SAFAC Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jodi Abshere, Chair; Kalie Field; David Gibbs; Brittny Flint; Cassie Brenner (SAFAC only); Victor Wong (SAFAC only); Scott Richard Klein; Keith Vilense; John Veal (ex-officio); Linda Dziale (ex-officio, non-voting); Suzanne Foster (ex-officio, non-voting); Jennifer Holland (ex-officio, non-voting);

Members Absent: Anthony Heddell; Daniel Myers (SAFAC only); Mary Dzindolat

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jodi Abshere at 4 p.m. in the Conference Room on the 3rd floor of North Shepard. Jennifer Holland distributed a spreadsheet with information about SAFAC request for the 2003-04 academic year. The committee voted to using working numbers during the preliminary discussion and vote on recommendations as a whole at the conclusion of the SAFAC process.

The committee decided to discuss the Athletic Department proposal first. Their request was increased this year to cover higher scholarship and operating costs. The working number proposed for Athletics was $401,597, an amount great enough to cover increased scholarship costs, keeping operating costs at their previous level.

The Mathematical Science proposal was discussed by the committee next. The committee agreed that, compared to other departmental requests, the Mathematical Science request seemed too large. The committee recommended $2000.

The History proposal was tabled, pending further information. It may be possible to refer this request to the Lectures and Concerts Committee.

The proposal from the School of Business requested funding for Delta Mu Delta, Business and Accounting Club and the VITA program. The committee agreed that is was not in the committee's best interest to fund student organizations and, thus, recommends $850 to cover costs of VITA computer upgrades and travel for training.

The committee recommends $1500 to Technology for their proposal.

The Library proposal was discussed, and it was the committee's opinion that this is a wonderful idea. However, considering the excess requests this year, the committee suggest that the Library seek alternate sources of funding.

The committee chose to decline the proposal from the OU College of Nursing, asking to cover the cost of an end of the year awards banquet.

The Aggie Ambassadors proposal was tabled, pending further information. The SOCA and CU Art Guild proposals were declined, because SAFAC is not in the practice of funding student organizations.

The committee decided to discuss the Collegian, Art, Communications, Music, Theatre Arts and Theatre Fees at the February 26 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 5:00 p.m.