

SAFAC MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Justin Walton, Dr. Holly Rice, Dr. Deidre Onishi Colton Rancourt, Kristina Hill, Cody Jackson, Sidney McCormack, Madison Geiger, Zeak Naifeh, Leslie Cothren

ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Mefford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alexandra Kolinski, Nikki Kirk, Casey Meek

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.
- II. Distribution of March 10 Meeting Minutes the Collegian's email response.
- III. Dean Naifeh called for a motion to approve the March 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes.
 - a. Motion to approve – Kristina Hill
 - b. Second – Cody Jackson
 - c. Approved
- IV. Dean Naifeh called for discussion and review of the email response for the Collegian, followed by review of all the tentative recommendations, to be replaced with final recommendations. Due to the lack of funding, all or most all departments will have a flat budget or receive a cut in funding. The committee wanted to take a hard look at scholarships funded through SAFAC funds. They feel current students should not be responsible for another students scholarship, unless a significant benefit to all students can be established.
- V. The final recommendations are as follows:
 - a. *Agriculture*; \$4,200
 - b. *Agriculture-Livestock Judging*; No funding recommended at this time. Funding a significant proposal in a declining budget was not feasible for the upcoming academic year.
 - c. *Art*; \$5,000, the Art Department proposed more travel opportunities for their majors than other departments, and the committee felt that they could still provide great experiences for students, even with fewer travel opportunities.
 - d. *Biological Science*; \$2,100
 - e. *Business*; \$3,000
 - f. *Communications*; \$27,000, the committee continued last year's conversation regarding Communication receiving a large portion of SAFAC allocation, about 30% of the total funds available. Much of the funding requested is for student scholarships. The committee recommends that the department look to other funding sources for additional funding.
 - g. *Collegian*; \$25,000, the above information applies to the Collegian also.
 - h. *CU TV*; \$2,000, for travel only.
 - i. *Computing & Technology*; \$4,500
 - j. *Criminal Justice & Sociology*; \$3,500
 - k. *CU Duncan*; \$16,000
 - l. *Education*; \$3,500
 - m. *English*; \$1,500, the committee felt the number of publications could be reduced if necessary.

- n. *Health & Physical Education*; \$3,500
 - o. *Honors Program*; No funding recommended at this time. The committee did not feel the request from the Honors Program was open to all students, rather only served students in the honors program. According to the SAFAC by-laws, all activities funded must be open and accessible to all students.
 - p. *Library*; \$200
 - q. *Mathematical Sciences*; \$2,500
 - r. *Military Sciences*; \$6,000, this request included funding for the commissioning ceremony and other expenses that the committee had concerns over.
 - s. *Music*; \$10,000, the committee requests that scholarships from SAFAC be reduced and that the \$10,000 in scholarships recommended be used to also support the Pep Band or a variation of the Pep Band to play at athletic competitions.
 - t. *Orientation/Aggie Ambassadors*; \$3,000
 - u. *Physical Sciences*; \$3,000
 - v. *Psychology*; \$3,500
 - w. *Student Activities*; \$40,000
 - i. *Intramural Sports*; \$6,000
 - ii. *Leadership Service & Greek Life*; \$4,000
 - iii. *Student Government Association*; \$5,000
 - iv. *SGA Disbursement Fund*; \$1,500
 - x. *Student Development*; \$1,500
 - y. *Student Wellness Center*; No funding recommended at this time. The Student Wellness Center has a dedicated wellness fee, and the committee would like to see them use this money instead of receiving SAFAC funds in addition.
 - z. *SWAHEC*; \$500, this was the only “new” proposal the committee is recommending to fund this year. Because the department services multiple disciplines and provides development of pre-professional degrees, the committee found this to be a priority.
 - aa. *Theatre Arts*; \$11,000, the committee recommended a possible decrease in the number of performances or a reduction in the funding used for scholarships and student workers.
 - i. *Theatre Fees*; \$2,500, the committee recommended that departments and organizations who utilize the Theatre be charged for use of the Theatre, rather than absorbing those costs in the Theatre Fees budget.
- VI. The committee voted unanimously to recommend the above allocation amounts. This was a very difficult process, if there were more SAFAC funding available, the recommendations would have varied greatly. The committee felt that all of the proposals submitted are worthy of funding.
- VII. Dean Naifeh thanked the committee members for their careful consideration to each proposal and their time and effort.
- VIII. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.