Student Budget Committee Minutes
11:00 AM, March 26th, 2015

Called to order: 11:15 AM

In attendance: Joy Ballard, Antonio Torres, Jeanne Bankston, Hunter Christopher (11:33AM), Derreck Blake Deason (chair), LeeAnne Sipe (advisor).

Deason: We do not meet quorum, but we can still discuss and not vote on any business. Let’s begin by looking at the operating budget for the 13-14, 14-15 fiscal year. We will discuss and make votes when we make quorum.
We now have a higher budget total overall-- $388,000.00 compared to $353,250.00 last year.

604000 - Grad Assistant Salaries
Discussion
Deason: We had budgeted less last year but if we pay two GA’s at $12,000 each for the year, we would need a $24,000 budget.
Sipe: Last year we had a coordinator to work full time with SG on the budget and had adjusted the Grad Student Salaries to reflect that. We don’t have that coordinator, so I suggest we budget for at least one grad.
Ballard: How many do we need?
Sipe: We’ve worked with one, but two would be best. We have a lot of new office staff which naturally creates inefficiencies because they’re not as familiar with the office.
Ballard: I don’t see a problem paying for a fully functional office.
Torres: I agree.
Ballard: I like having people in the office. It should be open all the time.

605000 - Student Government Coordinator Salary
Discussion
Deason: Remove the coordinator salary.

606000 - Student Salaries
620100 - Travel
630100 - Operating Services
640100 - Supplies
Discussion
Deason: Office Assistants, COSBP, Operating Services, are all generally the same.
We should discuss scantrons and marketing. LaJana said that recycling costs something more like $3600 per year.
Ballard: Let’s budget money from Marketing to Recycling.
Torres: Why is the telephone so high?
Sipe: Since we provide fax services, this includes all long distance charges.
Ballard: (joking) Sheesh! Can’t we just use cell phones?!
Retreat Discussion
Deason: We had talked about funding the SG Retreat for $15,000 so we could take a few people on the Disney YES Retreat each year.
Ballard: That is a lot of money.
Sipe: It costs $150 per person, and realistically we could sleep 12 to a room at around $600 if we budgeted properly. A lot of the expense is travel-- if people paid for their own transportation and meals, we could reduce the budget.
Ballard: If we budget $7800, we could take enough people for three rooms.
Deason: Marinate on that until we can vote.

Scantron Discussion
Deason: Should we still fund this?
Sipe: It can be an auditing issue because we have people taking an excess amount and selling them in their classes-- you can’t make money off of supplies purchased with state funds. We may not need to cut it entirely, but we need to revamp how they’re distributed.
Ballard: It’s worthwhile, but $10,000 is ridiculous
Deason: How much?
Ballard: We can only cut that by 20%?
Sipe: We need to keep 80% of the budget, not necessarily each line.
Ballard: We can only cut $3900, so we can’t cut the scantrons completely.
Torres: If we spend it, how else could we give them away?
Sipe: We used to have a large binder with every UNO student listed and manually tallied for each student. We would really need a card swipe system to be efficient.
Ballard: That won’t work. We could have the grad assistants being in the office, they can run the scantron program.
Torres: Do we pay to refill the vending machine?
Sipe: No, the bookstore does.

Deason: We have quorum now!
Sipe: Let’s vote on requests to follow-up from last meeting.

Pep Band Request
Discussion
Deason: I asked them to supply a quote for the funding request. They did reply but did not supply those.
Torres: Then they don't get money.
Ballard: If they can’t provide information for us, we can’t fund them.

Vote to approve $4,000
0 yeas, 4 nays, 0 abstentions

Service Coalition Request
Discussion:
Deason: We asked where they currently have bins. They replied and said they’d place them wherever volunteers would collect them
Vote to approve $2,856
4 yea, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

**Musical Excursions Request**
Discussion
Deason: We asked for scholarships. They award 4 per year, ranging based on the proceeds. Two go to music and two to arts administration, awarded to students selected by faculty. Sixteen have been offered from $150-500. We balance scholarship funds with accessible, high quality musical experience to students and the committee.
Vote to approve $10,000
4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

**Sailing Club Request**
Discussion
Deason: Did not respond.
Torres: What did they ask them for?
Sipe: We cannot fund them if the membership is for individuals and not for the university.
Ballard: So can we even fund them if we don’t know?
Sipe: No, but you could budget for it contingent on the membership being a UNO membership.
Christopher: Let’s look. It’s a school administrator, school registration. Who is there advisor?
Sipe: Dan Gonzales.
Ballard: It’s clearly for a school and it’s so cheap. Let’s vote on it.
Vote to approve $400
4 yea, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Deason: Alright, let’s get started with line items.

**604000 - Graduate Assistant Salaries**
Discussion
Deason: We fund a grad assistant $12000 for the year.
Ballard: Do they receive tuition?
Sipe: They used to, but the grad school changed their policy. Grads only receive tuition if it relates directly to their major-- so we could only pay tuition for political science grads.
Vote to approve 2 grad assistants at $24,000
4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions
606000 - Student Salaries
Discussion
None.
Vote to approve $20,000 for student salaries.
4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

620100 - Travel
Discussion
Sipe: COSBP is required for all Louisiana SG Presidents.
Vote to approve $4,000 to travel.
4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

630100 - Operating Services
Discussion
Deason: Earlier we discussed changes to marketing, recycling, sg retreat, and explained the telephone. Should we raise recycling to $3600?
Ballard: I have no issue funding the retreat at $8,000 or $9,000.
Christopher: Keep in mind we need to take two retreats.
Sipe: We typically have a retreat on campus in the fall, so the expense is low. The senators will remember that Kristin planned it as an on-campus retreat.

Vote to budget $2,500 to marketing
4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Vote to budget $3,600 to recycling
Vote
4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

SG Retreat Discussion
Ballard: If we raise it to $9,000 that’s enough to cover Disney and leaves $1000 for the fall retreat
Christopher: With the new constitution, we require a summer retreat. Can we still do that?
Sipe: Yes, it’s available all year long. You select dates and apply to Disney.
Christopher: I’m concerned about doing functional training as this seems like a leadership retreat.
Sipe: You are responsible to attend the classes as scheduled, but you control the other time over the weekend. Disney could provide us with meeting rooms.
Christopher: So $8,800?
Ballard: I say round to $9,000. We do have an additional retreat to plan if we do a separate functional retreat.
Vote to budget $9000 to SG Retreat
4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Operating Discussion
- Sipe: I vote that we-- I mean, I suggest that we discuss scantrons next time how many we provide, when, etc. I can’t vote! Sorry!
- Torres: Has $2,000 been enough for hand sanitizer.
- Deason: When is everyone available tomorrow?
- Bankston: I have class at this time tomorrow.
- Deason: Is everyone free at noon?

Meeting 3/27/2015 at noon in the Greek Life Office.
Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.