SAF Meeting
Friday, April 9, 2010
Minutes

Present: Lauren Burnes, Aika Perez, Pete Gallagher, Jodi St. George, Kendra Porter, Michael Wynne, Chris Calland, Lane McKittrick, Ryan Fisher, Hung Dang

Minutes taken by Lauren Burnes

NOTE: During the April 9th meeting, the UWB SAF Committee conducted an open forum and appeals hearing with the initial plan to adopt the final budget by the end of the meeting. The final adoption of the 2010-2011 annual budget has been moved to Friday April 23rd from 9am-1pm. The UWB SAF Committee is currently reviewing documents passed out during the April 9th meeting, and will reconvene on April 23rd to make our final decision.

Meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Marilyn Cox and George Theo explain student space, sports field, student center and food options.

In the preliminary 2010-2011 budget stipulations, UWB SAF considered setting aside funds that would be used to construct a temporary student center and to begin the design of a sports field. The plan for a temporary student center is still under development and requires extensive feedback from students as to what the center would contain and where the center would be located. One location option is to rent 1/3 of the University Book Store – Bothell to be used as a student center. If SAF funding is approved for these two capital budget requests, construction of the student center at U Book Store – Bothell could begin as early as summer 2010 and be ready for use by fall 2010. Costs of the student center proposal could include rental of the space from UBS, furniture, construction of the center, and any other items that the students would want to fund (such as a stage for open mics). It is the hope that by considering the potential of bringing in food vendors, the food sales would help the student center become self supporting. If students are to fund these two budget requests, it is critical that discussions begin on how the center is to be actualized.

9:15 a.m. Open forum and appeals

Literary Journal

The literary journal would like SAF to reconsider the cut to their publishing allocation. Currently there aren’t students/staff able to convert the literary journal to an all-online publication. Though the LJ has a pdf available for viewing, the aesthetic quality of the journal is compromised by the art-monitor interface. In order to adequately display images, printed form, not online form, is the most ideal form for the publication. Also, because printing gets cheaper as more copies are printed, SAF would not be utilizing funds adequately if they continue with their fewer and more expensive to print copies. In the attempt to create a more environmentally sustainable campus that adheres to the 21st Century Campus Initiative, SAF may have to consider an all-or-nothing printing approach to both the literary and policy journals. This decision cannot actualize until both the PJ and the LJ have the staff to make this transition possible.
Student Life

Student Life would like SAF to reconsider cutting the summer hours for student assistants. Though summer quarter isn’t as busy for the UWB curriculum, student life is gearing up for summer events such as orientations, SL staff training, maintaining customer service, and housing registration. Also Student Life requested that SAF funds the graduate student stipend that was cut in the preliminary budget.

Campus Events Board

CEB rejects the SAF decision to cut wages and eliminate an unfilled position for another programmer. The CEB chair position that was eliminated would be critical to the staff and CEB requests that SAF reconsider the denial of funds. SAF also required that CEB would partner with DVR to create events that bring awareness of disabilities and veterans to better follow the diversity requirement explained in the 21st Century Campus Initiative. CEB argues that the partnership between DVR and CEB programs that was developed by SAF to bring CEB’s programming expertise and DVR’s disability and veteran’s support expertise is adding on additional work without adding additional staffing abilities and pay. CEB programmers have not yet developed next year’s events, and SAF believes that because events have not actualized yet, requiring at least one of the events to be centered around a disability and veterans services awareness campaign would not be adding to their duties, but replacing this event. SAF last year raised the CEB stipend to $12 to match ASUWB funding.

ASUWB

The ASUWB President requested that a line item in the ASUWB budget be amended for clarity. She wants the line item to explain that training programs are mandatory, and if the incoming ASUWB is unable to attend the training programs in early September, they are locked out of training.

Association of Computer Machinery

The ACM was denied their request of $2500 for food at events because many of the requests did not adhere to the UW food policy. ACM says that there are events that adhere to the food policy, and that SAF should reconsider their budget request such as quarterly awards ceremonies and speakers in conjunction with the CSS Speaker Series. SAF believes that ACM will be able to access more funding through Student Life provided that their food requests adhere to the UW food policy.

The Husky Herald

The Herald rejects the SAF’s preliminary budget and believes that the cuts dramatically alter the makeup of the publication and will stunt the future growth for the publication. SAF initially cut the section editor positions and lowered the stipend requests for the board of directors. The Herald argues that if the stipends for the section editors are eliminated, the ability for the Herald to increase the frequency of their articles would be reduced. The Husky Herald argues that they provide a service that is equal to ASUWB and request that their stipends be calculated similarly. By cutting and combining positions in the Herald’s board of directors, they argue that they will be unable to deliberate adequately as to the next steps for the publication. The Herald is unable to generate other sources of funding such as online advertising because readership is too low to make a profit.
Alan Li

Alan Li, 2008-09 Chair of the Services and Activities Fee Committee spoke on behalf of the Husky Herald. He offered that SAF should cut other programs and line items to better fund the Husky Herald.

11:00 p.m. SAF convenes to adopt final 2010-2011 budget

The SAF Committee reconvened to discuss the comments and handouts from the open forum and appeals. SAF decided to postpone consideration of the final budget in order to allow more time for deliberation and to review all of the documents before a decision is made. The SAF Committee will reconvene in UW1-103 from 9am-1pm. All are welcome to attend.

12:00 p.m. Adjourn