# Committee on Budget and Finance

**Senate of the Associated Students, 86th Session**

**Agenda for Friday, November 30th, 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 Friday, November 30, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Presidents Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Morgan Zimmerman.
2. ROLL CALL
Senators Aziz, Burton, Feil, Grant, Hudson, Hughes, Sewell, and Wilcox were all present.
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 November 2nd, 2018.

 The Committee will discuss the minutes of November 2nd, 2018 and may choose to

 amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may

 choose to approve the minutes.

 **b.** The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 9th, 2018.

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 choose to approve the minutes.

 Senator Burton moved to approve items a-b through unanimous consent.
 There was no dissent; motion carried.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Open Forum**

The committee will have the table to discuss anything they may in regard to budgeting and finances within the Association. The committee will have the opportunity to discuss items they felt were beneficial or unbeneficial within the work completed throughout the duration of the semester. This will be a time to discuss points of improvement for the spring semester and the direction the committee will head as the future progresses.

Senator Burton said he wished he would have seen the proposal for increased fees, and suggested a discussion with Hannah Jackson to get things done as soon as possible. That way new fees could be implemented next fall. He will start working on looking through SAS and discuss it with the committee on Government Operations to use as a baseline for discussion next semester.

Senator Grant said he wanted to discuss the fee increase. Senator Hughes had the idea to make a flat fee of $60-70 fee per semester. In this case everyone is paying for a full schedule. This would help drive more money into the association and would be fair.

Senator Hughes said she brought this up with Hannah, initially the fee was chosen to be charged as a percentage, she wants to get the history as to why it was done that way. She personally thinks it is the way to go.

Senator Burton said this is a great idea, and asked if there would be a different fee for part time and full time. If part time students are paying the full price it might be seen as unfair.

Senator Feil said even part time students are using the same student services as full time students, or at least have the option of doing so.

Senator Hughes said currently, students are paying different prices, and some are taking more credits for the same services. There is a large discrepancy there.

Senator Sewell said so the credit issue is the same.

Senator Feil asked if they will be reviewing all of the same budgets in next semesters budget reviews.

Senator Grant said per the SAS, they will be reviewing all budgets in the same format next semester.

Senator Hughes asked what everyone’s opinion on Wolf Pack Radio having $30,000 per year.

Senator Grant said they can all sit down and take a closer look at it to ensure it is a responsible expenditure.

Senator Burton said that Wolf Pack Radio said they were equipment upgrading and that is why they have spent so much this year.

Senator Feil asked how everyone felt about the Director of Health and Wellness’s stipend.

Senator Grant asked if she could remind him of the circumstances.

Senator Feil said that the position in on a stipend. This is not related to person but related to the logistics of the position. She is unsure whether it is truly fiscally responsible.

Senator Grant said next semester as people come in they can begin changing the infrastructure, he suggests waiting for that.

Senator Feil said if anyone is interested in looking into it with her, she would be willing.

Senator Wilcox said he would be interested.

Wilcox I would love to have him come in and discuss it

Senator Feil said based in the changing infrastructure with the Director of Wellness and Sustainability, and seeing their motto. It would be great to bring Director Jordan into an oversight meeting with President Jackson next semester to explain how that is working for them.

Senator Hudson said according to the SAS when people come in for financial review, they have to be posted. She understands the purpose of the review, but does not understand why it is posted.

Senator Grant said for clarification the reviews are in the SAS, summaries are not. If that is something they want to see changed it can be voted on.

Senator Burton said it is good to have reviews mostly because of the documentation that is provided during the review.

Senator Feil asked about structure and opportunity for availability.

Senator Grant said that is a capital account discussion.

Senator Sewell asked if there was a decision made on how to make up for the BLF deficit.

Senator Grant said their budget is set so they will have to buckle down and discuss possibility for revenue.

Senator Burton said on the topic of programming they got a stipend and grant for $20,000.

Senator Grant said he was mistaken in regards to the roll over number, more will be allocated to make up for it.

Senator Feil said their plan right now is to plan a Spring Concert to make a huge profit, they are working on proposals now to plan an event that will be beneficial.

Senator Sewell said that BLF was supposed to do the same, and asked what happens if it happens again.

Senator Grant it would not be responsible to exceed their allocated funds. It is not a good idea at all to go over those amounts.

Senator Hughes asked in simple terms what the status of the capital account is.

Senator Grant said in the past it was great at around $900,000; now it is closer to $200,000. Some of that goes to scholarships, loans, and expenditures. It is doing better than it was at the beginning of the semester. They will have to wait until the end of the spring to get final numbers.

Senator Feil asked what the numbers for future budgets were going to look like since enrollment is decreasing.

Senator Grant said he has heard they should remain the same.

Senator Feil asked what their future relationship with the Wolf Shop is looking like.

Senator Grant said if they can bring in the money necessary, he would love to maintain a relationship with the Wolf Shop. He loves what they do.

Senator Hudson asked if Programming can put on the concert if they do not have the money for it.

Senator Grant said they can not disapprove it now because it is already approved, if they came in to move money around and spend it differently then that could be discussed.

Senator Grant asked for questions.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT
Senator Grant said that they all crushed financial reviews. He just wanted to tell everybody great job and thank you.

Senator Hughes mentioned she would like to look into changing student fees if anyone was interested in looking into it as well.

Senator Feil suggested that if more information was found they could prepare a presentation on that.

Senator Grant said he would be happy to look into that as well.
2. ADJOURNMENT
Senator Grant adjourned the meeting at 10:15am.

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