SUFAC Minutes  
Date: Monday, April 27th, 2015  
Time: 5:30 PM  
Location: Student Senate Chambers – 326 Cartwright

I. Call to Order  
a. 5:35 pm

II. Guest Speakers

III. Old Business

a. By-Laws
   i. Larry: questions on Section II: Budget Review and Audit. Kristin already currently looks at this. It seems a little harsh sometimes and a little too light at others.
   ii. Alex: with all the conversations taking place on the institutional side, it makes sense to have this committee looking at it too. But does it need to be so specific.
   iii. Kristin: could we change “will” to “may” in line A.

1. Larry: could we take out B-F of this section and amend A to state: “All SFAC budgets are subject to review by the SUFAC committee. Results of the review will be shared with the committee. Further action will be determined by the committee.”

2. John: so moved
   a. Second: Molly

3. Discussion: (none)
   a. Vote: 6-0-1
      i. Passes
iv. John K: should we talk about having a simple majority instead of 2/3 majority
v. Larry: could we look at having a specific amount of students needed for quorum?
   1. If people leave, the students are still able to make decisions. Students are always in charge of the majority of decisions
vi. John P: motion to amend that “quorum is 5 out of 8 students”.
   1. Second: Alissa
   2. Amendment to Section IV: Voting: “A. a majority of the student membership of the committee shall constitute a quorum of five (5) out of the eight (8) students members. B. Where monetary issues are concerned, a two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members in attendance shall be requested.
   3. Discussion: (none)
   4. Vote: 6-0-1
      a. Passes
vii. Alex: I went through and made sure that changes from last week didn’t affect any other sections of the bylaws from being ineffective and that there are consistencies across the document.
viii. John K: on the first page with the cash payments (section I, B, 7). A cash balance is about maintaining a minimum balance for emergencies. A max balance doesn’t seem make sense since it’s impossible to save.
   1. Kristin: this is a state requirement that it be no larger than 10% of the annual operating budget
   2. Larry: what if we phrase it as “maintain at all times a cash balance of 10%”; striking “no more than”?
   3. Kristin: this means that it’s impossible to ever be above that according to this.
ix. Molly: move to approve the document as a whole
1. Second: John P
2. Discussion: (none)
3. Vote (hand vote): 7-0-0
   a. Passes

IV. New Business
V. Discussion
   a. Disability Awareness Budget
      i. Speaker came in cheaper than expected due to co-sponsor and so they want to move the rest of that line item to S&E.
      ii. While in review it was found that any shifting of line items is supposed to be approved by SUFAC
      iii. This is the first time that a group came to us for this approval
      iv. Didn’t seem it was fair to be so punitive in this case when we haven’t done it in previous cases
      v. Alex: wasn’t an outright conflict within the bylaws, but when it was posed, was there anything from SUFC that needed to occur. There are certain points in the bylaws that show they should but also that it wasn’t necessary, so it is open to interpretation.
      vi. Nicole: this committee, similar to AIOC, should be more of an allocation committee that steps back and allows the committee to use their budgets after it’s been allocated, instead of micromanaging their line items. I think it’s great that information is shared with us, but shouldn’t be something that this committee must approve.
      vii. John K: generally it makes sense to set a threshold on this instead of being so vague.
      viii. James: it is open to the chair to determine the bylaws in this situation and whether it needs to be brought to the committee. This may be something that next year’s committee may want to address in the bylaws but as it stands, we’ve already approved changes to the bylaws.
ix. Nicole: I don’t think a “motion to approve” would be appropriate but rather use a “supportive” statement to send back to the organization.

x. Alex: It wouldn’t go against the bylaws to do a supportive statement but in the future, we may need to determine how we want to share this with the entities so that these expectations are learned and followed through. I think this conversation is a good lead up for next fall.

xi. Larry: we will go ahead and tell Terry that this is supported and can follow through.

b. Green Fund STARS Position

i. Ian had a conversation with JCES about the STARS program, which is a nationally recognized sustainability rating for the overall campus. The STARS would like to have a STARS director that would potentially be paid for through the Green Fund. This would require a change to the bylaws about compensation, which is currently unsupported.

ii. Kristen: did JCES recommend this? Heard that they recommended it for 2 years, but have not received anything final from the committee. It would be $20,000 per year as a faculty salary (including fringes).

iii. Molly: who would amend the Green Fund bylaws?
   1. Larry: JCES
   2. Molly: who approves that?
   3. Larry: SUFAC would

iv. Alex: they want this to go through this year for use next year. Would we call an emergency meeting for SUFAC to discuss this? If it had to go through Student Senate, we’ve already missed the deadline for the semester.

v. John K: funding salaries through proprietary accounts: usually an admin would state that that fund could support its own activities
when it’s healthy. When it isn’t healthy, it should be supported by
the admin. Always important to look at the health of the account.

vi. The current person overseeing it was given a 25% time release and
compensated through the university. With the budget cut, the
provost is saying they can’t do this anymore.

vii. Molly: I think we should end discussion since we don’t have any
hard documentation in front of us, and we can’t do anything with
this anyway this week since we’ve already approved the bylaws
and missed the senate deadline

viii. Larry: found that Green Fund is actually a non-allocable but we’ve
always treated is as an allocable. Really need to set up a task force
in the fall to look into this and see who is really overseeing this
committee and therefore, which area it falls into.

ix. Motion ended by chair.

c. CAB Proposal

i. Their role-over was for this fiscal year and the proposal was then
over to maintain their role-over money.

ii. Juicy-J did bring in a large profit (brought in $110,000, with a
profit of $35,000. But we’d like to hear another proposal. Since no
one is available tonight (Drea is sick), we don’t want to make a
large, uneducated decision tonight. We could propose that the
money is swept July 1, 2015 and allow them to propose a return.
Would they want to encumber this money over the summer until
fall

iii. John P: move that we let CAB have carry-over of fund balance
again this year, and SUFAC will look at in the fall for future years.

1. James: will entertain the motion even though it is in
discussion, but it a time-sensitive issue

2. Second: Alissa

3. Discussion: (none)

4. John P: call to question
5. Vote (by hand): 5-1-1
   a. Passes

iv. Larry will let Drea know of this decision

d. Summer Chair elections
   i. James: Summer chair is needed! Will still elect a summer chair and the committee can then elect a final chair. Accept nominations for summer chair.
   ii. Kaylee: I believe that Alissa would be a great summer chair. She will be around and we can work on a training plan.
   iii. Alissa nominated herself
      1. Second: James
      2. Vote: 7-0-0
         a. Passes

VI. Announcements
   a. End of the year party next Monday at 5:30 at Larry’s house

VII. Adjournment
   a. 6:38pm