

## Student Finance Committee Minutes

### Special Meeting

September 12th, 2022

### Virtual Google Meeting

- I. **Call to Order**
  - a. Meeting called to order at 8:36 p.m.
- II. **Public Comment**
  - a. No public comment
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. *Olivia* motioned to approve the agenda
    - *Hunter* second; passes unanimously
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. No minutes for approval
- V. **Chair Report**
  - a. ***Eli White*- Chairperson**
    - I would normally give the 10 day numbers, however I do not have any of that information. The Dean of Students office has yet to get back to me. This is my first formal meeting as SFC Chairperson, and I'm really excited. I think we can do a lot of great things across this campus if we commit ourselves and I am really looking forward to putting my all into SFC this year.
- VI. **Advisor Report**
  - a. ***Jeff Korpi*- Faculty Advisor**
    - It's good to see everyone again! I've taken over some responsibilities in the athletic department, so I may be a bit hard to find. My cell number is the best way to reach me this semester. I'll be here if anyone has any questions!
- VII. **New Business**
  - a. **Social Justice for Us (Rock the Vote)**
    - *Freddy Sims*: Rock the Vote is a collaboration between SJFU, five other groups. We want to put together a concert to prompt awareness about voter issues and ideally provide an outlet for voter registration along with listening to some music! Volunteers will be provided by the League of Women Voters to table and register people. We just need funding to bring our artist for the event, Taylor Bennett and his DJ.
    - **SFC Deliberation**
      - a) *Olivia*: Is there a specific budget they gave us, or was there just the request letter?
        - *Eli*: I sent out three documents regarding their budget, their formal budget is for \$20,000.
    - ***Kobie* motioned to approve Social Justice for Us' budget request in full for \$20,000**
      - a) ***Spencer* second; passes unanimously**
  - b. **Northern Votes/ Campus Voting Project**
    - *Kate Gunville (President)*: We have a Michigan Voting Summit taking place in East Lansing. It's an opportunity for students to connect not only with each other, but with

experts as well. Other schools are covering their campus voting groups' gas costs to get to the event, as well as their food and parking. It would be really nice if we could go and not have to pay the bill for the hotel, since the other schools are getting to go for no cost.

- **SFC Deliberation**

- a) *Kobie*: Is this only for their organization?

- *Olivia*: I am the Vice President of this group. I believe it is.

- *Jeff*: This isn't a thing the SFC can fund, but Olivia, you should get ahold of me and I believe I can find you some alternative funding sources.

- **Hunter motioned to deny Northern Votes' budget in full**

- a) ***Kobie* second; passes 5:1:0**

- c. **Superior Edge (Make a Difference Day)**

- *Amber Essenmacher*: Make a Difference Day is an annual event focused on giving back to the community. Northern participates by raking leaves for elderly and disadvantaged community members. The community depends on this at this point and we rake over 100 yards a year. Last year we had almost 700 students involved with the event. One of our largest financial setbacks for the event is the funding for the shirts. Last year we ordered 960 shirts for \$7,022.80. We see it as promotional material and would really appreciate the help paying for them.

- **SFC Deliberation**

- a) *Hunter*: I believe last year we funded the shirts because we saw them as promotion

- **Hunter motioned to approve Superior Edge's budget in full for \$7,922.32**

- a) ***Kobie* second; passes 5:1:0**

- d. **NoMAD (Fall Concert)**

- *Emma Davis (Co-president)*: We put on a free concert each semester for students. We put on a very successful concert last semester, and won Organization of the Year

- *Sarah Gimpl (Co-president)*: Today we are asking for \$22,200. We understand that this isn't the first time NoMAD has asked for large amounts of money. We are requesting \$4,430 for audio and lighting and \$16,570 for the artist. We need help paying for specifically student labor, event supplies, film equipment, advertising, printing, professional services, and things like that.

- *Eli*: Can you please send over the latest PDF version of the budget?

- a) *Sarah*: Yes! We adjusted the lighting, audio, and artist section. Our artist lineup changed, so our new artist is less expensive.

- *Olivia*: How do you think the hockey game will affect your attendance?

- a) *Emma*: Last fall's concert had a hockey game the same day of the event and it didn't really affect it too much. I think the biggest factor was the weather that day. They are also two different crowds, so I don't believe there will be too much of an issue.

- **SFC Deliberation**

- a) ***Kobie* motioned to approve NoMAD's budget in full for \$22,200**

- ***Olivia* second; passes unanimously**

- a. *Eli*: ASNMU's Bike Share program hasn't been running since the start of the pandemic. I have been trying to get it started again. The biggest hurdle is that the library circulation desk handled the checking in and out of the bikes and it was a headache for the employees. I will be trying to get that restarted. If anyone has any interest in trying to help out with the program, please reach out to me and/or ASNMU.

**IX. Good of the Order**

- a. *Eli*: I have reached out to a former professor of mine in regards to trying to get into some lower-level business classes to recruit for SFC. That being said, I would like this group to be diverse; that is, I don't want it to only be made up of business majors. I understand that we are handling budgets, as would most mid or small size businesses, but I would like this to be people of all majors. It's easy to get lost in the numbers and I would like a lot of different inputs. I'll also be talking at hall governments, but I'm not an exceptional talker if it's not obvious so I would prefer some help. If anyone has any ideas on how to go about recruitment, please let me know.
  - *[Let the minutes state that Eli is very well-spoken and personable and needs to give himself more credit]*

**X. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.