

Committee on Budget and Finance

Senate of the Associated Students, 86th Session

Minutes for Friday, February 8th, 2019 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, February 8, 2019 at 10:03 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, Flangas, Grant, Hudson, Hughes, and Sewell were present. Senator Wilcox was 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 February 1st, 2019. The Committee will discuss the minutes of February 1st, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may choose to approve the minutes.

Senator Burton moved to approve the minutes from February 1, 2018 by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

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: Budget and Finance Committee (PG05837), Elections (PG03996), and Programming Board (PG05175). The Committee will hear a presentation by the account managers and will examine expenditures within each account to ensure full financial disclosure and transparency to the ASUN.

Hannah Jackson said Special Requests was cut this year, typically that is an opportunity to sponsor events like senior awards. The Reserve is healthy and increased by 3% due to

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a fluctuation in enrollment. Other expenses include the Donald Tibbett's Award, Outstanding Faculty Award, TedX (Community tickets are \$100.00 each, student tickets are offered at discounted rate at \$30.00 this year they are looking at getting the prices down to \$20-25), and the Distinguished Service Award. So far the only charge is TedX, and the others will be transferring soon.

Senator Grant asked for questions.

Director Rodriguez said it is really important leave \$2,000 because they are still short \$59,000 from student fees, so with \$20,000 they are still short \$39,000.

Senator Grant said great, thank you and moved into the review of Elections.

The Director of Elections said their mission is to provide fair and efficient elections, and to help students engage civically and contribute to citizenship. \$200 in hosting, \$300 in operations, \$0 in wages and \$0 in fringe. There are not too many expenses, they purchased donuts for their workshop, they have a reservation for operations, and their Elect all the People Workshop comes from operations. Planned expenses include their elections barbeque, which is an estimated \$1,000. Reflected on the excel sheet, they mapped out \$963.00, this could fluctuate since the event hasn't happened. \$300 in operations, and \$700 from hosting, reservations from elections \$2,000. They have a date planned, and fluctuations could happen regarding captioning for ADA accessibility, \$1 per minute, and depending on time of the debates the cost will fluctuate. There will be a finalized plan on spending after elections. There is a remainder of \$1,217 in hosting, planned and past, Operations \$618.14 and total \$1,835.

Senator Grant asked for questions and moved into the review of Programming.

Assistant Director Thummel said Good Morning and said they could up the excel sheet that he will be referencing. The top is the overall layout of department as a whole. Expenses are short, they have three major events, Welcome Week, Welcome Back, and Homecoming. All of the bold numbers are finished for the fitness tailgates. At the last review they had just finished Welcome Week, and were preparing for Homecoming. They allocated \$20,000 and came in well under at \$11290. There is a breakdown of all of the different days, there is a substantial amount of roll over. Beat UNLV is coming up on February 27, yesterday adding \$3,200. There were not that many events, they are getting the ball rolling. All of their events have been approved and they are getting the ball rolling. Welcome Back they allocated \$10,000 and came in way under at \$4,500. One thing that is being looked at, is the fact that is is good that they under budget, but they do want to be using funds, and getting closer to amounts to be allocated. Encourage Behavior, is April 5- 7, \$17,000 is allocated and they are truing to spread it up. March 25, they have \$5,000 allocated for 2 events and social media campaigns. Holocaust Speaker \$2,000 is allocated, and they are looking at a date. \$5,000 for Mackay Week, Inclusive Drag Show \$15,000. Summit Speaker \$10,000. They are all really excited for these events. As far as the Spring Concert, the board started talking about feasibility, not only for those those events but the concert too. That will be the biggest expense and they are in the process of getting everything set in place, they are getting quotes from vendors and contacts, there's nothing finalized so nothing he can report on that. The reserves are \$5,000, and this accounts for the 10% cut.

Senator Hudson asked the fannie pack charge and why they were purchased.

Assistant Director Thummel said they thought it would be a good purchase for interns and board to carry things around at events.

Senator Burton asked about an ASUN Columbia Jacket he saw.

Assistant Director Thummel said they only purchased fannie packs and polo's. They do not have any further plans to purchase any other swag.

Senator Flangas said the Columbia Jacket's came out of last years programming budget.

b. Legislation to Make Appropriations for the Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program

The committee will consider and debate all aspects of the proposed legislation. The committee will have the ability to make amendments or table the proposed legislation. Upon approval, the committee may favorably recommend the legislation to the Senate.

Senator Aziz moved to favorably recommend Senate Bill 86 a Senate Bill to Make Appropriations for the Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program.
Senator Hudson seconded.

Senator Hughes said this has been work in project, since early September. Her and Chief Justice Groesbeck initiated because, for example Scotland just made all menstrual hygiene products free in public spaces where toilet paper would be free. Additionally, New York state and California have passed legislation on this, this is definitely something that is worth working towards. Studies show an increase in school wide attendance, been proven to have a positive impact. They started initially by reaching out to programs, discovered a program called Aunt Flow started by a young entrepreneur who is passionate about this equity initiative. She reached out to Ann Weigan who is a director for the company. She had many conference calls to recommended the pilot program, recommended 10 dispensers, 7,000 pads and 7,000 tampons to be dispensed throughout the University. That would cost \$3,800 dollars. From there they met with The Joe Crowley and Facilities, who decided this was a worthwhile cause and they did not want us to spend extra money on dispensers, facilities offered to refurbish the dispensers in the Joe Crowley Student Union to be free rather than .25 setting. This has been done on the fourth floor, from there we will be transitioning, and will not include the Aunt Flow Pilot Program like they initially thought. This will save quite a bit of money, this was also in partnership with facilities, majority of money they spend is changing dispensers due to damage because of people trying to get money out. This will be super beneficial, because there is no money in the dispensers, they are entering into agreement, and went through it with The Joe, and agreed on a \$500 budget per fiscal year through July, and another \$500.00 for the next fiscal year.

Senator Flangas asked so this agreement, goes this period and the next period.

Senator Hughes said yes, so it allows the President to allocate up to \$500 per fiscal year. The Joe has agreed for 12 months, pending a 3-month update.

Senator Hudson asked who is responsible for the updates.

Senator Hughes said the custodians made a spreadsheet that will show how often each is being filled, so they will have an idea of that.

Senator Flangas asked who the report will go to when the term has ended.

Senator Hughes said it will be going to herself, and then it will depend on the next term, probably general populous. They did not go through who would be overseeing it.

Senator Hughes said since it is going through Exec it is sort of unsaid that it will be going through the president.

Senator Hudson confirmed this is in the Joe.

Senator Hughes confirmed. It is a discussion they had with Michael Carver, who is super supportive of this initiative, they will see how it goes in the Joe and if it is successful they will expand to other businesses, the Dean is also super excited to see this pilot program take off.

Senator Sewell asked about advertisement, and how students will know about it.

Senator Hughes said advertisement will be inside bathrooms. They are working with inkblot, and this is approved through The Joe. They also have a Journalism Major in Marketing Psychology helping to advertise the service there for you.

Senator Sewell she has a concern that because products are free, people won't be taking them out of necessity. Why pay if you can get it for free.

Senator Hughes said she talked about this in her discussion with Ann Weigan. They implemented pilot programs and 10 dispensers, with 14,000 products would be appropriate. Additionally, it is assumed that if they are going through that much it is because they need them. The Health Center and Pack Provisions, also provide these items. The first 3 months there is a big jump and then the supply remains stagnant.

Senator Sewell said she does not think its fair or appropriate for male students to pay for women's hygiene, since it is solely funded by ASUN.

Senator Hughes said they are not solely funded, The Joe is also providing almost 2,000, and facilities as well. This is also not about equality, its equity. This is not about giving people the same thing. There are many people who do not menstruate who will be affected by this, trans students, women who do not. Additionally, there is an attendance increase, there are benefits across the university, not just for women.

Senator Burton asked where the information on increased attendance came from.

Senator Hughes said it is from a study and do not have it sited, study showed increase in attendance whether it was a casual relationship or not, she does not know.

Senator Hudson asked if she knew a percentage.

Senator Hughes said 3% which does seem minuscule, but from a greater perspective it is

not.

Senator Hudson asked if it was entire state or just the university.

Senator Hughes said she did not have it.

Senators Aziz, Burton, Flangas, Grant, and Hudson, were in favor.

Senator Sewell was not.

Senate Bill 86 a Senate Bill to Make Appropriations for the Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program was passed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Rodriguez said that she appreciates the differentiation between equity and equality, as there are many examples of this on campus, whether it be campus escort, campus shuttles, or veterans breakfast. Everyone pays for these events even though they might not benefit each any every person. What you want to do is look at larger budget, is the goal to meet needs specifically, or just learning and understanding community. We can all take advantage of this, so thank you for explaining the difference.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Grant adjourned the meeting at 10:31am.

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