

Student Finance Committee Minutes

February 7th, 2022

1203 Northern Center

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 8:02 p.m.
- II. **Public Comment**
 - a. No public comment
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. *Tommy* motioned to approve the agenda
 - *Spencer* second; passes unanimously
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. No minutes for approval
- V. **Chair Report**
 - a. ***Emily Martens*- Chairperson**
 - SFC currently has \$46,493.31. 10-day numbers are in, but I do not have the updated version of what we got this semester yet. Please remember to contact the groups that you are auditing. The DAG referendum is this week and I am requesting a higher allocation for SFC, so I will let you guys know if that gets approved. I am asking for your help in spreading the word if it does get increased, so that more money can be given to the EFGs and student organizations.
- VI. **Advisor Report**
 - a. ***Jeff Korpi*- Faculty Advisor**
 - No faculty advisor report
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Superior Edge**
 - *Mackenzie Meyer (President of Superior Edge)*: We are asking for \$15,262.50 to bring Abigail Heringer, a former contestant on The Bachelor. She was the first deaf contestant and she brings a lot of awareness to that community through her platform. We are hoping to bring her to talk about her story.
 - **SFC Deliberation:**
 - a. *Emily*: They did tell me that they were potentially going to ask for an increase, but I told them to stick with this budget and we could adjust this one to make sure they get approved in time.
 - b. *Eli*: This \$15,000 is a substantial amount of money, so that is about 30% of our available funds as of right now.
 - *Emily*: I will say, I was sent a financial sheet this morning that claimed we have much more money than I said earlier. I am going to meet with Kelly to discuss the number and figure out actually how much we have, but just so you guys know, there may be more money than we think available.
 - c. ***Tommy* motioned to approve Superior Edge's budget by line item**
 - ***Sydney* second; passes unanimously**
 - d. ***Tommy* motioned to approve line item (7190), Printing, in full for \$229.50**

- *Eli* second; passes unanimously
 - e. **Tommy** motioned to approve line item (7192), Professional Expenses, for \$9,000
 - *Eli* second; passes unanimously
 - f. **Tommy** motioned to approve line item (7194), Audio-Visual Services, in full for \$983
 - *Spencer* second; passes unanimously
 - g. **Tommy** motioned to approve line item (7330), University Guest Expenses, in full for \$5,000
 - *Sydney* second; passes unanimously
 - h. **Tommy** motioned to approve Superior Edge's budget in full for \$15,262.50
- b. **Social Justice For Us**
 - *Freddie Sims (Founder and President of Social Justice for Us)*: Social Justice for Us started as a local non-profit, and then we affiliated with Northern this past year. I have been living in Marquette for 11 years and have never seen someone who looks like me on local TV, on a billboard, or represented in general. So we wanted to shed light on marginalized groups that don't normally get that spotlight. We held a photoshoot called Power In Unity, in which we photographed members of these groups and had them give words that meant a lot to them and explain why. It allows others to see members of these groups, allows them to meet others like themselves, and also to see themselves in a spotlight they aren't normally given. We did secure a Student Art Gallery slot to display all of the photos on the Friday of the last week of February as well. We are asking for \$850 to cover the frame costs, a background replacement for the photographer, studio fees, and a few other things.
 - a. *Sydney*: That last week is actually spring break, so maybe you could do it on a different day! Perhaps even a Thursday or an entire week rather than one Friday.
 - b. *Freddie*: I'll email you guys as soon as I get a confirmation from Frances on the specific date!
 - **SFC Deliberation:**
 - a. *Spencer* motioned to approve Social Justice For Us' budget request in full for \$850
 - *Sydney* second; passes unanimously

VIII. Old Business

- a. No old business

IX. Good of the Order

- a. [The committee had a discussion regarding the future leadership of the committee. Questions about the specifics of the position were asked and answered by Emily.]
- b. *Spencer*: Thank you for approving me to join the committee, I look forward to working with you all!

X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.