

University of Missouri- Kansas City
Student Government Association
SAFC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 23rd, 2008

Type of Meeting: Academic Unit Allocations- Day 1 (Brookside Room)

Facilitator: Matthew T. Ferguson, Comptroller & Chair of the SAFC

Event Scribe: Jessica L. Fenger, Administrative Vice-President

Quorum met at 15/16

Attendee(s):

Present:

Vice Chancellor's Advisor- Shelby Coxen
Advisor- Joshua Williams
Biological Sciences- Brandon Dinwiddie
Bloch School- Michelle Morris
Comp. Sci & Eng- Nitin Mamillapally
Med Student Advisory Rep- Nick Clark
School of Education- Steven Kendrick
Student Nurses Assoc- Ashley Peterson

Dental Student Assoc- Samantha Hindupur
International Student Rep- Roney Eapon
Greek Council- Dominique Williams
Minority Student Rep- LaTrisha Washington
Intrdiscip. Doctoral Rep- Yeva Nersisyan
Pharmacy- Ashley Bures
Student Bar Assoc.- Ryan Merrigan
Conservatory- Carl Carney

Absent:

Residence Hall- Unfilled
Arts and Sciences Charles Clark

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- I. **Call to Order** at 4:47 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Motion made by Roney Eapon. Second made by Latrisha Washington.
 - b. Unanimous vote
- IV. **Introduction**
 - a. **Discussion of Upcoming Budgets**
 - i. Confidentiality is a must. There arose a problem with incorrect information being passed onto a council and that is unacceptable.
 - b. **Questions and Comments**
 - i. There is a new listserv that will be available for the SAFC members to use in order to have group discussions. Practice email will be sent out tomorrow and the email address is sga-safc-committee@listserv.umkc.edu
- V. **New Business**
 - a. **Interdisciplinary Doctoral Student Council**
 - i. John Dickson (introductions) Proposed \$22,000 at 5:01 p.m.
 - b. **Medical Student Advisory Council**
 - i. Vishy Lanka (introductions) Proposed \$19,250 at 5:25 p.m.

- c. **Number 1 Magazine**
 - i. Not present
- d. Questions raised about the way money will be allocated in regards to community service projects.
 - i. Roney suggested that a cap be placed on the amount given out. Questions were raised on whether it should be a percentage of what is requested or whether we should allocate any money at all.
 - ii. Roney motions that there be a \$500 cap placed on the amount of money that can be allocated for community service events. Nick seconds the motion.
 - iii. Dominique questioned what is to be considered appropriate and gives examples of sororities/fraternities asking for money to fund lunch for kids that they may be helping. Roney responded that that would be appropriate and specifies that he doesn't think the money allocated should be used to donate to the organization.
 - iv. Roney amends his motion stating that the money received is to be used for supplies and may not be used for donations. Dominique seconds the amendment.
 - v. Roll call voting on the amendment resulted with 13/14 in favor and 1/14 abstention.
 - vi. Roll call voting on the motion resulted in 13/14 in favor and 1/14 abstention.
- e. **School of Computing and Engineering**
 - i. Shrinath Bobbili and Chaitanya Mutyala (introductions) Proposing \$35,820 at 6:06 p.m
- f. **Recess**
- g. **School of Education Student Government**
 - i. Sa Shea Gaston and Jenni Miller (introductions) Proposing \$16,500 at 6:39 p.m.
- h. **Student Bar Association**
 - i. Tim Brown and Ryan Merrigan (introductions) Proposed \$28,820 at 7:03 p.m.
- i. Dominique Williams and LaTrisha Washington raised concerns about the different councils and the way SAFC will be allocating funds. They were concerned with the notion that we are potentially looking at cutting the funds of councils because of the way they may fund raise or charge for certain events and therefore asked the SAFC board to keep a consistency to the way we looked at events of each council.
- j. **Student Government Association**
 - i. Bridgett Johnson and DaRon McGee (introductions) Proposed \$ 97,050 at 7:23 p.m.
- k. **Student Nurses Association**
 - i. Sarah Zollner (introductions) Proposed \$27,000 at 7:51 p.m.
- l. **Final Deliberation of Funding**
 - i. **APC**
 - 1. Discussion was focused around the amount that was asked to be given for what was labeled as creative advertising and also publicity.

2. Questions were raised about the \$100,000 off the top that is allocated to APC and Shelby was able to answer that the money is for one big event and can't be used for anything else.
3. Point was made that we should be giving money to the groups that represent the largest amount of students and APC is a program that involves the entire university and strives to get people involved.
4. LaTrisha Washington motioned to fund APC with \$170,000. Second to the motion was Roney Eapon.
5. Roll call vote was taken and passed with 11/14 in favor, 1/14 abstention, and 2/14 opposing.

ii. Academy of Students of Pharmacy

1. Consideration of the programs under the pharmacy school council was brought to attention. Questions were raised on whether we should give them money to expand or cut budget so that individual groups may come and ask for money.
2. Nick Clark motioned to give the Pharmacy Council \$34,000.
3. Ashely Burress seconded the motion.
4. Worries arose due to the fact that the SAFC committee had just doubled the budget from last year and only one organization had been added. An understanding was reached that we need to be consistent on how we are raising funds.
5. Nick amended his motion to \$25,000. A second to the motion was made by Yeva.
6. Roll call vote on the amendment to \$25,000 resulted in 8/14 in favor, 1/14 abstention, and 5/14 in opposition.
7. Roll call vote on the motion for \$25,000 resulted in 12/14 in favor, 1/14 abstention, and 1/14 in opposition.

iii. Roll call vote was discussed as being unnecessary and taking too long.

1. Roney motioned to have the votes being made by raising your hand for your decision rather than roll call. LaTrisha seconded the motion.
2. Vote resulted in 13/13 in favor for a voting process by raising your hand.

iv. Arts and Sciences Student Council

1. Members discussed and agreed how the presentation was poorly put together and very vague. The person who was originally supposed to present was not able to make it.
2. Although the presentation was awful, it was reminded that the School of Arts and Sciences supports the largest amount of student and organizations and however poor the presentation, we still cannot deny the students of the university the money that they need.
3. Roney motioned for \$30,000. Nobody seconded the motion.
4. Vote resulted in 11/13 in favor and 2/13 in opposition.

v. Biological Sciences Student Government

1. Discussion was concerned with the amount of money being spent on the food for the different meetings and how many people actually come to each meeting.

2. Nick motioned for \$15,000. A Second was made by LaTrisha.
 3. Vote resulted in 11/13 in favor and 2/13 in opposition.
- vi. Bloch School Student Association**
1. Conversation among the members involved discussion about their consistency among the years and the way they have asked for the same amount for the past few years.
 2. Yeva motioned for \$18,000. Nick seconded the motion.
 3. Vote resulted in a unanimous vote with 13/13 in favor.
- vii. Communiversity**
1. During the presentation, Communiversity had it recorded that they were asking for \$2,760. Although when one of the members of SAFC added up their funds by line it was realized that they added wrong and were actually asking for more. However because it was already in record that they were asking for \$2,760 that was the largest amount of money allowed to allocate.
 2. A motion was made by Steven to give \$2,760 and Ashley Peterson seconded the motion.
 3. Vote resulted in a unanimous 13/13 in favor.
- viii. Campus Intramurals**
1. Conversation revolved around the inconsistency that was surrounded with the budgets presented from the past few years. Price range for supplies and a lightning detector was thought to not match up to actual pricing.
 2. Dominique motioned for \$35,000. Nobody seconded the motion.
 3. Nick made a motion for \$45,000. Roney seconded the motion.
 4. Vote resulted in a 13/13 vote in favor.
- ix. Conservatory Student Association**
1. Comments were made that the conservatory is doing a good job expanding in organizations and creating events for the students.
 2. Nitin made a motion for \$22,000 and Dominique seconded the motion.
 3. Vote resulted in 11/13 in favor and 2/13 in abstention.
- x. Dental Student Advisory Committee**
1. Conversation was directed towards the banquet that is held each year. Problems arose because SAFC isn't supposed to allocate money to an event that is charged to UMKC students. However members questioned if it's fair to cut the funds for an event that is such a huge part to the students of that school.
 2. Roney motioned for \$13,500. Nobody seconded the motion
 3. Ryan Merrigan made a motion for \$17,000. Ashley Peterson seconded the motion.
 4. Vote resulted in a 2/13 abstention, 5/13 in favor, and 6/13 in opposition. Motion failed.
 5. Michelle made a motion for \$16,000. Yeva seconded the motion.
 6. 10/13 voted in favor and 3/13 voted in opposition. Motion passed.
- xi. Interdisciplinary Doctoral Student Council**
1. Questions arose about the poster presentation that they were asking to have funding for.

2. Motion was made by Dominique in the amount of \$18,000. Michelle seconded the motion.
 3. Vote resulted in 8/13 in favor, 3/13 in opposition, and 1/13 abstention.
- xii. Medical Student Advisory Committee**
1. Discussion about the alumni banquet and the Snow Ball (dance) was brought up and believed thought to be too large of an asking amount. Members also talked about the community service project they had listed and reminded themselves that a cap had already been discussed.
 2. Kendrick made a motion for \$16,250. Ashley Burress seconded the motion.
 3. Vote resulted in 12/13 in favor and 1/13 abstention.
- xiii. Number 1 Magazine**
1. Members discussed how it was very unprofessional to not show up to discuss the amount they were asking for.
 2. Nick motioned to give them nothing. Roney seconded the vote.
 3. Questions arose about if they are given them nothing would the organization be able to come back and ask for money later.
 4. Vote resulted in 4/13 in favor, and 9/13 in opposition. Motion failed.
 5. Ashley Burress made a motion to table the decision. Kendrick seconded the motion.
 6. Vote resulted in 9/13 in favor, 3/13 in opposition, and 1/13 abstention.
- xiv. School of Computing and Engineering**
1. Members were happy to see that the CSE were trying to expand and encouraged engineering groups to come forward more and ask for money for upcoming events.
 2. Nick made a motion for \$23,000 and Roney seconded the motion.
 3. Vote resulted in 11/13 in favor and 2/13 in opposition.
- xv. School of Education Student Government**
1. Members questioned the \$4,000 that they were asking to use on equipment because they did not have a plan on what they were going to do with it or what they actually needed.
 2. Nick motioned for \$14,500 to be allocated. Yeva seconded the motion.
 3. Vote resulted in 5/13 in favor and 8/13 in opposition. Motion failed.
 4. Ryan made a motion for \$16,500 and Ashley Burress seconded the motion.
 5. Vote resulted in 9/13 in favor and 4/13 in opposition. Motion passed.
- xvi. Student Bar Association**
1. Comments were centered on the fee that is charged to students and the revenue of approximately \$6,000 the council makes from the fees.
 2. Ashley Burress made a motion for \$20,000 and Roney seconded the motion.

3. Vote resulted in 11/13 in favor and 2/13 abstention.

xvii. Student Nurses Association

1. Main conversation was focused on the huge increase that the nursing school has had in students (20%) and how they need proper allocations to suffice for the larger amount of students and also consider inflation.
2. Ryan motioned for \$22,000. Nick seconded the motion.
3. Vote resulted in a unanimous vote with 13/13 in favor.

xviii. Student Government Association

1. A big focus of conversation was the amount of money that was being asked for in order to put towards the JFK Symposium. The problem members said was that in the past several years there has been a poor turn-out or poor planning and last year the symposium wasn't even held.
2. Further discussion however was about the new executive board this year and how they have worked very hard in just the first few months of their terms and how if this strive continued there is definite light to seeing good things come out of the council.
3. Roney made a motion for \$85,000. Nitin seconded the motion.
4. Vote resulted in 11/13 in favor and 2/13 in opposition.

VI. Adjournment

- a. After final deliberation, notebooks were collected and the 2nd SAFC meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jessica Fenger
Administrative Vice-President, SGA

