

STUDENT ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 5, 2006

Members

Joe Smith (S)	Present	Thomas Pedersen (Advisor)	Present
Jeremiah Slinde (Controller)	Present	Doug Roubidoux (Ac. Staff)	Present
Robbie Hinz (S)	Present	Al Folker (Ac. Staff)	Present
Alex Christenson (S)	Present	Chris Edwards (Fac)	Present
Yurgita Downham (S)	Present	Tom Scofield (Fac)	Present

Others Present

John Palmer
Beau Gellings
Nate Haban

Present: 13 Absent: 0

The committee was called to order by Joe Smith at 3:14

Minutes: Approved with multiple corrections by Robbie (Doug)

Chairperson's Report

Joseph Smith

- ∞ Seg Fee presentation went well. There were several questions about how the committee functioned as well as the new policies including the annual report.
- ∞ I e-mailed the proposal to each of you today.

Controller's Report

Jeremiah Slinde

- ∞ NBS has not yet filled out recognition papers and will have their account frozen soon
- ∞ I will send a memo to Shawn Kelley to take the 1,500 additional allocation from titan T.V since Athletics is no longer interested.
- ∞ There were some questions raised when a club sport tried to rent a room in the reeve union, but were required to pay. Are club sports required to fill out recognition papers? *After discussion, it was determined that if club sports wanted to be recognized by OSA they could, but did not require recognition to be a club sport.*

Advisor's Report

Thomas Pedersen

- ∞ When is the next meeting? *The next meeting was set for February 6th, the second Tuesday of the semester.*
- ∞ What are the planned office hours over interim? *Office hours were set and sent to Thomas over interim.*

New Business

- ∞ No new business

Old Business

- ∞ No Old Business

Discussion topics

Advisors and Organization Travel and Fleet Vehicles

Based on the discussion from the past few weeks and during budget hearings, the committee wanted to know if there currently existed any system regulations concerning advisor travel on group trips and the use of fleet vehicles for organization travel.

John Palmer began the conversation: The administration currently does not put stipulations on travel since it is student fees. The administration leaves those decisions up to the allocation committee. As far as liability, it is not enough of a concern to impose policies and it is not mandated by system.

Committee conversation began with the fact that the current operational standards are viewed as strict by some student groups and faculty advisors. The overall feeling of the committee was that it was important to create standards that could manage risk without being too strict on the advisors or the student groups or organizations. It was also agreed that the committee must be willing to fund any regulations that it imposes on student organizations and clubs

Issues concerning advisor travel involved discussions as to whether the duration of the trip should be a requirement for advisor travel, if the length of the trip should be a factor, if there was a difference between in state and out of state.

Concerns were also raised that some advisors may not allow groups to travel if they are required to travel. Also, some conferences require attendees to participate, which would require the advisor to perform extra duties in addition to their regular work.

Additional concerns were raised with the liability an advisor would incur by going on a trip. If a lawsuit were filed, the advisor would have some liability since their signature is required on recognition papers. Also 24 hour supervision of students is not possible.

The issue of fleet vehicles was also discussed, particularly the fact that clubs cannot utilize fleet vehicles since they are not allowed travel due to the fact that the university does not define clubs as university activities. It was decided that the committee needed more information concerning fleet vehicle procedures.

In conclusion to the discussion, the committee determined that it would not set regulations for student groups, but would encourage OSA, which is comprised of student organizations and clubs, to investigate the matter further. The committee also recommended the university developing a sign off sheet that students could sign requiring some code of conduct during university sponsored trips. Lastly, the committee decided to encourage advisors to travel with groups and be willing to fund advisor travel until guidelines are established.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 by Robbie (Yurgy)

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah Slinde