SAFAC Minutes
February 26, 2003
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jodi Abshero, Chair; Katie Field; David Gibbs; Cassie Brenner (SAFAC only); Victor Wong (SAFAC only); Mary Dzindoloe; Scott Richard Klein; Keith Vitense; John Veal (ex-officio); Suzanne Foster (ex-officio, non-voting); Jennifer Holland (ex-officio, non-voting)

Members Absent: Brittany Flint; Anthony Hedden; Daniel Myers (SAFAC only); Linda Dzialo (ex-officio, non-voting)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. Chair Jodi Abshero summarized the tentative numbers set at the February 19 meeting. Aggie Ambassadors and History were discussed again because of further information received.

It was determined to set the Aggie Ambassadors' recommendation at $0, since the activities discussed were included in the Placement, Recruitment and Orientation Proposal.

It was also suggested that the History Department seek funding through Lectures and Concerts, since the request was for one specific event. The committee felt that the idea deserved merit, but this year's shortfall leaves little room for new requests.

The Collegian was praised for their increase in Ad Sales. The committee was supportive of the Collegian and their presence on campus. However, the committee decided to set $18,000 as a working number for the Collegian. Several committee members expressed concern about "cutting" too much from budgets.

For the Art department, the committee felt it was important to look at their allocation from last year, instead of the increase requested this year. The Art department was given a working number of $8600.

The committee felt that, although the Speech and Debate team is a great representative for the university, it benefits fewer individuals than other teams/groups on campus. Again, the committee expressed concern about recommending less than the amount departments have received in the past. Several members commented that there simply isn't enough money to fully fund each request. The Communications department was given a working number of $20,000.

The Music and Theatre Arts requests fund mostly scholarship, which the committee felt was more important to the university than operating or travel expenses. Music was set at $17,400, and Theatre Arts was set at $17,500. Theatre Fees was kept at $3,434 because of the importance of providing the Theatre as a location to hold events on campus. The Theatre Fees fund covers the cost of manning the facility during events and general upkeep and repair of the facility.

Intramurals requested $2000 less than they received last year, so the committee decided to set their recommendation at their $3000 request.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was suggested that the departments that requested increases be kept at a maximum of their allocation from last year. Those departments were Physical Science, Agriculture, Honors, and Military Science.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room on the 3rd floor of North Shepler. The requests to be discussed include Physical Science, Biological Science, Agriculture, Student Government, Student Activities, Wichita Magazine, Honors and Military Science.