

Student Finance Committee Minutes

January 31st, 2023

1203 Northern Center

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m.
- II. **Public Comment**
 - a. No public comment
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. *Olivia* motioned to approve the 04/01 minutes
 - *Spencer* second; passes unanimously
- IV. **Chair Report**
 - a. ***Eli White*- Chairperson**
 - SFC ended last semester with \$106,927. 10 day number preparation is being done, so hopefully we'll have those by next week. ASNMU has been trying to get into contact with Michigan Tech University regarding their bus shuttle system for students traveling downstate, so we've been in contact with them about how they're doing that in hopes of starting something similar here.
- V. **Advisor Report**
 - a. ***Kash Dhanapal*- Faculty Advisor**
 - It is really nice to be back! We are preparing to do 10 day numbers, so we will likely get those in about two weeks time.
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Queers and Allies**
 - *Miranda Miller (Q&A President)*: We are putting on NMU's 26th Annual Drag Show. It's a big event for campus and community members alike and an awesome celebration of diversity. Tickets will be free for students and \$10 for community members and sold through a ticketing system like last year that allows us to be cash-free and the money directly deposited back to you guys. It will be held in the Vandament Arena, and the cost- including the chairs, the neighboring gym for a dressing room, the ticketing system fees, the stage, and the general space- will come to \$3,414.70. Printing costs come to \$200. Professional services come to \$3,100 in total. We have six performers with a base pay of \$300 each and an additional \$100 for each time they return to campus with a cap of \$700. Our main drag performer, Aurora, gets \$700 since she comes back every year and coordinates the drag performers for us. The performers asked if they could bring two backup dancers in place of a seventh performer that will be involved in each performance and they will get paid \$350 and \$250. The one is also the choreographer so that's why they'll get a little more. Amore is a student in the NMU dance program that has won the amateur drag show two years in a row, so we'd also like to bring them on and give them a spot to perform for \$150. Audio-visual costs will be \$4,468.25 and include all the lights, sound, DJ services through Double Trouble, and all the workers. University guest expenses come to \$2,854.64 and includes the van rental (\$480 round trip), hotel (Landmark Inn, 4 rooms) food (\$700), and gas money (\$250). We've also

been in contact with Public Safety and they will have an officer patrolling the building. They also offered their services during the show.

- *Kash*: What is the capacity of Vandament Arena?
 - a) *Miranda*: 1200. 570 in the bleachers and about 700 chairs. It had a capacity of 900 last year and we sold out.
- *Kash*: Do you know how many students attended last year compared to community members?
 - a) *Miranda*: I want to say 600 students.
 - b) *Avery Zahlmann (Q&A Vice President)*: We don't have a set amount of tickets set aside for students this year.
- *Kobie*: Where did the numbers for the food come from?
 - a) *Miranda*: We looked at how many meals they'd have: dinner and travel snacks on Friday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and at least breakfast and most likely lunch on the way home on Sunday.
- *Kobie*: How about the gas cost?
 - a) *Miranda*: I think we just used the same number from last year.
- **SFC Deliberation:**
 - a) *Hunter*: Are we able to provide funding for paying a student?
 - [At the time of the meeting, there was confusion surrounding the payment of a Northern student, but an updated version of the SFC bylaws could not be located. The committee decided that because an updated set of SFC Bylaws was not provided to Queers & Allies, it was unfair to hold them to the new set of SFC limitations that includes a ban on paying current NMU students. They decided to move forward with the budget and notify the group that there may be \$150 not be able to be honored by SFC.]
 - (a) [Section XI Subsection K: The budget consists of funds being used to pay a current student, faculty member, and/or staff member as an outside contractor]
 - b) ***Kobie* motioned to approve Northern Arts and Entertainment's budget in full for \$14,037.59.**
 - ***Olivia* second; passes unanimously**

b. Northern Arts & Entertainment

- *Sophia Gielniak (NAE Co-President)*: We're doing an immersive ABBA experience show on February 27th in the Ballroom, which has a capacity of 900 people. This budget is pretty straight forward; total expenses for this show are \$11,550. Our other budget is for the band Hippo Campus. Tickets will be \$10/student and \$20/community member and handled efficiently with a ticketing system. It will be held in the Vandament over Wildcat Weekend so we're expecting about 1,500 people. The artist fees come to about \$61,000 and those will be locked in once the offer is accepted. The Vandament will cost us \$2,000. There are various other expenses, but the total expenses are going to be around \$89,100, but we are requesting \$24,124 from the SFC since we have our carryforward and are expecting to get money from ticketing.
- *Hunter*: The budget we are looking at is for \$24,274 as opposed to the total you're saying.

- a) *Sophia*: I can double check, there are two versions of this budget and I'm not completely sure why they're different.
 - *Kash*: If the organization doesn't sell enough tickets, will this event put you in debt?
 - a) *Sophia*: No, we'll have the carry forward.
 - b) *Kash*: So if SFC weren't to fund this event, you could pay for it?
 - c) *Sophia*: I'm not sure.
 - *Kobie*: If you guys sold every ticket, say, to the public, the most you could make is \$30,000 in sales. With your carryforward, that still leaves almost \$5,000 in your contributions according to the budget that is unaccounted for; I might propose that you guys look over the budget again.
 - *Kash*: Is there a way to make sure that students get preference over the public?
 - a) *Sophia*: As of now we have the general public sales opening a day after the student sales, so maybe we could extend that further.
 - **SFC Deliberation:**
 - a) ***Olivia* motioned to table Northern Arts and Entertainment's budget for Hippo Campus**
 - ***Spencer* second; passes unanimously**
 - b) *Olivia*: I think the ABBA event sounds like a fun event and it's at a good time of the year when people are looking for something to do.
 - c) ***Kobie* motioned to approve Northern Arts and Entertainment's budget in full for \$11,550**
 - ***Olivia* second; passes unanimously**
- c. **Black Student Union**
 - *Marlanaysia Rosser (BSU President)*: We have two events: a comedy show on Feb. 23rd and Black History Mobile Museum on Feb. 9th. The latter will be a team of people from Western Michigan University that have a collection of artifacts and historical pieces. The comedy show will feature three comedians.
 - *Kash*: How long will the mobile museum be on display?
 - a) *Marlanaysia*: 10 am to 3 pm in the middle Jamrich lobby.
 - *Kash*: The budget for the comedy show includes the three performers' costs, right?
 - a) *Marlanaysia*: Yes.
 - *Kash*: Are the numbers for the costs estimates to account for changes in airfare prices?
 - a) *Marlanaysia*: The agent books the tickets, so that fee is the agent's asking fee.
 - **SFC Deliberation:**
 - a) *Kash*: I really like that the mobile museum is in Jamrich- that is a high traffic building and I think it'll be successful
 - b) ***Hunter* motioned to approve Black Student Union's budget for the Black History Month Mobile Museum in full for \$4,209.50.**
 - ***Spencer* second; passes 3:0:1**
 - c) ***Hunter* motioned to approve Black Student Union's budget for the comedy show in full for \$18,089.50.**
 - ***Kobie* second; passes 3:0:1**
- d. **Social Justice for Us**
 - *Freddy Sims (SJFU President)*: We are putting on Power In Unity again. We are asking for help paying for printing and the photographer's time and services, as well as food for the photo release. I put an estimate for that cost, since they haven't gotten back to me on

that yet. The Student Art gallery is covering the frame costs as well as the gift cards for the models.

- *Kash*: How long will the photos be up?
 - a) *Freddy*: February 6th until the end of the month.
- **SFC Deliberation:**
 - a) *Kash*: The food makes sense, they're allowed to do light refreshments.
 - b) ***Kobie* motioned to amend line item 7340 (Group Expenses) of Social Justice for Us' budget for Power In Unity from \$600 to \$304.75 and approve the updated total in full**
 - *Hunter* second; passes unanimously
 - c) ***Kobie* motioned to approve line item 7190 (Printing) in full for \$200**
 - *Olivia* second; passes unanimously
 - d) ***Kobie* motioned to approve line item 7192 (Professional Services) in full for \$850**
 - *Olivia* second; passes unanimously

e. Culture Shock Film Society

- *Hunter McArthur (CSFC President)*: This semester we are having 10 showings. Last semester, there was a mix up where one of our distributors didn't get paid, so there's an additional \$800 added to this budget. That situation was figured out, so I am removing \$800 from the film and equipment rental section of the budget, making that \$1,910 instead of \$2,710. The total budget is \$2,710.
- **SFC Deliberation:**
 - a) ***Kobie* motioned to amend line item 7141 (Film and Equipment rental) of Culture Shock Film Society's budget from \$2,710 to \$1,910 and approve the updated total in full**
 - *Olivia* second; passes unanimously
 - b) ***Kobie* motioned to approve line item 7135 (Event Supplies) of Culture Shock Film Society's budget in full for \$350**
 - *Olivia* second; passes unanimously
 - c) ***Kobie* motioned to approve line item 7163 (Advertising) of Culture Shock Film Society's budget in full for \$450**
 - *Olivia* second; passes unanimously

VII. Old Business

- a. No old business

VIII. Good of the Order

- a. [The committee realized that, with his vintage hat atop his long hair and alongside his beard, *Hunter* looked remarkably like [Forrest Gump when he runs across America for 1,170 days and 16 hours](#)]
 - [*Hunter* agreed]
- b. *Kobie*: We should present in the classrooms to recruit more members again.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.