

Committee on Budget and Finance

Senate of the Associated Students, 86th Session

Agenda for Friday, October 19th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Presidents Conference Room- 3rd Floor Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Grant called the meeting on Budget and Finance to order on October 19th at 10:04 am in the Presidents Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union Presiding Secretary, Morgan Zimmerman.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Burton, Grant, McKinney, Hudson, Hughes, Sewell, and Wilcox were present. Senators Aziz and Feil were absent excused. A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

- a. The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from October 12th, 2018. The Committee will discuss the minutes of October 12th, 2018 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may choose to approve the minutes.
Senator Hudson moved to approve the minutes from October 12th, 2018 through unanimous consent.
There was no dissent to the motion, the October 12th minutes were approved.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Financial Reviews

The Committee will conduct financial reviews of the following accounts: ASUN Sound Lights and Resources (PG05330), and Judicial Council (PG08169). The Committee will hear a presentation by the account managers and they will examine expenditures within each account to ensure full financial disclosure and transparency to the ASUN.

ASUN Sound Lights and Resources sent their Assistant Director of Scheduling who replies to service requests and their Assistant Director of Equipment who takes care of equipment issues and supplies. They said they basically supply sound and light for any on campus events, for example party lights or DJ service. Their overall budget is \$16,000.00. The majority of it goes towards student wages. The other portion is allocated

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to operating expenses, operating expenses include drug tests, parking expenses, replacement equipment, and new hoses.

Senator Burton asked about item number 5 (sound light stage) not being ADA accessible, and whether those changes were still ongoing or if they had already taken place.

ASUN Sound Lights and Resources said the budget got cut by \$10,000.00 on top of it not being ADA accessible, so they decided not to do it.

Burton asked if there was a timeline that the stage was expected to be done or if it would be on their own accord.

ASUN Sound Lights and Resources said they are officially done with the stage.

Senator McKinney asked how many employees they have.

ASUN Sound Lights and Resources said they have nine right now.

Senator Grant said he knows the budget got cut \$6,000.00 for wages, and asked if employees were cut or if they just work less hours.

ASUN Sound Lights and Resources said that with the stage being taken out they did not need as many employees because that was something that required more employees and they plan on hiring more employees this year.

Senator Grant said okay.

ASUN Sound Lights and Resources said it is just the difference in time considering they are not doing the stage anymore. It takes a bunch of time to put up and down the stage, around three hours to put it up and another two to take it down. So, that is where the wages were cut. Since they are not doing the stage anymore they don't require employees for those hours.

Senator Grant said thank you for the clarification.

Senator Sewell asked now that they no longer have a stage what happens when there is a request for a stage.

ASUN Sound Lights and Resources said when that happens they recommend top hat, and that's how it has been handled. We recommend they get club funding for the stage, it is actually less liability for the university and it is really not that expensive to rent a stage.

Senator Grant said thank you and moved into a presentation from Judicial Council.

Chief Justice Groesbeck said their budget is super simple. They have five employees, four associate justices and herself. Most of the budget goes to wages, which are currently being discussed, and so far the only purchase has been their polo's for \$163.53.

Senator McKinney asked for clarification as to why wages are being discussed.

Chief Justice Groesbeck said yes, there has been a glitch with central station so the way that they are being divided has been messed up. They are working on getting it fixed today. The value isn't changing; the same amount will remain.

Senator Burton asked what wages in the past were, and whether they have always been the same or not.

Chief Justice Groesbeck said she does not know.

Director Rodriguez said about 7 years ago they got everybody on a schedule. It is in the SAS, they gave each member in the association a level 1, 2, 3, etc. It has been the same ever since.

Senator Grant asked about future plans for the operating line.

Chief Justice Groesbeck said there are currently no plans.

Senator Hughes said through the chair to Sandy and asked if they were paid so much less than those in similar positions because they have less hours. For example, Chief Justice Groesbeck oversees the internship program and four other people but is paid a lot less.

Director Rodriguez the senate makes that decision. In the past they have adjusted wages if the committee wants to have that discussion it is up to them.

Senator Grant asked for questions, seeing none he thanked Chief Justice Groesbeck.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Rodriguez said wants to look at the data regarding sound and lights. There has been a dramatic downturn in student requests. They also forgot to mention The Joe has sound and staging. The other part is, we are having to pay student employees to go through OSHA training, which is a ten-hour training. We can't have them show up and not pay them, also the drug testing is another part that came up. The University has decided that if they are dealing with heavy equipment, if any accident happens they must be drug tested. It is getting complex, there have been discussions with Hannah as to whether this program should even continue to exist past this year. That is a conversation she will come and entertain for you. There has been a drastic decline from 216 requests in 2014 to 36, this year.

Senator Burton said if that were to happen, and sound and lights doesn't exist. Knowing how The Joe functions by providing on campus resources. That does not feel like it is the best solution considering the Joe's equipment stays inside the building. So, if it was an event like Wolf It Down, a stage would have to be rented. Maybe it would be cheaper, but it would require outside staff which could increase costs over time. Are our sound and lights equipment used for our events like BLF for example?

Director Rodriguez said no the stage is not being used currently, it is not ADA compliant they don't really have a choice and in order to make it ADA compliant they are looking at a 15,000.00-20,000.00 cost to fix, which would come out of their capital account. They could do some math and it would take a number of years, and the specialized stage comes from a company.

Senator Sewell said the equipment in The Joe stays in the building, and asked how the audio works.

Director Rodriguez said they aren't talking about the audio component. It is really easy to set up the audio clubs can come by and pick up their own speaker and microphone.

Senator Sewell asked about lighting.

Director Rodriguez said they are strictly talking about the stage, and pointed out that there has also only been one request for the grill. At this point it is really expensive to use the grill, especially considering the amount of propane it uses. It was a really good idea, that has not worked out that well.

Senator Sewell said the only thing that is really missing would not be the lights or sound, just the stage.

Director Rodriguez confirmed.

Senator Burton asked what the decline was related to in terms of requests and rentals.

Director Rodriguez said yes a lot of dollars are being taken in operations, which is good for clubs and organizations. The other conversation being had with Hannah is that there has not been an increase in funding for clubs and organizations in ten years. It has been the exact same amount; therefore, things are getting more expensive. When clubs want to have bigger events they are being charged more, even through The Joe, and ticket sales. Her opinion is that clubs are shying away from these much larger events. They used to have a ball, every year and around 1,000 people would show up. That doesn't happen anymore, even the catering has gone up. The staging at this point is the least of their worries, if that makes sense.

Senator Sewell said her only concern with that is that they want these clubs to use club funding, but when Luke Bittar was in he said that he thought they would run out of club funding this year. So, if they are no longer able to make the staging then they have to request it through club funding but that is running out.

Director Rodriguez said right, and that will be a discussion that will have to take place with President Jackson related to the future of funding for clubs and organizations. She thinks it is a conversation that will have to be had directly with her.

Senator Burton said considering there was a 3% budget cut, enrollment is flat lining, inflation is having a huge factor on students and starting to affect them and how much they can participate in. It might be time to start discussing increasing the amount they are charging students per credit hour. In terms of benefitting other students especially in terms of those involved in clubs.

Senator Grant said he absolutely agrees.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Grant adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am.

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