

University Budget & Appropriations Committee Meeting

Minutes of the January 23, 2009 Meeting

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

Called to Order: 12:07 PM

Roll Call (Ed Fulton)

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

Absent: Christopher Suastegui, Ryan Grubich, Jose Lezama.

Hearings:

Weeks of Welcome (Alicia Keating and Michelle Perkins)

- Opening Foam Party, Carnivowls
- Quarter-flyers, posters and flyer promotion
- University-wide distribution
- Promos – backpacks, owl stress balls
- Gets students excited
- Use WOW Committee, Alicia and Michelle chair it, 15-20 membership w/ U-wide representation, tabling at all events
- Programming calendar
- Website calendar
- Get Rec'd on the Lawn
- This packages all of the traditional programs
- Challenge to get info out to masses
- Work with other clubs and orgs
- Events paid for by other orgs, **this is a request for marketing**

Leadership Development Program (Alicia Keating and Michelle Perkins)

- Student Leadership Conference a huge success
 - 75 students attended, hoped for 150, it needed more promos/marketing. Will ask faculty and staff to nominate students, use clubs and orgs, RAs, etc next year.
 - Conference budget was \$10K this year
- Leaders aren't born they are made
- Hope for program to be a cornerstone of the FAU student experience
- Program always around, dormant one year, this is a restart and a new way of doing it
- Student Leadership Institutes – in progress, Emerging and Breakthrough, all campuses, UG only
- **Request is for:**
 - “PLAY” – bi-weekly leadership seminars

- Next conference in the fall – keynote, faculty/staff speakers – in Boca Raton
- Recognition ceremony for student leaders University-wide – celebrate participants in Institutes/conference
- Ropes Course – leadership team building, engaging, not a free resource to students
- Library – building now in SDA office, for individuals and orgs, books and handouts
- Clearinghouse – will tell us what else is going on on-campus in terms of leadership

Homecoming (Alicia Keating and Michelle Perkins)

- Joint student/SA venture
- Fall, University-wide
- Grows each year, gets better and better
- Last year was 2nd parade, 1st with bands, want to see it grow
- Cornerstone of Fall activities
- Comedy Show a huge success
- Dance brought back, very well attended
- Fall Family Fest – Chartwells BBQ, Athletics Hall of Fame, carnival games, fac/staff bring kids, light bonfire – effigy of game rival
- Also distribute events/promos on other events
- Parade – big cost to bus high school bands
- Tailgate – promos for spirit during game
- Homecoming is about celebrating FAU
- **Budget request increase for tailgate and enhancing current programs**
- SG Advisor strongly recommends Homecoming Director increase to \$7.75/he due to change in minimum wage coming up
- Takes all year to plan
- Buses always offered got partner campuses to bring students to Boca Raton main events
- Committee is University-wide with partner campus representatives
- Campus allocation is based on enrollment

Judicial Branch (Mike Burdman)

- Similar budget as last year
- Not sure what activities and programs would be used for, could do pamphlets and a judicial awareness program, may not be necessary

SG Banquet (Ed Fulton)

- End of year event to reward SG members, especially unpaid
- To promote comradery and recognize leadership
- No family, University-wide
- In past obscene money was spent (ex: Hard Rock Café)
- We need to cut back and be selfless as we ask student orgs to cut back
- Extravagance is unnecessary
- Clubs need the \$.

- Abe Cohen agrees this needs to be cut. Ed recommends to \$3K, Abe \$5K.
- Awards, hors d'oeuvres – not a full banquet meal, no chocolate fountains
- \$5K would be ok
- Pat on the back, applause for efforts versus giving everyone a trophy
- Everyone can get a paper certificate with just a few awards
- Maybe lapel pins
- SG Advisors think a reduction is a good idea
- Many awards in the past – 40 trophies a few years ago, 50 plaques last year, still too many
- SB President/VP ask Governors/Speakers for their award nominees – completely subjective
- It's a presidential line and the executive branch will work to control costs and number of awards
- Unused \$ can always be moved by the Senate elsewhere

SG Lobby (Ed Fulton)

- For FSA membership fee and travel to FSA conferences
- All SUS schools have representation
- Helps achieve legislative goals in Tallahassee because FSA is a lobby
- Past three SB presidents have used it effectively
- No change in budget request from last year
- Meetings are every month, we do our best to go, three day travel commitment
- Topics – green fees for campus sustainability efforts, reduce textbook costs
- We get to meet with BOGs – as Vice Chair this year, Abe could sit in on BOG for FSA Chair and vote on statewide issues if necessary
- All SUS SG Presidents elect the Chair and VC of FSA for 1 year

SG Presidents Executive Projects (Ed Fulton)

- Promos and events
- All \$ will be used this year
- Pep rallies
- \$ used to co-sponsor other events
- Flexibility to allow for executive agenda and we can't line item for a future leaders because its for the future leader's discretion

SG Admin & Operations (Rivka Felsher)

- SB President and VP cell phones
- Calls logged and verified with IRM and SG Advisor
- Use AT&T FAU plan

Keys to Success (Ed Fulton)

- Leadership programming
- Was big two years ago
- Not used yet but will be used for financial advisement program with speaker this spring on Boca Raton Campus

- Has turned into a discretionary fund and could be rolled into another account
- \$70K in past – obscene
- May be redundant with leadership development program
- Feeling of Boca Raton Senators is that this may not be needed
- It is a student run account with staff run like the leadership programs
- Also, this could be used on any topic, not necessarily leadership
- SG Advisor supports rollover and addition to student account like an executive program

University-wide Stipends (Ed Fulton)

- SB President/VP tuition reimbursements and salaries of President, VP and three staff members
- President’s Cabinet was enormous in past – cut down during Tony Teixeira’s administration
- It’s bare bones and works, as per VP
- Same request as last year, not requesting raises
- Positions are appointed, and approved by Senate

Campus Recreation (Eric Hawkes)

- Very detailed request
- Explained funding structure – why facility costs are what they are
- Some administrative positions were cut – janitor, AD to oversee Coordinators, who will now report to Director
- All detailed in request
- New building is worth a look
- You swipe in so it knows you’re an enrolled student – fac/staff/alum memberships available
- This budget is to provide safe and well-maintained facility. This is what it costs to maintain this building
- SG leaders involved four years ago when the proposed budget was approved
- Now maintenance and keeping it safe
- Whether or not to have Campus recreation is a University decision
- It’s widely used

Broward Campus Recreation (Melissa Lee)

- Wellness and recreation programs on Davie Campus
- Weight Watchers, aerobics, HIV testing, etc.
- WE do yoga in the Student Union multipurpose room or a classroom
- Fairly small facility
- Also serve 800 students on Ft. Lauderdale – yoga, HIV testing, etc.
- Sea tech – 60 students – yoga
- Students and alumni participate
- CPR/AED training will be offered next year for all students – now for student leaders only, at no charge

- Breathe Easy Zone so no walking through smoke at building entrances – no smoking within 50 feet with a comfortable smoking area elsewhere
- Will do awareness programs with Multicultural Affairs
- Has a Student Advisory Board
- Line items similar to last year
- Decrease in repairs and maintenance to this year's renovations
- Decrease in intramurals – only \$1K for next 2 years, with BCC so no need to add it to next year's budget, was absorbed into activities and programs. We don't have a gym or fields
- Decrease in IT – all computers are three years old or newer so only want to keep a small reserve
- Increase in computers and printers – probably could be incorporated into IT. For database tracking and maintenance only. All info is networked and backed-up
- Decrease in In/Out of state travel – wish list, campus to campus work
- Increase in auxiliary transfer fee – University requirement
- Increase in activities and programs – to serve students

Boca Raton Student Union (Brian Keintz)

- Increasing services
- About 45% revenue (outside user business), 55% SG
- Cost per student is therefore down
- Aggressive events planning/revenue projection for next year

Treasure Coast Student Life Center (Jason Davies)

- Still in final design phase of new building, which is really an interior renovation
- CITF pays for electric and HVAC, windows and walls, etc to upgrade from residential to commercial code
- Budget is cost to run the building and programming
- This year's \$ is going to be held in reserve for FFE next year

Departmental Transfer Expenses (Rivka Felsher for Terry Mena)

- Just in case auxiliary overhead fee is required by University

Director of Student Media (Rivka Felsher for Terry Mena)

- Explanation of purpose of position and roles in advising student media

Elections Board (Ed Fulton)

- We have room to reduce hours per week and weeks per year
- Board and Commissioners hold informational and candidate meetings, set-up and oversee elections, have hearings
- Would like to see more voting and involvement, more candidates
- Would like to add polls and interest groups – lets us know students' thoughts

VP Executive Projects (Ed Fulton)

- Same discretionary find account but for VP

- T-shirts, canvas bags, Weeks of Welcome BBQ
- Will spend it all this year, small budget

SG Readership Program (Ed Fulton)

- Free newspapers and bins – University-wide
- Slide Owl Card for free paper
- Greatly supported program but concern over cost and choice of papers

Graduate Student Association (Chad Simon and Katie Burke)

- Fun events to get grads involved
 - Socials
 - Networks
 - TA training
 - Owl Awards
 - Etiquette Dinner (Broward)
 - Orientation with Graduate College
- Travel freeze a major problem now – GSA used to fund research and conference paper attendance. In place of travel funds, would like to offer research grants and symposium at FAU for all grad schools here and invite speakers, other schools, etc. \$100K for speakers, marketing, program set-up. Doing leg work now. Not doing research grants for student now, would only be for symposium participants. Enhances reputation of school.
- \$130K in travel cut in 08-09 from 07-08

UBAC Program Boards Funding Question

- Vote on UBAC allocation of all Program Boards:
 - Question on whether UBAC can allocate to partner campus Program Boards from UBAC and leave Boca Raton Program Board to Boca Raton Campus Budget Committee.
 - No vote held.

Scheduling of Next Meeting (Ed Fulton)

- January 30, 2009, 12 pm, same location

Motion to Adjourn at 5:00 pm

- Motion by Lange, seconded by Lanciault