

# Minutes - April 29, 2009

## Meeting called to order:

Riley LaMie called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and attendance was taken.

## Attendance:

Jack Baker, Ed Day, Megan Hammond, Kay Kenison, Kevin Kimball, Riley LaMie, Caitlin Morrison, Scott Robinson, Brook Rutledge, Brent Weisel, Wendy Williams, and Teri Willard.  
Excused: Julia Cain and Stephanie Oberlander.

## Approval of the minutes from April 22, 2009:

Scott Robinson moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Megan Hammond seconded. Motion carried. (9 in favor, 1 abstention.)

## Public Comment:

none

## Supplemental Request to be heard:

Bridges Project – Veronica Gomez-Vilchis: The supplemental request is for \$52,073.00 for the Bridges Project of the next year. Many of the student mentors were in the audience to support this supplemental request and several shared their experiences working with children through the Bridges program. Veronica Gomez-Vilchis has applied for several grants, and the awarding of those will be later in the year. They are hoping to secure supplemental S&A funding to carry the program forward while awaiting the outcome from the pending grants. The students work hard as mentors and the salary they receive provide needed money to continue at CWU. Many students explained how crucial these jobs are to their success at CWU. The Northern Grant is for specific projects and is not consistent funding. The Bridges program continues to do fund raising and looking for exterior funding.

## Supplemental Request to be voted on:

**Air Force ROTC request for funding the high ropes challenge course – Major Jennifer Winslow:** The supplemental request is for \$350.00 to help with the costs of the high ropes challenge course for the Air Force cadets to build teamwork and leadership.

MOTION: Brook Rutledge made a motion to approve \$350.00 in supplemental funds for the Air Force ROTC cadets to help with the costs of the high ropes challenge course. Caitlin Morrison seconded. Motion failed. (3 no and 4 abstentions)

Discussion: The committee did not want to set a precedent by funding the challenge course. They agreed that this is a great way for groups to learn to work together, but S&A does not want to have all clubs and groups coming to this committee for funding. The Board of Directors has suggested using S&A Funds to benefit the "most" students.

NEW MOTION: Scott Robinson made a motion to approve \$350.00 in supplemental funds for the Air Force ROTC cadets to help with the costs of the high ropes challenge course. Caitlin Morrison seconded. Motion failed. (6 no, 1 abstention)

**Recreation and Tourism Club – Caitlin Kezele:** The supplemental request is for \$566.45 to help fund the trip to the Washington Recreation & Parks Association Conference on April 28-May 1. There are 20 students interested in this conference and the total cost is \$2,466.45.

MOTION: Brook Rutledge made a motion to approve \$566.00 in supplemental funds to help fund the trip to the Washington Recreation & Parks Association Conference on April 28-May 1. Caitlin Morrison seconded. Motion carried. (5 in favor, 2 abstentions)

#### **Budget Allocation Discussion:**

Everyone will be affected by the 14% tuition increase which includes the S&A fee. The S&A fees are currently aligned with the tuition increases, so they would also increase by 14%. Brent Weisel hoped to maintain the S&A fee at the 7% level used for setting the 2010-2013 budgets and felt the increase to 14% is an undue burden for the students. Although the 7% increase will help to maintain programs, it will not increase the S&A fees to the highest level. "It's got to stop somewhere."

It was also pointed out that S&A Fees are tied to the current tuition and would increase at the same rate and with this 14% increase it could help to fund programs that will be cut due to the cutback of state funding. These services help to make students' "lives" better. The budget cuts could impact education, services and programs; and the fee increase could help with the most important programs to help the most students. Since several student members are absent tonight, this discussion is tabled until next week.

#### **For the good of the order:**

Jack Baker shared a draft of the S&A Supplemental Request form. He would like the committee to review the form and come back next week with suggestions.

#### **Schedule of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Adjourn:**

Scott Robinson moved to adjourn, Caitlin Morrison seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.