. We aren’t granting an exception to another org that would be using this. It would not be fair to give it one. The description is to include sidewalk chalk and banners which is recruitment.
         9. Brendan: Are we going over guidelines later in the semester?
         10. Riley: You can’t be opposed to guideline 150 but then support that for every budget. It would be unfair to start granting exceptions if we did not for everyone else.
         11. Better idea to change the guideline then give the exception
         12. Brendan: Do guidelines have anything referencing inflation.
             1. No, they are hard guidelines
         13. JD: They are asking for 200 recruitment and a farewell event
             1. That is fine because we are getting rid of the other event
         14. Harrison: I did the math at the first meeting to find an even number. They would reach like 60-100 students with 200 so it would 40-80 with 150 which is still a lot. Other orgs would have the same budget to compete.
         15. Aidan: Are we asking them to spend 50 dollars less.
         16. Riley: I think 50 is a trivial amount and the wont’ be that upset and for that reason I am appose
         17. Ted: If cru is having issues reaching people that is on them and it is not our responsibility to make up for that. IF they can’t hit the target amount that’s not our problem
         18. Harrison: call to questions
         19. Straw poll: in favor of granting an exception of a $150 maximum for food
             1. 0-9-0
         20. Travel: Spend more than $4000 on non-registration travel cost.
         21. Riley: Last year we did grant a number of exceptions along these lines. It is not their fault they are a big org. They are well within the per person per day guidelines. It is not the cost of the trip it’s the size of the group
         22. Isaac: With more students going means more students will benefit
         23. Harrison: This is something we should look at when editing guidelines. Should this be a per person for a large amount. Despite that they are within guidelines I am not happy, but I think it’s fair
         24. Riley: Written down for proposed guideline changes
         25. Straw poll: in favor of granting an exception to the 4000-travel contribution
             1. 7-2-0
      3. Psi Chi
         1. The expense is to pay for member poster. Guidelines say we don’t fund posters for student use or bigger than 11x17
         2. Riley: Last year they asked for the same thing was not because it is for personal use for members. These would be solely for the use of the member’s research. This breaks a number of items. This should also be a committed request as well.
         3. JD: I concur with riley. It is breaking a guideline.
         4. Harrison: Regardless of their reason we aren’t grinding exception for anyone else for this reason because it is not within guidelines, and it is not serving the student body as a whole.
         5. Harrison: They are submitting research to the APA and they don’t submit as part of psi chi. The org will cover some of the cost for the students. They also want to offer the ability to pay for posters. This can be a group project or an individual project. It should come from the psych department since it doesn’t benefit all students just students who can get in to psi chi which is an honor society
         6. Ted: I know people who have presented research in other departments and there is no financial support from SUFAC
         7. Harrison: We should not fund research that is for academic reasons. If the CAHSS department wants to fund sending students they should not sufac
         8. Straw poll: In favor of granting Psi Chi an exception to the guideline in funding for the research posters
            1. 0-9-0
         9. John: You heard them out and you arrived at the same conclusion for the past 10 years.
      4. SGA
         1. Asking for 7,880 for committed which goes over the max.
            1. Harrison: the reason is for the computers and not other orgs have those. We request money every year. Not every year the money will get used unless the rotating cycle gets around to SGA and IT updates the computers
         2. Contractual asking for 6,250 for three events
            1. Riley: Web support is not something other orgs have to pay for. We have to pay to websites up and that is the reasoning.
         3. Food
            1. 1500 maximum for food
            2. Riley: We still do not have an itemized list so we will get that figured out and they are a pain to put together, other than that no issue.
            3. JD: Do we spend 500 on D-day.

Not $500 because I had to account for tax. We spent 410 and tax took the rest.

* + - * 1. Harrison: Pass the gavel is technically an open event so that is fine. I was there last year and there was not $1000 worth of food. That number will probably vary on attendance.
        2. JD: I would like to see an itemized list
      1. Straw pull vote to grant exceptions they need to function as an organization
         1. 9-0-0
    1. ASA
       1. There were a number of changes on contractual that was for food. Those will be removed for D-day. This is the most we can allocate to this event per state law. The amount is $18 per person for a lunch meal. They want an exception to breaking the closed event maximum which is 150. On record that this is a closed event. Asking for an exception to the $150 limit.
          1. Harrison: This is a closed event and for the areas the suf should not be funding it. The suf is meant to fund opportunities to all student and they have to pay a membership fee.
          2. JD: To maintain fairness $1,440 is a lot to ask for a closed event
          3. Ted: They are as many non-students as students, but I feel like to goal is to bring CPAs in why doesn’t the club pay for that.
          4. Riley: There is a lot of issues with that, but I don’t care that it is a 1-1 nonstudent ratio. That is a lot of CPAs to network with.
          5. Straw pull vote for an exception to the 150 maximum for closed events

0-9-0

* + 1. Dance Team
       1. Asking for $1035. We will front them $2,500 for the uniforms and they will reimburse sufac. Whether or not poms are a part of the uniform. In the meeting we agreed that they are not part of the uniform. Will we fund the amount for $1000 if it is not a part of the uniform? Are poms apparel?
          1. Ted: Poms are just as much of a uniform as the normal one. I don’t think it is apparel in the same way as clothing.
          2. Harrison: poms are exclusively used as equipment to perform and function. By definition poms are not appeal because it just shows you are part of an org.
          3. JD: I don’t think it is part of a uniform.
          4. Riley: I agree with JD. These aren’t apparel. Last year we had a similar discussion with pennies for the soccer team and we decided they were apparel. Poms do not have to be tailored to fit an individual person.
          5. Harrison: if we consider them as not apparel are we in favor of giving them money. If we determine these are not apparel then this does not break guidelines.
       2. Straw pull vote: Are poms appeal’
          1. 0-9-0
    2. Sheepshead Review
       1. Harrison: I see this almost as the same way as psi chis work. I believe that if this a benefit to those pursing education and it requires finding then maybe it should be funded by the department. This is open for any student whereas Psi Chi is just psych students. I am more open but that should be taken in that it is still individual students work.
       2. JD: Have we approved this previously.
          1. Yes this is a very old request.
          2. Part of the legacy and it is not limited to just English majors, and it recognized talents of the students.
          3. Riley: If this number you don’t like, it is not really a possibility to go lower because printing books cost a lot of money. This is lowest they can print at.
          4. JD: Do they have an online version

Yes

* + - * 1. Ted: This has been here for as long as the university basically existed, if it were to be moved to be funded through academics it would die immediately. No department would pay that much to fund it. It would be examined as a business expense.
        2. Aidan: I think it is vital to the org and they need this to survive
        3. Brendan: This seems very important and it basically the only expense
        4. Harrison: given the information I would change my mind.
        5. Straw pull will we grant exception to the $2000 max for committed.

9-0-0

1. 10-minute recess
   1. Harrison moved to take a 10-minute recess.
      1. Riley Seconded
   2. Athletics
      1. Athletics in full
         1. Harrison: I have done research since the last meeting. Based on my research done with using public records and analyzing about 228 schools, we are generally a smaller than average school for d1 which means we are funding a lower number than other schools. We have difficulty with our team’s achieving success. Our program does not have great athletics success. This suggests that other programs that are more successful have more student engagement. There are about 50-60 students at basketball games on campus. In future years we should ask auxiliary to gather student usage, so we know how many students are utilizing the program to justify how much they are asking for. UWEC is a D3 program, and it costs 3 mil, which is less than our programs which is 6-10 million. The program brings in revenues of over 4 million dollars. $240,000 to the university. We will not be like EC however I firmly believe that rather than being an underfunded d1 program that struggles in games and costs us a lot of money we should be an overfunded d2 or d3. We would spend a lot less. Pay less in other costs and be more in line with the university. Based on information with the money, I think encouraging to reduce athletics spending and look into the long run a program that is sustainable and more in line would be good.
         2. John: I have no problem with that as a discussion. It is not for your domain in SUFAC. You are here to review and make decision based on budgets. We don’t generally discuss that. All those points get reviewed every year. They are aware of the cost and discuss the expense with d1. In SUFAC we need to focus on the budget that got submitted.
         3. Riley: Aren’t we responding to the budget by responding by saying we don’t like the money being spent.
            1. John: All that stuff had nothing to do with the budget submitted.
            2. Harrison: There are not guidelines for auxiliary. Why are we spending $366 per FTE? This is the best answer I have found in order to put up a program that is able to meet the minimum standard for the NCAA we have to pay more. I am not saying we don’t get the budget but regardless of what we approve, we will signify students as a whole are not benefiting from the program at the rate it is being funded and the comments of what we expect to see in the future. We have the opportunity to make a recommendation that can start the process of review. Many students have said they don’t use it and that is why I am coming with this.
            3. John: I have no problem with that. It is a high cost because we are a relatively small school. It costs what it cost. SUFACs position is are they spending a reasonable amount to be a D1 school. It is not in the purview to discuss everything else.
            4. Harrison: What is the difference if we have a cheerleading program or not and having a d1 program or not. It is reasonable to make recommendations with the understanding of students. We have student views with how the suf uses the money.

Team travel is 733,00 for. Per FTE that is $183.25 for students to pay

Harrison: If this was a student org it would not be approved.

Riley: We should not be comparing these to SUFAC guidelines.

* + - 1. JD: Will they review based on our comments
         1. It will be presented as is with comments.
      2. Harrison: John knows more about sufac but in general regardless of if we have power it is our responsibility to make the best recommendation.
      3. JD: 773,000 is a hefty chuck of money
      4. Harrison: They mentioned this was used for ordering fast food. They could save money on this. There are more fiscally responsible things.
      5. Tristan: that was because of Covid restrictions, that is not the norm.

1. Aidan moved to make a point of personal privilege and left at 6:35
   * + 1. Do we have justification on an itemized list?
          1. Yes. You could ask for more itemization.
       2. JD: I have concerns about the bus rentals
          1. Tristan: that is basically transporting students to the Resch. This has been on the budget every year
       3. Harrison: The SAAC expenses should be a student org and should request that instead of through athletics. That seems that that is their role.
       4. Isaac: We still a D-1 school, and a lot of these expenses are because we are recruiting D1 athletes. They won’t come to a school if they don’t get special treatment when traveling because that is the norm and that is where extra expenses come from.
       5. Harrison: I think we can speak on athletes’ motivation when applying but more so just being a D1 athlete. They will consider all factors but not fair to say all these are necessary to recruit athletes from the program, there are less benefits to some sports that are still d-1 athletes. Most of the scholarships are given out to basketball players.
       6. Riley: That is not paid for by the seg fee. The entire operating budget is not funded by seg fees. Most scholarships came out of the state support.
       7. Harrison: In terms of athletes choosing schools some are not receiving scholarship, so his point is not necessary to recruit athletes.
       8. JD: I solicited a couple students about this budget is that outside information?
          1. Yes that is outside
       9. Harrison: Isn’t our role to represent students for this budget?
       10. JD: I received general negative feedback that we spend that much. I shared the 1.6 mil wanting from the Seg fee.
       11. Riley: Move to end discussion.
     1. Cheerleading
        1. Riley: To compare this request. This is not part of the athletics budget, and they want this to become their own auxiliary. This will be a new fixed amount and a year-to-year expense. This was funded by athletics previously, but it is not coming out of athletics.
        2. Ted: I would want to see some sort of commitment from the Packers before we start a cheerleading program. The dance team does basketball games and I think it would be great but if there was a team but is not a need. There should not be a recurring 20,000 expense with no sign from the packers
        3. JD: is it 20,000 and will that be funded from the packers
           1. They have potential revenues because it doesn’t exist. Hopefully they will generate revenue.
        4. Harrison: why is this being presented separately when it was previously together?
           1. Riley: He made it sound like he was going to pay someone to be the coach in addition to what they do with athletics.
        5. Why can’t that be under the athletics request?
           1. Riley: If this program to be funded, I don’t want this to be under athletics. If it is approved I would like them to come to sufac every year.
        6. John: it is not in athletics because director doesn’t want it there. The pep band is housed in the mush department. That is the sponsoring unit.
        7. JD: My concern is that the dance team is a student org, but the cheer team is an auxiliary.
        8. Ted: The distinction because cheer would need insurance?
           1. Correct
        9. Harrison: If the dance team is performing at basketball games why does dance not need insurance.
           1. Dance team is not allowed to do flips. All of the toss’s cheer does require insurance.
           2. Allow them to do things that go over the head.
        10. Riley: The revenue is pulled out of thin air. We are not certain if they will perform at packer games. The revenue can’t be reliable.
        11. Straw pull vote in favor of approving the creation of cheer as a new axillary.
            1. 4-4-0
            2. Chair voted no as a tie breaker
            3. 4-5-0
   1. Discuss D-Day
      1. Saturday 9 am. There is a light breakfast and lunch around 12:30
      2. Riley: D-day is where we will be voting a lot. It will be rough at first. There will be a mic in the room recoding. Parli pro will be less relaxed on D-day. It is straightforward.
      3. JD: Will there be timed discussions?
         1. We won’t official rules allows 10 minutes a speaker and we won’t be doing that.
      4. Last year we got done around 3ish.
      5. JD: The time that was sent says 8
         1. It is 9
2. Action Item
   1. Transit Reallocation Request
      1. Uber piolet system.
      2. Transit has a cash balance of $12,000 and they would like to use $4,500 to sponsor an uber pilot program. As soon as money runs out the program will end. As the following presentation of SUFAC they will bring us data about the usage.
      3. Riley: this is a temporary thing as well. The bus program is under advertised and we talked to the dean of students last year and it has not changed so I think that is one thing we could mention. I want bus and uber to be advertised.
      4. Ted: I would like to voice my strong support. I think 4500 to be reallocated is a great thing. Student safety is a priority, and this would increase that for students going out to the bars and such.
      5. JD: Is the service going to be uber?
         1. That is just for the pilot. The union will put out a bid for all rideshare services and whoever takes the bid is who we will use.
      6. JD: Other than the trial do we have a timeline.
         1. They expect that to run out by June if they start in in 2 weeks. As soon as the money runs out the program will end.
      7. Move to approve the reallocation
         1. Seconded: JD
            1. Vote: 9-0-0
3. Announcements
   1. Harrison: Contact me if you want to email people to get them to spend money on an early voting location on campus.
   2. Riley: Next week Tuesday there is an election. Go vote.
4. Adjournment
   1. Move to adjourn the meeting
      1. Seconded: Isaac
      2. Meeting is adjourned