Student Affairs Committee
MINUTES
Wednesday, February 27
5 p.m., North Shepler 4th floor Conference Room

Present: Keith Vitense, Scott Richard Klein, John Veal (ex-officio), Michelle Coady, Marcus Natta, Stacie Nicholson, Cortney Weber, Jennifer Holland (ex-officio, non-voting), Linda Dzialo (ex-officio, non-voting), Daniel Myers (SAFAC only), Victor Wong (SAFAC only), Melinda Nill (SAFAC only), Suzanne Foster (SAFAC only)

Absent: Jennifer Barger, Euna Chang

Stacie Nicholson began the meeting at 5 p.m. Minutes from the February 12 and February 20 meetings passed by unanimous consent.

Ms. Nicholson explained decisions made at last weeks meeting and passed cut a current spreadsheet for committee members. Keith Vitense will be in charge of adjusting the spreadsheet during the meeting using his laptop.

Committee members received additional information to aid in the decision making process. The Aggie Ambassadors are requesting $7,800 and CADD is requesting $4,060. Placement, Senior Day and Honors submitted proposals to the committee.

Suzanne Foster provided information on the Art Department's operating expenses, which had doubled from the previous year. The committee carefully reviewed their proposal and found that the increase was due to paper and supply costs, used in the classroom. The committee agreed that it was unfair to cover increasing classroom costs using Student Activity Fees. The committee recommended a budget of $7,000 for the Art Department.

The Communication Department's proposal was discussed again, and the committee felt it was important to limit any budget increases. The committee felt that the increase in the Communication budget was due to increased travel expenses. However, the committee agreed that they were unable to increase all SAFAC budgets for to compensate for increasing travel costs. The Communication Department recommendation by the SAFAC committee was $23,800.

Suzanne Foster explained that money allocated by SAFAC to any 8000 student organization account results in crossing funds, which causes problems for accountants and auditors. She suggested finding another way to provide funding for student organizations (like MathCom, CEC, CADD and AITP), either by allocating extra money to Student Government or encouraging departments to submit proposals for departmental/organizational activities.

The committee decided to award Student Government at least $10,556. The committee asked to award Student Activities at least $16,000. They wished to determine the amount of funding left over and come back to Student Government and Student Activities.

Senior Day expenses are normally consistent. Since no increase was requested, the committee decided to recommend $1,500.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6 at 5 p.m. Committee members should be prepared to discuss all of the remaining requests.