

## ***SAFAC MEETING MINUTES***

*April 13, 2012*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Heflin, Becky Easley, Stephanie Belter, Xavier Landrum, Junior Braveboy, Melissa Flores, Cody Gardner, Zeak Naifeh, Jennifer Holland, Dominique Bahr, Morgan Ward, Brandi Goldsmith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie White, Barkley Kirk

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the April 6, 2012 meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Heflin and seconded by Cody Gardner. Motion passed.
- III. Updates and Information from Prior Meeting;
  - a. *Biological Sciences* - A new proposal was submitted for additional funds, requesting additional funding for speakers' honorariums. The committee did not approve of this use of SAFAC dollars and agreed that the acceptable expenses only equaled \$3,300 of the requested \$3,500.
  - b. *CUTV* - Ted Riley requested additional funding to get a budget built to cover expenses because they are not sure where CUTV ownership will be next year after the Academic Commons opens. He indicated that signal equipment is starting to fail and they also have plans to purchase a monitor for the Human Resources department. Fidelity Cable is getting quotes for the dorms and Cameron Village; both will have access by the end of the Fiscal Year. After discussion, the committee recommended funding of \$10,000 and they suggested that next year's committee re-evaluate needs after the new facility is online. There was conversation that some of the expenses should be covered through the Student Technology Fee.
  - c. *English* - The department is requesting \$2,682 this year, a slight decrease from last year's \$3,400. The committee inquired about the significant rollover, and it was determined that the department had not been billed for the most recent printing. After discussion the committee would like to see wider distribution, but voted to allocate \$2,700.
- IV. Discussion on Information presented at the last meeting;
  - a. *Athletics*-
    - i. *Scholarships*- Committee voted to allocate the requested \$588,770, with the understanding that the amount will increase if tuition and fees increase.
    - ii. *Operating-(Teams)*- Committee inquired about the addition of an Athletics Fee in order to take the pressure off of SAFAC; they would like

to know how other schools fund athletics and what amount comes from students. After discussion, the committee agreed to allocate \$181,900 of the request of \$190,569.

- iii. *Operating* – (Director)-Discussion of the request of \$8,500 was lengthy and the committee had several suggestions. They would like to see a better partnership between Student Activities and Athletics, equally various sports, advertise in the MCC, set up a table and hand out pocket schedules, use Aggie Access to promote events widely if using SAFAC funds, improve PR to students. The students are frustrated with not knowing game times/events. Maybe print some “game today” banners or t-shirts, use more aggressive marketing, text, get the athletes involved, use yard signs, etc. If improvement is not apparent by next year’s committee, funds could be reduced, but voted to allocate \$7,500.
- iv. *Cheer/Dance* – Committee recommended an allocation of \$11,000 of the \$15,000 request. They would like it to be split equally between cheer and dance at \$5,500 each. Suggestions were to use the cheer and dance teams to promote games and increase involvement. The committee would like to see separate accounts to track cheer and to track dance. They also suggested independent fundraising for the cheer camp.

V. Proposals Review:

- a. *Physical Education* – New department request of \$6,500, which would fund professional development opportunities for students in PE. After discussion, the committee voted to allocate \$3,500.
- b. *Physical Science* – Department request of \$3,700, used to fund several events throughout the year. After discussion, the committee recommend to allocate the full amount of \$3,700.
- c. *Psychology* – New request from the psychology department of \$3,660, for trips to various conferences. After discussion, the committee voted to allocate \$3,500.
- d. *Student Activities* – Department requested \$37,000, an increase of \$9,000 from last year. The committee would like to see a better and more cohesive partnership between Student Activities and Athletics. Committee voted to allocate \$36,300.
- e. *Leadership & Service* – Requesting \$5,400, an increase of \$3,400 from last year. After discussion, the committee voted to allocate \$4,700.
- f. *Student Government Association (SGA)* – After discussion the committee agreed to fund the entire request of \$10,000.
- g. *SGA Disbursement Fund* – After discussion, the committee voted to award the requested amount, \$2,500.
- h. *Student Development* – Department is asking for a \$500 increase from last year’s amount, for a request of \$3,000. After discussion, the committee voted to allocate the full \$3,000.

- i. *Student Wellness Center* – Center is asking for \$10,500, a significant increase from last year’s request of \$2,500. Committee discussion involved ways to better promote WC events, and look at alternate ways to fund scholarships. Committee voted to allocate \$5,000.
- j. *SWAHEC* – Department is asking for \$1,500. After discussion and review, the committee voted to allocate \$1,500.
- k. *Theatre Arts* – Department is requesting \$26,000. After review and some discussion, the committee voted to allocate \$24,500.
- l. *Theatre Fees* – Theatre department has requested \$5,700 for upcoming theatre fees for next year. Committee voted to allocate the request, \$5,700.

VI. Meeting with Departments:

- a. *Orientation/Aggie Ambassadors* – Frank Myers was on hand to answer questions from the committee, mainly wondering how other universities fund orientation. The committee was split on whether or not this should be a responsibility of SAFAC. After discussion the committee voted to allocate \$10,000 of the \$16,000 request, and to designate \$8,000 for Orientation, and \$2,000 for NODA.
- b. *Computing and Technology* – Committee voted to allocate \$8,000 of the \$36,700 request, the same amount that was awarded last year for this department.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.