

Services and Activities | Minutes

Meeting called to order:

Julia Cain called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and attendance was taken.

Attendance:

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

Approval of the minutes from April 29, 2009:

Caitlin Morrison moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Stephanie Oberlander seconded. Motion carried. (6 in favor, 0 no, 1 abstention.)

Public Comment:

none

Supplemental Requests to be heard:

none

Charlotte Tullos was unable to join the Committee tonight.

Supplemental Request to be voted on:

Bridges Project – Veronica Gomez-Vilchis: The supplemental request is for \$52,073.00 for the Bridges Project of the next year.

MOTION: Brook Rutledge made a motion to approve \$52,073.00 in supplemental funds for the Bridges Project. Megan Hammond seconded. Wendy Williams made a friendly amendment to reduce the amount to \$40,000.00. Motion carried. (9 in favor, 0 no, 0 abstention.)

Discussion: During the general discussion regarding prior funding, grants and other funding are being pursued, including academics. Veronica Gomez-Vilchis was asked to describe the project again to the committee. The committee is concerned that the requests for S&A funds may continue to increase in the future as the program grows.

Budget Allocation Discussion/Increase in S&A Fees – Ed Day, Jack Baker, ASCWUBOD & Committee: The committee discussed the walk-out/sit-in last Friday at the Board of Trustees Meeting and what the 14% increase means to the students. Several committee members queried fellow students and probably 50-60% thought the 14% increase in the S&A fee was O.K. to get additional services. The Committee believes requests will increase because of the proposed cuts to the University budget.

MOTION: Stephanie Oberlander made a motion to have the S&A fee tied to the tuition increase as currently in our guidelines. Brook Rutledge seconded. Motion

failed. (4 in favor, 2 no, 3 abstention.)

MOTION: Brent Weisel made a motion to increase the S&A fee this next year by 10%. Megan Hammond seconded. Motion failed. (1 in favor, 4 no, 4 abstention.)

MOTION: Brook Rutledge made a motion to increase the S&A fee the same as the increase in tuition approved by the Board of Trustees of 14% for this next year. Stephanie Oberlander seconded. Motion carried. (5 in favor, 1 no, 3 abstention.) The faculty abstained, as this was viewed as a student decision.

Discussion: The committee looked at several possibilities and what was the best for the students. Several members asked students their opinions on the increase and the students thought it would help with services that may be cut. Although the committee did not want to increase the S&A fee, the increase would help the S&A providers and provide supplemental funds distributed as needed by the Committee. It was a tough decision to continue linking S&A fees with the tuition increase, but in these tough times, it could help keep programs at their current levels.

For the good of the order:

Wendy Williams applauded the students on the S&A Committee for a "job well done."

Jack Baker asked for authorization to fund the S&A Committee celebration dinner out of the off-campus account.

MOTION: Riley LaMie made a motion to fund the S&A Committee's celebration dinner out of the off-campus account. Caitlin Morrison seconded. Motion carried. (9 in favor)

Schedule of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn: With nothing else to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.