

SAFAC MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Deidre Onishi, Dr. Aubrey Walton, Dr. Joanni Sailor, Alexandra Kolinski, Jamie Hatcher, Robert Day, Brandon Gibson, Wyonna Alberty, Nikki Kirk, Lacey Flaig, Taylor Thompson, Sarah Lewman, Zeak Naifeh, Leslie Cothren

ALSO PRESENT: Lindsey Billen, Debbie Mefford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly High

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.
- II. Distribution of remaining SAFAC books and agenda
- III. Overview of SAFAC purpose and funding
- IV. Introductions of committee members
- V. Zeak Naifeh explained SAFAC conditions and reviewed the bylaws. He also stated that the meeting would be kept informal until the final vote at the end.
- VI. Current SAFAC account information was distributed and an overview was given by Sarah Lewman.
- VII. *Proposal review:*
 - a. *Agriculture:* Requested \$5,000 in funding. After discussion the committee decided to tentatively recommend the same funding as they received last year, \$4,200.
 - b. *Art:* Requesting \$8,000. The committee was concerned that some of the events are only advertised to Art students, but a student committee member stated that she had been encouraged to attend even though she is not an Art major. The committee is still concerned that a couple of the trips may be solely for Art students, they also felt that the proposal was quite confusing and would like some clarification regarding what they actually intend to spend their SAFAC funds on. Additionally, they would like to know how student worker hours are used. Dean Naifeh will email Edna McMillan in the Art Dept. for clarification and the committee will revisit this proposal at the next meeting.
 - c. *Biological Science:* Requested \$1,900, \$200 less than they received last year. The committee appreciated the fact that the Biology Dept. was asking for less money than the previous year, showing awareness of the current budget situation and lower student enrollment. They like the fact that all students are strongly encouraged to attend their functions, but would like clarification on how the requested \$200 scholarship money would be used. Dean Naifeh will contact Ron Gaines for clarification. The committee would like to tentatively propose the requested amount of \$1,900, but will revisit this proposal at the next meeting after the information is received from the Biology Dept.
 - d. *Business:* Requested \$7,700. The committee doesn't believe that SAFAC funds should be used for a student recognition ceremony or the trip to NYC for portfolio/investment students. They also feel that \$2000 for speaker fees is high, as some speakers are funded through Lectures and Concerts. The committee tentatively recommended \$3,500, which is \$500 more than they received last year.
 - e. *Campus Life:*

- i. *Campus Life Office*: Requested \$37,000, \$2,500 less than they received last year. The committee strongly believes that activities are open to all students and is concerned that the decrease will not cover the necessary expenses to continue reaching students. The committee tentatively recommended \$38,000.
 - ii. *Intramural Sports*: Requested \$5,000, \$1,000 less than last year. The committee wonders how Intramural Sports can continue with less money as the program has continued to grow even with lower student enrollment. Dean Naifeh stated that although the program has grown some of the initial startup cost of reviving the program had already been absorbed and the program should be able to continue with less funding. Most of the funding now goes to pay officials for events. The committee tentatively recommended \$5,000.
 - iii. *Leadership, Service and Greek Life*: Requested \$3,500, \$500 less than they received last year. The committee once again is worried that this growing program will be able to continue on less funding as it involves an increasing numbers of students, especially in the service portion. The committee tentatively recommended the full funding requested, \$3500.
 - iv. *Orientation*: Requested \$3,000. Some committee members wondered how this important program could be achieved with a small budget. The committee tentatively recommended the full funding requested, \$3,000.
 - v. *Student Government*: Requested \$4,270, \$280 less than they received last year. The committee tentatively recommended \$4,200.
 - vi. *SGA Organization*: Requested \$1,500. The committee tentatively recommended full funding of \$1,500.
- f. *Communications*:
- i. *Collegian*: Requested \$25,000 and absorbed the expense of CUTV. The committee noted that the Collegian did have to cut their staff after last year's SAFAC budget cut, but didn't think it was appropriate for SAFAC funds to pay for travel for students to receive awards. The committee tentatively recommended \$24,000 and would like for the Collegian to make up the difference with ad sales
 - ii. *Speech and Debate*: Requested \$40,000. The committee felt this was a very expensive request, \$13,000 more than requested last year, only serving 9 students, without much value to the general student population. The committee did a little math and decided the request would be almost \$4,500 per student, with so many trips planned that they were concerned that students could complete all of their other course work. The committee tentatively recommended \$25,000, which is still almost \$3,000 per student and considered to be a very generous amount.
- g. *Computing and Technology*: Requesting 14,440. The committee members appreciated the fact that IT students had competed well in last year's competitions, however they were able to do so with \$4,500. The committee tentatively recommended funding of \$4,500, to be revisited after a complete proposal review to possibly increase the funding to \$5,500, if at all possible, to cover the expense of an additional trip
- h. *Criminal Justice*: Requested \$4,050. The committee appreciated the fact that CJ is opting for Mock Mediation, a less expensive version of Mock Trial, to help keep their expenses down. The committee tentatively recommended funding of \$4,000; allowing students to make up the difference of some of the food expenses themselves.

- i. *CU Duncan*: Requested \$15,150. The committee sees the value of having events at the Duncan Campus and recognizes how appreciative CU Duncan students are of having programs and events. The committee tentatively recommended \$15,200.
- VIII. Dean Naifeh told the committee that they had completed the review that was set by the agenda, but the committee could continue reviewing proposals or stop for the day and resume at the next meeting. The committee voted unanimously to resume at the next meeting.
- IX. Dean Naifeh told the committee that he would contact Art and Biology for the requested information and reminded them that we would meet again on March 1.
- X. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.