

SFC Minutes

February 3rd, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.
- II. **Public Comment**
 - a. No public comment
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. *Emily* motioned to approve the agenda
 - *Olivia* second; passes unanimously
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **11/16/20 Minutes**
 - *Emily* motioned to approve the minutes
 - a) *Olivia* second; passes unanimously
- V. **Chair Report**
 - a. ***Sammi Metcalf*- Chairperson**
 - By next meeting, I'll have updated amounts for this semester's allocation, but we still have a large carryforward from last semester. The dates for my upcoming Skillbuilders are February 18th, March 5th, and April 5th. I will also be doing the NMU Snapchat takeover the week of March 5th, so hopefully that will get the word about SFC out there more to students. I'm also working on recruitment efforts, as we have lost one member and a few of us will be gone next semester. I'm reaching out to the College of Business again in regards to their Business Buzz, as well as housing in regards to the hall meetings. If you guys have friends that would be interested in joining, be sure to let them know we're on the lookout for more members!
- VI. **Advisor Report**
 - a. ***Kash Dhanapal*- Faculty Advisor**
 - For those of you who may not have seen the President's forum today, we are down about 1,000 students who are not on campus. The number I received when reaching out about 10 day numbers was about 1,800 students as the difference between this semester and last year's winter semester that are on campus. So, that's 1,800 less people that paid into the student discretionary fund. So, the numbers this semester will be significantly lower than they were at this time last year. There are fewer students on campus, but the cost of programming has gone up with all the new regulations. So if you know any groups looking to request money, be sure to let them know that the sooner the better, because once we're out of money, we're out of money.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Approval of Resignation: D'Mario Duckett**
 - *Eli* motioned to approve *D'Mario's* resignation
 - a) *Emily* second; passes unanimously
 - b. **Culture Shock Film Society**
 - *Hunter McArthur (President of Culture Shock Film Society)*: Culture Shock Film Society is devoted to making culturally, artistically, and socially important films accessible to the

Marquette community and Northern students. We put on free showings every Thursday. We do this to show films outside of the mainstream that allow for people to see through different lenses that aren't necessarily represented in modern Hollywood films. We are currently teaming up with the Diversity Common Reader program for a showing of *I Am Not Your Negro*, which is a documentary about James Baldwin, an influential black author. We also do films to center around certain events on and off campus, as well as showings themed for holidays. We're trying to make it a bit more community-oriented and continue to expand and allow people from the community to join in as well when safe to do so! It's not all artsy movies either; sometimes we like to just put on funny movies as well. One of the things we're looking at doing this semester is a midnight showing of *Snakes On A Plane* in Jamrich 1100. Our budget request today is for \$3,510, which covers the public performance rights, the Blu-Rays we need to purchase, the promotional materials, and the rental cost and AV cost for Jamrich 1100 if we are able to hold that midnight showing. We would like to express diversity through our films and create a welcoming environment for everyone.

- *Emily*: Over the past few semesters, have you noticed a change in attendance at the showings?
 - a) *Hunter*: We did notice a change last semester! When we first started, we had about 2-3 people per showing, and now we're looking at about 5-7 people per showing. The most we've had so far is 18 people in attendance. We're hoping to continue spreading the word about Culture Shock. I believe we are making some progress. When I did Fall Fest, we had a lot more people sign the list than before. So, we are seeing a gradual increase in participation and in interest.
- *Sammi*: If the *Snakes On A Plane* showing doesn't go through, will your budget be smaller?
 - a) *Hunter*: Yes, it will be. Last winter semester, we ended up with a much smaller budget due to the showings being cancelled. Several of these, we already have the DVDs for, but the budget is accounting for the ones we do not have.
- **SFC Deliberation**
 - a) *Kobie*: What have they been approved for in the past?
 - *Sammi*: It's been about this cost.
 - b) *Emily*: They are a new group and it's been a few semesters. It's good they're increasing. The only thing I would suggest is them increasing their presence, like through The Hub. If their numbers don't increase, I would just be hesitant in the future to continue.
 - *Sammi*: I think it would be fair around next fall or winter to evaluate their progress.
 - c) *Kash*: We could talk to them about doing things that in the past have gone well, like when they collaborate with another group to do a showing.
 - *Sammi*: It may also be a time or location thing to consider as things open up more.
- *Emily* motioned to approve Culture Shock Film Society's request for \$3,510 in full
 - a) *Kobie* second; passes unanimously

VIII. Old Business

- a. *Emily*: Alpha Psi Omega had one cancellation in their Speaker Series due to the actor's filming obligations. They were able to replace them with Lea Salonga, and to get her is \$500 cheaper. They've been really good about emailing me. That's the only difference.

IX. Good of the Order

- a. *Sammi*: I think our logo could use a refresh, so I'm putting that out there if anyone has a rough idea on something fresh. I think that could be a fun little side project. We could also do a mural in the Harden Hall tunnel.
- b. *Gab*: My swim coach sends out emails to the team about different scholarships and opportunities, I could give you her email and you could send her a write-up about SFC and she could send that to the team.
- c. *Sammi*: If anyone else thinks of any ideas, send me an email!

X. Adjournment

- a. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.