

University Budget & Appropriations Committee Meeting

Minutes of the February 20, 2009 Meeting

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

Called to Order: 5:35 PM

Roll Call (Ed Fulton)

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

Absent: Laura Holt, Melinda Baugh, Carrie Gates, Christopher Suastegui, Ryan Grubich, Jose Lezama.

Deliberations:

Program Boards

Motion to allocate a flat \$675K to all Program Boards and disseminate by campus headcount did not pass

Davie Student Union

- On Campus Priorities list, no reason not to fully fund
- Motion to fund request as is at \$342,944
 - M: Lange, 2: Littleton
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Jupiter Campus Recreation

- On Campus Priorities list, travel freeze impacts request somewhat
- Motion to fund request with reduction in In-State Travel and Activities and Programs and 25 cent hourly wage increases for Coordinators and Assistants at \$141,204
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Jupiter Burrow Student Union

- On Campus Priorities list, need to reduce Activities & Programs only minimally, still receiving an increase overall
- Motion to fund request with reduction in Activities and Programs and 25 cent hourly wage increases for Student Assistants at \$80,037
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Treasure Coast Student Life Center

- On campus priorities list, just need to adjust wages

- Motion to fund request with 25 cent hourly wage increases for all student employees at \$120,280
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Graduate Student Association

- Research Symposium is a long shot, still receiving more programming money if cutting from Activities & Programs
- Motion to fund request with large reduction in Activities & Programs and changes to weeks of employment for all positions on all campuses at \$130,000
 - M: Lange, 2: Littleton
 - Vote: 4-2 in favor

Owl Radio

- AM/FM unlikely to occur without more funding
- Motion to fund request with removal of AM/FM Research and changes to weeks of employment for all positions on all campuses at \$46,420
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

SG Lobby

- Travel freeze impacts travel line somewhat, room to reduce funding
- Motion to fund request with reduction in In-State Travel at \$29,000
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

SG Banquet

- Would like to demonstrate restraint and fiscal responsibility
- Motion to fund request with reduction in In-State Travel at \$5,000
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

SG Elections Board

- Board doesn't meet very often, can afford reduction, Chair let Blackberry go so can reduce Telecommunications funding, promotional items too high
- Motion to fund request with changes in weeks of employment and reduction in expenses at \$15,350
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

SG Judicial Branch

- Court doesn't meet very often, can afford reduction, no need for Blackberry so can reduce Telecommunications funding, no need for promotional items, removed tuition reimbursement because Court only meets once or twice per semester, so should be treated like Senate or House Reps

- Motion to fund request with changes in weeks of employment and reduction in expenses at \$7,400
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

SG President Executive Projects

- Discretionary fund to be left to incoming President, flexible spending, can do a lot with these funds
- Motion to fund request as is at \$20,000
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

SG VP Executive Projects

- Discretionary fund to be left to incoming Vice President, flexible spending
- Motion to fund request as is at \$5,000
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

R.A.D.

- Student are being charged, only a few dozen students served by program this year, open to faculty and staff but paid for by A&S dollars, marketing and promotions not obvious, doesn't seem to generate enough student interest, request includes postage, office supplies and other items UPD already can supply, just gave them new equipment, and there is a travel freeze so advanced training cannot be paid for, not sure why they still need SG support
- Motion to zero-fund (\$0) request
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

CCES Alternative Spring Break

- Going local this year and next significantly reduces the cost, new request very reasonable
- Motion to fund request with reduction at \$15,094
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Departmental Transfer Expenses

- Potential overhead chargeback by University, a "just-in-case" fund
- Motion to fund request with reduction at \$25,000
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

SG Administration and Operation

- Blackberries for SB President and VP, essential
- Motion to fund request as is at \$5,000
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien

- Vote: 6-0 in favor

Leadership Development Program

- Ropes course extraneous, can do institutes with current staff and resources, not sure who uses existing library, can use this year's funding to stock up for next year, conference very worth the funding
- Motion to fund request with reduction in expenses at \$10,000
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

University Press

- Still struggling to report stories from partner campuses, need to adjust wages to be more standardized with other SG programs
- Motion to fund request with reduction in OPS at \$78,857
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Homecoming

- Would reduce Activities & Programs only because we need them to try to take advantages of economies of scale to spare other programs, need to adjust wages to be more standardized with other SG programs
- Motion to fund request with 25 cent wage increase for student employees and reduction in expenses at \$165,020
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Owl TV

- Came back with a brand new request, need to make a lot of adjustments to student OPS and expenses, programming was great this year, but we cannot pay for another advisor, will create a rider to allocate 7 Program Coordinators to Boca Raton, 2 to Jupiter, and 1 to Broward
- Motion to fund request with adjustments and some reductions at \$112,745
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Keys to Success

- Was a personal project from former student leaders, no longer desired
- Motion to zero-fund (\$0) request
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

UW Senate

- Funding for small legislative support and campus-to-campus travel
- Motion to fund request as is at \$5,000
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

SG Accounting & Budget Office

- Very reasonable request, no need to make changes
- Motion to fund request as is at \$67,925
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

UW Stipends

- Same request as last year, still reasonable, no need to make changes
- Motion to fund request as is at \$48,433
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

SG Readership Program

- Would like to zero-fund Readership, \$38K for papers that can be read online is the question
- Motion to zero-fund (\$0) request
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Marquee Maintenance

- Would like to zero-fund Marquee Maintenance, Executive Branch decision to remove damaged marquee is supported by Senators present, it was a behemoth that perhaps should not have been purchased years ago, though it had some potential, did not benefit entire student body, funding needed elsewhere
- Motion to zero-fund (\$0) request
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Director of Student Media

- Remains a critical position to fill, likely to not need Activities & Programs funding, training can be shared with Director of Student Government and Student Media outlet budgets if necessary
- Motion to fund request with removal of Activities & Programs at \$80,886
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Boca Raton Campus Recreation Facilities

- On Campus Priorities list, no need to adjust
- Motion to fund request as is at \$988,737
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Boca Raton Campus Recreation Programs

- On Campus Priorities list, no need to adjust
- Motion to fund request as is at \$102,789

- M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
- Vote: 6-0 in favor

Boca Raton Campus Recreation Administration

- On Campus Priorities list, no need to adjust
- Motion to fund request as is at \$535,194
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

SG Advisor Office

- Taking on insurance and main copier costs for SG office, agreed to reductions in food, books and training materials, will produce more in-house, also agreed to reduction in promo items which means this burden falls upon executive branch and Houses
- Motion to fund request with reductions at \$141,937
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Boca Raton Student Union

- Complicated budget request, but reasonable as well, no need to adjust
- Motion to fund request as is at \$1,076,640
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Downtown Ft. Lauderdale Student Activity Center

- Minor reduction to furniture and equipment, center was just renovated
- Motion to fund request with expense reductions at \$38,000
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Broward Campus Recreation

- Minor reduction to out-of-state travel due to freeze, and promo items since they get good traffic
- Motion to fund request with expense reductions at \$237,949
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Weekend Programming

- Program Boards receiving large increases to do just this sort of programming, why do we need more staff initiated programming, not sure it would work on partner campuses, Boca Raton Program Board given \$100,000 more next year so no need for this
- Motion to zero-fund (\$0) request
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Diversity Programs

- Duplication of efforts with BSUMP, Program Boards, and multicultural program funding in Broward
- Motion to zero-fund (\$0) request
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Boca Raton Program Board

- Added riders that Program Board Director shall be appointed by Campus Governor and approved by Majority Vote of Campus House, Program Board Director shall report to the Campus Governor, Program Board shall abide by Campus statutes, need to adjust wages to match other SG Program Boards
- Motion to fund request with student employment wage adjustments and slight reduction in Activities & Programs at \$475,000
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Broward Program Board – Owl Productions

- Added riders that Program Board Director shall be appointed by Campus Governor and approved by Majority Vote of Campus House, Program Board Director shall report to the Campus Governor, Program Board shall abide by Campus statutes, need to adjust wages to match other SG Program Boards
- Motion to fund request adding student employment wages from Broward Governor's request and slight reduction in Activities & Programs at \$119,183
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Jupiter Program Board

- Added riders that Program Board Director shall be appointed by Campus Governor and approved by Majority Vote of Campus House, Program Board Director shall report to the Campus Governor, Program Board shall abide by Campus statutes, need to adjust wages to match other SG Program Boards, a lot of discussion on amount of Activities & Programs funding, committee ultimately voted to reduce some programmatic funding
- Motion to fund request reducing student employment wage for Director and reduction in Activities & Programs at \$81,810
 - M: Lange, 2: Gopaldas
 - Vote: 4-3 in favor

Treasure Coast Program Board

- Added riders that Program Board Director shall be appointed by Campus Governor and approved by Majority Vote of Campus House, Program Board Director shall report to the Campus Governor, Program Board shall abide by Campus statutes, need to adjust wages to match other SG Program Boards
- Motion to fund request adjusting student employment wages and slight reduction in Activities & Programs at \$30,000

- M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
- Vote: 6-0 in favor

UBAC Allocation

- Motion to approve UBAC allocation at \$5,393,834
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Boca Raton Campus Allocation

- Motion to approve UBAC allocation at \$697,748
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Broward Campus Allocation

- Motion to approve UBAC allocation at \$135,925
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Jupiter Campus Allocation

- Motion to approve UBAC allocation at \$45,308
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Treasure Coast Allocation

- Motion to approve UBAC allocation at \$27,185
 - M: Lange, 2: O'Brien
 - Vote: 6-0 in favor

Adjourned at 8:30 pm by Ed Fulton