

Student Finance Committee Minutes

November 1st, 2021

1203 Northern Center

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.
- II. **Public Comment**
 - a. No public comment
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. *Eli* motioned to approve the agenda
 - *Hunter* second; passes unanimously
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. *Eli* motioned to approve the minutes
 - *Hunter* second; passes unanimously
- V. **Chair Report**
 - a. ***Emily Martens- Chairperson***
 - First off, welcome Sydney and Nico! SFC currently has \$71,629.05. SFC has attended all hall gov's aside from Cedar, and there's been good responses all around! A lot of students have been asking questions and taking applications. I also spoke with the presidents round table and they seemed very engaged and interested as well.
- VI. **Advisor Report**
 - a. ***Kash Dhanapal- Faculty Advisor***
 - I have been working on getting a new vertical banner for tabling; I was finally able to get someone from the university to design it for us. It will cost about \$250 and will need to be approved by ASNMU. Other than that, welcome Sydney and Nico!
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Marquette Ending Hunger**
 - *Hannah (President of Marquette Ending Hunger)*: On November 11th, we're holding a trivia night as well as an informal presentation on homelessness in Marquette and food insecurity. Our budget total is \$1,400 and includes food, drinks, the conference room rental fee, and promotional materials.
 - *Emily*: We can't fund food or drinks. What would be the rough estimation on the price for event supplies without that?
 - a) *Hannah*: About \$400.
 - *Kash*: Why are you hosting the event off campus?
 - a) *Hannah*: We want to offer a different experience; we didn't want it to feel like a classroom presentation.
 - *Emily*: Is the location confirmed?
 - a) *Hannah*: It is confirmed, it's just not paid for. We do have the date and location set though.
 - *Emily*: Is there any way that students could have a lower ticket price?
 - a) *Hannah*: We could go down to \$10.
 - *Kash*: The money you take in is going to be donated to charity, which seems like a fundraiser. We can pay for programming, but not fundraising events.

- a) *Hannah*: There will be a free presentation and the trivia afterwards is what costs money.
- *Emily*: How do you plan on getting students to and from the event?
 - a) *Hannah*: When registering for the event, there will be an option to check whether or not you need a ride. Based on those numbers, we'll distribute amongst our group members those that need rides and have a carpool to and from the event.
- **SFC Deliberation**
 - a) *Sydney*: I also don't like the ride share program. I wouldn't personally be comfortable getting into a car with someone I don't know.
 - *Emily*: Groups have done this in the past; if we deny the budget based on this, they won't be able to resubmit in time.
 - b) *Kash*: The Student Discretionary Activity Fee has its own set of bylaws it operates under that supersede our own and they prohibit us from spending this money on fundraising events. It's whether you feel as if the presentation and trivia together is a charitable donation event, or if they're separate.
 - *Hunter*: We are not making a donation, but we are contributing to their ability to make a charitable donation. Could people bring in canned goods instead?
 - *Kash*: If the donations were optional, I think that'd be okay, but if any cost of admission is mandatory and goes to a charity, that's not permitted.
 - [*Hannah was brought back in regards to the cost of admission. She was asked if they'd be willing to change the event from having a mandatory admission fee to an optional donation, to which she said yes*]
 - c) *Sydney* motioned to approve Marquette Ending Hunger's budget by line item
 - *Eli* second; passes unanimously
 - d) *Eli* motioned to adjust line item 7135 to the amount of \$400 in exclusion of food and drink costs
 - *Hunter* second; passes unanimously
 - e) *Eli* motioned to approve line item 7140 in full of \$200
 - *Hunter* second; passes unanimously
 - f) *Eli* motioned to approve line item 7190 in full of \$200
 - *Hunter* second; passes unanimously
 - g) *Sydney* motioned to approve Marquette Ending Hunger's adjusted budget in full for \$800 on the condition that there is no mandatory cost of admission
 - *Hunter* second; passes unanimously

b. Student Leader Fellowship Program

- *Mary*: We are wanting to change the event to a crawl rather than an expo. We also changed the location to the Marquette Commons. All monetary values on the budget are the same except that we want to add a shuttle to loop from the dorms to the event every 30 minutes. Mike Bath said one shuttle is \$240-\$250 and that he may be able to help us out to lower the cost. The other difference is the addition of a building rental for Marquette Commons that totals \$375 and a \$250 security deposit. So the total building rental fee is \$625. Again, there's no entrance fee, the location is still walkable should the

shuttle schedule not work for someone, and we are allowing students to explore small businesses they may not have access to.

- **SFC Deliberation**
- *Eli*: How much in total is SLFP asking for?
 - a) *Mary*: \$4,335.
- *Kash*: Prior to the change, you guys were giving businesses money to come to campus. Now that it's not on campus, maybe there could be an adjustment to take away the incentive money for businesses staying in their store fronts?
 - a) *Mary*: That incentive money may not be as needed anymore, since they are staying put.
- **SFC Deliberation**
 - a) *Hunter* motioned to approve Student Leader Fellowship Program's budget by line item
 - *Sydney* second; passes unanimously
 - b) *Hunter* motioned to approve line item 7135 for the amount of \$200
 - *Sydney* second; passes unanimously
 - c) *Hunter* motioned to approve line item 7135 for the amount of \$625
 - *Eli* second; passes unanimously
 - d) *Hunter* motioned to approve line item 7163 for the amount of \$110
 - *Eli* second; passes unanimously
 - e) *Hunter* motioned to approve line item 7190 for the amount of \$150
 - *Eli* second; passes unanimously
 - f) *Hunter* motioned to approve line item 7330 for the amount of \$3,000
 - *Eli* second; passes unanimously
 - g) *Hunter* motioned to approve line item 7335 for the amount of \$250
 - *Eli* second; passes unanimously
 - h) *Hunter* motioned to approve Student Leader Fellowship Program's adjusted budget in full for \$4,335 on the condition that any businesses operating from their own locations receive no monetary incentive and that the money put towards the security deposit be returned to Student Finance Committee
 - *Sydney* second; passes unanimously

VIII. Old Business

- a. No old business

IX. Good of the Order

- a. *[The committee discussed scheduling headshots]*
- b. *[Eli let his hair down. It is normally always in a ponytail so this was a big deal.]*
- c. *[The committee discussed getting headshots put up in the ASNMU office.]*
 - *SFC headshots coming soon to an ASNMU office near you.*

X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.