

SFC Minutes

September 17, 2019

1203 University Center

- I. **Roll Call**
 - a. All Present
- II. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:57 PM
- III. **Public Comment**
 - a. No public comment
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. **Agenda - 09/17/19**
 - i. *Greg* motioned to approve the agenda
 - ii. *Sammi* second; unanimous
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. No minutes this week
- VI. **Chair Report**
 - a. **President - Greg Mihalapolous**
 - i. I would like you to turn your attention to a couple of different things. In this wonderful binder that the secretaries helped me put together, there's going to be a case audit instructions tab. Go ahead and flip there. We're going to see the Student Finance Committee auditor evaluation. For some of the budgets that we are talking about tonight, there is gonna be someone that has to go to some of these and see that it is overseen and that all the students are there. So if you see any budgets or events that you are interested in, please do not feel shy about saying that if you would like to evaluate them.
 - ii. Another thing, if you could go ahead and flip from the agenda to the second page, I have talked to Kash about getting our carry forward numbers. This right here is a temporary sheet that I put together. It's just giving you all the information that is on that board over there. This is how much we are going to be playing with today. The EFG meetings will be at a different time.
- VII. **Advisor Report**
 - a. **Faculty Advisor - Kash Dhanapal**
 - i. We need more members, so as you're talking to people, as you're encountering people, especially right now, please talk to them about this; we don't want the same four people to have to do all the auditing for all of the programs that we're giving out money for. The minimum requirements for joining are a 2.5 GPA to make sure they're in good standing.
 - a) *Sammi*: Also, one semester living here on campus.
 - ii. So they have to have had 12 credits and those have to be Northern credits so that incoming transfers won't work. Freshmen who are here right now wouldn't

be able to apply. If they are interested, there's no reason why they can't come sit here as a part of the general public in preparation to join for next semester.

VIII. New Business:

a. Active Minds at NMU

- i. *Greg:* Hi Sadie! Would you like to explain a little bit about Active Minds at NMU? SFC is welcome to ask any questions after.
- ii. *Sadie Knill:* So, about two years ago, the President assembled this mental health task force to address topics of mental health on campus because clearly it's something we can all be better about. So, he brought together a bunch of administration, like people from marketing departments, different professors, and the Dean, and people like that. They needed a few student representatives so my friend and I were both on that panel. We got involved through the SLFP program and got connected with them; it was something we were both passionate about. From there, my friend and I tried to establish more of a sustainable thing with a student organization because we thought if we were going to address mental health on campus, we need more students involved. So we founded the Active Minds student organization, which is a chapter of a national organization. One thing that we became really interested in to do this year was an event called Send Silence Packing. It's something that is put on through the national Active Minds organization. It's a traveling exhibit of hundreds of backpacks that have been donated by friends and family that have lost their loved ones to suicide. So, essentially, the backpacks will be spread all across the grass at the Academic Mall. They all have little stories about the individual included. They also bring tables with interactive activities and have a ton of stuff to give away for students, and then we would also bring our own stuff to give away. There would also be information on the counseling center, as well as local resources to give to students. We think it would be something very powerful for our students and for our community, and that it would really help break the stigma and get people talking about it more.
- iii. *Cody:* So I see you wrote the \$200 for printing the design, what is the other \$5,000 broken down into?
 - a) *Sadie:* The \$5,000 is what's required through Active Minds, so that is the flat rate that they give us. It's \$5,000 for an Active Minds chapter or \$7,500 for a standard community organization. That's the number they give us for their transportation here, for the backpacks, for everything; they bring it all.
- iv. *Cody:* It's probably also paying for the staffing for the event too, right?
 - a) *Sadie:* Yeah, they have five people that will be here from their organization. It also pays for their lodging too.
- v. *Kash:* On the day of the event, what will be your organization's involvement?
 - a) *Sadie:* We are currently in the process of recruiting volunteers, so we will have about 10 people in the morning an hour and a half before and after the event for set up and takedown. We'll also have between three

and five members of our student organization there all day to answer questions and to guide people. We're also trying to get TV6 there to get interviews done as well.

- vi. *Kash*: This is a pretty emotionally intense subject, are there going to be people there to oversee?
 - a) *Sadie*: Yes, there will be counselors on hand for four hours from the NMU counseling services
- vii. *Sammi*: You did mention it being at the Academic Mall, weather-permitting, but have you guys looked into getting access to the Academic Mall that day? Or a backup plan in case the weather is bad?
 - a) *Sadie*: Michael Bath, who's head of Public Safety is also on the task force and is super invested in this project. He has been super helpful and has promised that we will have the Academic Mall secured that day. He said that if it rained, we could put it throughout Jamrich in the lounge areas and throughout the halls as long as it's not a fire hazard.
- viii. *Greg*: Can you explain a bit about QPR training?
 - a) *Sadie*: That was something that was offered for free by our student organization last year. It stands for question, persuade, and refer and it's basically a 90-minute training where someone from the Marquette County Health Department comes in and gave us this training. We're not certified counselors by any means, but if someone were to come to us for help, we would know where to send them and what resources to provide.
- ix. *Kash*: How are you going to keep track of how many people are coming through your event?
 - a) *Sadie*: That wasn't something we've planned out yet, but one thing we will be having is an interest list for our organization for people to write their emails on, so that list could be used as a reference.
- x. *Sammi*: This event, with it being in the Academic Mall most likely bringing a lot of students as well as community members, reminds me of Fall Fest. Is there a way to make sure that students are the priority focus for the event?
 - a) *Sadie*: Where we could have some control over that is with the giveaway items and making sure that they are going exclusively to students.
- xi. *Greg*: Have you received any help from President Erickson?
 - a) *Sadie*: We had to apply to be a host for Send Silence Packing in May and we were accepted, but they wanted to get the contracts signed over the summer. The SFC obviously wasn't meeting over the summer, so President Erickson said that he would help. They mandate that you pay \$2,500 with the signing of the contract and then \$2,500 fourteen days after the event. So, after we signed the contract, he said that as long as we applied for the funding and we tried to get it from the Student

Finance Committee as soon as possible, that he would cover the first half. So, he is hoping to get repaid.

- xii. *Cody*: You mentioned Mike Bath. Do you know if there are going to be any officers at this event?
 - a) *Sadie*: I can ask him to have some present if you think that would be helpful.
- xiii. *Cody*: This has the potential for a lot of students to be there and typically for larger events, there are Public Safety officers there for security purposes.
 - a) *Sadie*: Yes, we will definitely look into that.
- xiv. *Emily*: With it coming up so soon, how are you going to spread the word and make sure people know about it, rather than just walking by and figuring out what it is that way?
 - a) *Sadie*: So, part of the budget we submitted takes into account printing costs for posters. We reserved a place in the library the Monday before the event, and we also have another event coming up so we planned on co-advertising the events at the same time. We have also been contacting local TV stations. Active Minds also provided us with a marketing packet, so we gave that to our Marketing Department and they have been following some of those guidelines too.
- xv. **SFC Deliberation**
 - a) *Emily*: I like this event. I think it will draw a lot of people. I know that I know a lot of people that are interested in these kinds of things and want to become more aware of these topics. I think it will get a lot of foot traffic, especially if they can get their posters up by the end of the week. It'll also bring attention to the counseling services on campus as well. I wonder what the hours are going to be for the counselors?
 - b) *Kash*: There will be four counselors there throughout the event. They each signed up for one hour and will be walking around, talking to people and making sure everyone's okay.
 - c) *Sammi*: This is an event that would not only be an interesting activity but would also have the interactive aspect of counselors walking around and talking with people.
 - d) *Greg* motioned to give Active Minds at NMU the full amount of \$5,000 they have requested
 - i. *AJ* second; unanimously passes

b. South Superior Climbing Club

i. Social Climb Series:

- a) *S.S.C.C. Vice President- Pat Humphrey*: This event series consists of four different climbs. We far exceeded our expectations on attendance for the first one, pulling about 50 people. So this is essentially a proposal to get promotional funds for the next three events we have, one being at the end of this month and then two in October.

- b) *Kash*: Does this take place in the area?
 - i. *Pat*: One of them is closer to the Keweenaw Peninsula at Silver Mountain, which is about two hours west, but other than that, they all take place in the Marquette area.
 - c) *Cody*: What are the dates for these events?
 - i. *Pat*: We have one on the 27th, one spanning over the course of the 18th through the 20th of October, and then there is one more in between there that I cannot remember off the top of my head.
 - ii. **REEL Rock 14**
 - a) *Pat*: This is a film that comes out yearly in the rock climbing community, so basically, on November 30th this year, we will put the film on in two separate parts between which we'll hold a raffle and a couple of different competitions. We almost completely filled Jamrich 1100 last year with about half NMU students and half Marquette community members when we showed Reel Rock 13.
 - b) *Kash*: Are you planning on using Promotional Services here on campus to do the printing?
 - i. *Pat*: I believe that is what we did last year, yes.
 - c) *Kash*: With the event coming up soon, as well as your other ones, do you have the designs for the posters done? I'm wondering because of the turnaround time.
 - i. *Pat*: The Social Climb ones are, the Reel Rock one comes from the reel Rock movie itself, we just have to put our stamp on it. The Adopt-A-Crag one is nearly finished as well.
 - d) *Kash*: If the amounts you're requesting don't end up being enough, what is your plan?
 - i. *Pat*: Most likely, we would fundraise within our own club. We have 67 on-campus members, so if everyone pitched in, we could make up what we don't get.
 - e) *Kash*: Would you be willing to start keeping track of what percentage of the turnout is students?
 - i. *Pat*: Absolutely! Whatever we can do, whether it be swiping in or even just a sign-in sheet, we would be willing to do that.
 - iii. **Adopt-A-Crag Cleanup:**
 - a) *Pat*: Club members, as well as community members, will be going to Slug's Bluff in Palmer, MI and picking up trash, rerouting trails, and just generally doing a big cleanup of the area.
 - b) *Greg*: What is the transportation method for getting to these events?
 - i. *Pat*: Our members drive their own personal vehicles, and we also have a ride share program.
 - iv. **SFC Deliberation**

- a) *Greg*: According to the working policies, we could ask them to charge a fee for Reel Rock 14. We could also ask them to take count for the event if we could like.
- b) *Sammi*: I think REEL Rock 14 is one that we probably would want to enforce those stipulations with. An entrance fee for the public would be good for prioritizing students, and it's also realistic to be able to keep track of attendance. REEL Rock is definitely an anticipated event and it's well-known. The Social Climb is interesting. I don't see the Adopt-A-Crag bringing in a whole lot of student interest, unfortunately. That is something we could deny a budget on the basis of if we don't believe it will draw in the interest of the students.
- c) *Cody*: How long would it take to get posters made?
 - i. *Sammi*: There is a 72-hour turnaround time. Since the design is already done, we could get them printed in time. However, another part of our working laws is that we want postings around campus at least a week before an event, or else we don't fund an event.
 - ii. *Emily*: I wouldn't want them to waste any of their time or their funding to get posters up two days before an event, especially because of Homecoming weekend already taking up a lot of students' time.
- d) *Cody*: My personal opinion is that the event this Saturday, Adopt-A-Crag, isn't one we should fund because the posters will only be up for two days. As for the other two, I would deny them under Article 11 Section 8 of our bylaws. There weren't a whole lot of answers to questions, and there were a lot of mistakes. However, this doesn't mean that they can't fix it and bring it back to present it again.
 - i. Article 11 Section 8 of SFC Bylaws: The budget request and accompanying rationale show lack of dedication to the program on the part of the organization, the member(s) of the student organization submitting the budget appears inadequately prepared for the budget hearing, and/or the organization has not demonstrated adequate planning for the activity in question.
- e) *Sammi*: Rather than deny, we could table the budget request.
 - i. *Kash*: The only issue with tabling the budget is that the SFC would still have to take into account their budget forms with the errors. If you were to deny it, they could resubmit a new budget form.
 - (a) *Emily*: I'd much rather have them come back with a new form, without having to take into account this one we have now.

- f) *Emily*: I'd say, we should just deny the funding of Adopt-A-Crag. REEL Rock sounds really cool and it would bring in big numbers. If they were to come back with a new form.
- g) *Emily* motioned to deny the Social Climb Series budget under Section 11 Article H of the SFC Bylaws
 - i. *Sam* second; passes 2-1
- h) *Sam* motioned to deny the Adopt-A-Crag budget under Section 11 Article D
 - i. Section 11 Article D: There is reason to believe, or evidence to indicate, that the activity will not be of interest to a sufficiently large number of students to warrant the expenditure proposed
 - ii. *AJ* second; passes unanimously
- i) *AJ* motioned to deny the REEL Rock 14 budget under Section 11 Article H
 - i. *Emily* second; passes unanimously

IX. Old Business

- a. No old business

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- a. *Greg*: I would like to change the meeting times from Tuesday evenings at 6:30 to Monday evenings at 6:30.
- b. *Sam*: I just want to encourage everyone to continue recruiting. I will be going to the on-campus housing round tables next week on Tuesday the 8th if anyone would like to tag along. I think this will be a good place to find new members, and it'll make us seem a little less exclusive.
- c. *Greg*: Is anyone interested in helping interview new members as they come in?
 - i. *AJ* and *Emily* were both interested

XI. Adjournment

- a. *Sam* motioned to adjourn the meeting
 - i. *Emily* second; unanimous
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM