

University Budget & Appropriations Committee Meeting

Minutes of the January 30, 2009 Meeting

Location: PAC Office (Room 213) - Boca Raton Campus Student Union

Called to Order: 12:15 PM

Roll Call (Ed Fulton)

Present: Ed Fulton, Christopher Ayala, Sarah Lanciault, Manesh Gopaldas, Sean Johanessen, Rivka Felsher, Melinda Baugh, Carrie Gates, Kendra Littleton, Kristen O'Brien, Alex Lange.

Absent: Laura Holt, Christopher Suastegui, Ryan Grubich, Jose Lezama.

Hearings:

Jupiter Campus Recreation (Heather Bishara and Jared Rockner)

- Campus recreation intramurals promotes leadership, comraderie, friendship
- Teams and solo sports – kayaking, snorkeling
- Contract with local gym for student memberships – we encourage them to use it via email 4x per month
- Staff includes student Director – student staff supervision
- Catering for Big Game party and for tourneys
- Repair and maintenance for field – outsourced contract, lower than FAU.
- In-state travel – up to 40 miles for day trips for climbing wall, tourneys in Boca Raton. A lot of Jupiter students don't have cars
- Would be fine with \$7.75 for Coordinators/Assistants
- Recreation Board only met once in the Fall semester, trying for two this semester

Jupiter Student Union (Heather Bishara)

- The Burrow – like a living room
- Programming – dances, coffee houses, gaming, karaoke, Burrow Bash (gaming, karaoke, music, etc)
- One stop shopping for services
- Recent renovations – no more old library circulation desk
- Barebones request
- Increase in OPS request to open on Saturdays later hours

University Press (Michele Boyet and Brandon Ballenger)

- Presenting same budget as last year
- Publish weekly and online 3x per week
- News, entertainment, sports, opinion – magazine style, breaking news and sports online, and blogs
- Equipment expenses – reserve for broken equipment – cameras, computers

- Vision for paper depends upon new Director of Student Media – to eventually go independent
- No revenue – we are published for free, we don't sell ads ourselves
- 5K issues – 50 bins – University-wide distribution
- 30-40% read on Boca Raton, not tracked in Ft. Lauderdale, Davie, Sea Tech or Treasure Coast.
- Conference not approved because travel is frozen – we would present
- High staff turnover
- Try to cover the other campuses better each year

SG Senate (Ed Fulton)

- In-state campus to campus travel for Senators
- Discretionary

Owl Radio (Mark Ortenzo)

- Free equipment rental for SG/orgs
- More concerts, events and outreach programming to encourage students to feel at home
- Playing before basketball games and at after parties
- Discount/free club/concert tickets for FAU students
- Desperately need equipment transport – want electric golf cart
- Online sports link to hear games and replay them
- 24/7 even during breaks
- Get international and out of state emails on out programming
- Goal to get an AM frequency – most realistic due to cost of FM on Clearchannel – has administration support, but requires permits, signal search. Hard because close to airport, but possible.
- Currently staff work 12 hours/week, Station Manger 15 hours/week
- Asking 25 cent increase for regular staff
- FCC shut down radio tower after 9/11, need to work with specific FCC regulations

R.A.D. (Harriet Pioquinto)

- Women's self-defense course
- Wants to increase class number and class sizes
- Now on Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses
- Turning people away in Boca Raton
- 6 active instructors – including Broward and Jupiter
- Majority of attendees are students
- Go into residence halls, and Orientation to get students interested
- The request includes out of state conference travel
- Survivors attend
- Cost to students is \$10 (used to be free) but there were no shows and we still had to pay for instructor hours and room rental
- Program here since 1997, Harriet in it for four years

- Hoping Jupiter would open for Treasure Coast students to go – need to see if students are interested (in Broward too)
- This may need riders – no travel and student deposit, not a charge because they are a no show

Recess 1:25-2:05 pm.

Roll Call – no change in attendees

Weekend Programming (Alicia Keating and Dr. King)

- “FAU Late Night”
- As University becomes larger, more residential and traditional, we need later and more options, including food, through 1-2 am
- Program Board has some ideas, new flyer to share what already exists
- Some student interest in new programming ideas
- We are ready to get funding and students to launch it
- We can do a lot with \$100K
- Carnivowl, movie nights, red eye nights
- Would get thousands of students to come (3K came to the foam party)
- Late Night Committee has been doing research on that other university’s do
- This \$ helps student orgs do more and pays for Police and other costs too high for clubs
- This will start with Boca Raton, not University-wide.
- Jupiter would be next, they already have some funding for this
- Davie reps to the UBAC do not think that its campus will have enough student presence
- VP – we think \$ needs to be allocated to all campuses by need (available id the partner campus want it, rather than a direct campus allocation)
- Dr. King – don’t want it forced on others and then used for other things, it’ for late night programming only
- Would be staff run but the intention is to create a late night programming committee with students in cooperation with Program Board (BR at least)

Marquee Maintenance (Rivka Felsher)

- Straightforward request
- Gave a brief history on the marquee maintenance issues and current situation, that it is not operational
 - Hit by lightning
 - Vendor service issues
 - High cost to maintain, and too costly to replace
 - Limited usage by University policy
 - No revenue

SG Advisor Office (Rivka Felsher)

- Basic run down of operating expenses
- SG insurance and copier costs added from S00100
- Activities and programs and books for training

Vote on UBAC Funding of All Program Boards:

- Trying to prioritize programming over other essentials to create a more robust array of programming
- Dr. Brown has shared it's an all or nothing decision for UBAC, no splitting Boards up between UBAC and CBCs
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Ayes: Johannesen, Gopaldas, Littleton, Gates, Lange
 - Nays: Lanciault, O'Brien
 - Passes 5 to 2, UBAC will allocate all Program Board budgets

Hearings Continued:

Davie Student Union (David Bynes)

- New building Coordinator in place
- Two more position to fill
- Want Student Assistant for late night help
- Adding two SAs gives us more coverage 7 pm to closing shift
- Some areas were trimmed, other allocated more, especially activities and programming
- Coffee houses, partner with Broward Graduate Council to have jazz nights
- Budget gets tweaked as per real need
- Housekeeping is a direct hire

Owl TV (Mike Trimboli and Peter Montalbano)

- Want a webmaster and second advisor
- Can reach more students on web
- Will add new equipment and another production coordinator
- Food – to feed crew (not OK per Controller's Office), and for FAU IDOL
- Transportation – gas for TV truck (really a golf cart)
- Need better coordination with Jupiter Owl TC coordinators and to work in Davie as well, but one person 20/hrs is minimal advisement, but ok to call and make a plan with Peter

CCES Alternative Spring Break (Dr. King)

- The DC trip has been cancelled, but not the Alternative Spring Break this year
- We will serve the local community instead
- Students will work with Habitat for Humanity, stay in Jupiter residence halls
- Same goal of service
- Asking for much less for next year

Diversity Programming (Freddie Frage and Rozalia Williams)

- Also speaking on behalf of Jackie Kearn in Jupiter, and Rochelle Popp in Treasure Coast
- Very little funding for diversity programs on partner campuses
- Came together to create a diversity programming committee
- 6 theme weeks – Jewish, Black, Women, Asian, Hispanic, Native
- 8 diversity components – music, art, dance, drama, literature, spirituality, sexual orientation, ability

- Will split \$ by campus enrollment and will book collectively to get deals
- Need to meet the needs of a growing student population
- Trying to change it to work together and accomplish more
- Other universities, like FSU, have many more times the funds for their diversity programs
- African storytellers
- Lecturers – Spike Lee, Donna Brazil, Bill Miller
- Bands
- Those with broader appeal

SGAB Office (Jose Lezama)

- \$12.75/hr for Donna (OPS accountant), wishes he could give a lot more, would like to raise her to \$13/hr, she gets no benefits
- He would like her reclassified as staff versus student OPS
- Bare bones office expenses budget request

Downtown Ft. Lauderdale Student Activities (Karen Esteves)

- 1 person shop, 900-1100 students
- Mostly graphic design, computer animation, CAUPA
- Issue Owl ID cards, allows secure access and parking access
- Advise Broward Graduate Council
- Campus is open 24/7
- Manager of Student Activities Center and a student gallery (2nd Ave Studio)
- “Freedom of Expression: Diversity Matters” in studio now
- Need to replace a network printer – will cost \$5K (laser copier)
- \$23,400 – we are billed back for use of space
- \$5K is for programming
- Used to let Broward Governor’s Chief of Staff downtown plan programs
- Now do Breakfast All Day during finals week
- Now programming is shared with David Bynes and Broward SG via Governor
- Will do some off-campus equipment rental
- Calendar is full – art, Women’s History Month

Scheduling of Next Meeting (Ed Fulton)

- UBAC Program Board Hearings, February 12, 2009, 6:30 pm, same location
- UBAC Deliberations on Program Board, February 12, 2009, 7:30 pm, same location

Final Roll – Chris Ayala not present

Adjourned at 5:05 pm by Ed Fulton