

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

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**Executive Board Reports**

**Student Group Spotlight:** College Republicans' Freedom Week

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Katie: Siddiq do you have anything you'd like to say before we get started?

Siddiq: There are a bunch of organizations that are A status groups that put on a lot of the big programming on campus. Each AE has a few groups that they help each year and they go to all the programming that the groups put on. When funding comes around, they help Student Group leaders put together a proposal and then we sit down with them and they explain what they are asking for. Then we go through all the materials and look at the different tiers they have asked for and based on the quality of the programming we increase or decrease funding. Things we don't fund include food, alcohol and anything exclusive. When we go through all the funding, we look at all the applications and try to distribute it as fairly as possible. So that's the perspective we're coming from and a little background.

Katie: Any questions? Okay, then we are going to do a cut group first. I'm going to run through a randomized list of the student groups receiving funding. Now we're going to move into an add round.

College Feminists: Motion to add. We're moving to add \$200 dollars to the Vagina Monologue line item, we originally received \$0.

SAFC: We're comfortable with the \$200.

Katie: Anyone have any questions? We're in line for a pro speech.

Alex: Motion to Previous Question.

Katie: Anyone objecting? All those in favor, all those opposed. Passes unanimously.

Caribnation: Motion to add. We motion to add \$500 dollars to our honorarium, which is an event to raise awareness about Caribbean culture.

SAFC: We recognize that this is a successful event, but it already received a 4% increase and \$500 would not be sustainable.

Katie: Any questions? We are in line for a pro speech.

Caribnation: It's hard because artists are always expensive and most of the artist we've had have not had much name recognition outside of the community.

Katie: We're in line for a con.

Alex: Motion to Previous Question.

Katie: Any objections? All those in favor, all those opposed. The motion passes. Now we'll do another cut round. Now we're open for another add round.

College Republicans: Motion to add. I want to add \$250 to travel.

SAFC: Their winter speaker has only gone on once and we fund consistent events. It was a good event last year, but they need to prove that they can do it consistently.

Katie: Questions?

Chris: Can you describe whether they've had consistent programming in general?

College Republicans: We have consistent speakers and the attendance ranges from 75 to 500 people.

Isaac R: Can you define consistent?

SAFC: It makes more than two and also consistent attendance. They need to prove that they can do it and that the campus wants it, because there is so much programming at Northwestern. Last year they used a connection to get the speaker and we want to make sure it's not an anomaly.

Alex: Can you explain the Young American Foundation?

College Republicans: I don't know exactly, but I know they have been really helpful. They want to increase public engagement on college campuses. We don't know if that source of funding is sustainable.

Katie: We're in line for a pro speech.

Will: We've done this event in the past without attendance so we stopped it, but we're trying to bring it back because of our recent momentum and success of other events.

Katie: We're in line for a con.

Alex: In line with what the SAFC has said, the fact that it's only the second time you put it on and because the YAF has helped you so much with other events, I think you guys can make do without the funding.

Will: To what you said, I definitely understand what you said. If we keep going back to them, we don't want them to take away money from other speakers. We need to show them that we're expanding.

SAFC: We do operate on precedent and we want to be fair to all groups. We try to be conservative and attendance is lower compared to your other events. We'll take the success of this year's event into account.

Alex: Motion to previous question.

Objection.

Withdrawn.

Katie: There is additional time on the con.

Isaac: The YAF is a foundation that is headquartered at the Reagan Ranch in California with an endowment of over 10 billion dollars. I think the default answer for new events should continue to be no.

Chris: If you're going to not give them a funding, do it because of precedent and not because of Isaac's personal knowledge of the YAF.

Isaac: It absolutely is appropriate, because we have a pool of money that goes to student. If one groups does not face scarcity for any reason, then we should focus the limited resources on where we'd have the most impact.

SAFC: What he's trying to point out is that we look at need. But we look at events, not groups. They are a great group, but this event is newer. We need to adhere to the guidelines.

Alex: Motion to PQ

Katie: All in favor, all opposed. The motion fails. We're going to continue with the add round.

Alex: Motion to close funding.

Katie: Any objections? All in favor, all opposed. Funding is closed.

**Old Business:** [SL1314-05: \\$hining a Light on \\$tudent Activities: An Assessment of Support for Student Groups](#)

Sofia: Basically the premise of the group is a working group of six students that will assess the way the SAF is spent currently and how policies influence that spending. We want to know what student groups want. Any questions?

Katie: Seeing that there are no questions, we're going to go to debate. Open to a con speech and amendments.

Isaac R: You plan to elect the two students today?

Sofia: Yes.

Mark: Motion to amend. Can we change the title to Ss instead of \$s?

Katie: Any objections? No objections. All those in favor, all those opposed. Motion fails.

Isaac H: Motion to previous question.

-: Isn't it unreasonable to have the election immediately following the passing of the bill?

Sofia: The timing isn't the most ideal, but we've reached out to people and there's been a week for you to reach out to your constituents.

Isaac R: Is there precedent for moving it?

Dana: In the past 2-3 years that has not happened and you would have to suspend the rules to do so.

Isaac R: Are you looking for students at large or senators?

Sofia: I just want to leave it open, because the most important component is interest.

Lauren: Are the people being confirmed tonight?

Sofia: Yes.

Katie: All those in favor? All those opposed? It passes. Now we'll move immediately into confirmations of the SAFC members.

Siddiq: Our two members we are hoping to confirm are Jason and Amrit.

Amrit: We've been involved in a data project to try to get at the bottom of this. We want to know what money is going to things that aren't actually going to programming.

Katie: Does anyone have any questions? Now we're in line to

Isaac H: I move to suspend the rules and vote on confirmation.

Katie: All in favor, all opposed. The rules have been suspended. All in favor of confirmation, all opposed. They're confirmed. SGC members.

Addalina and Danielle: We're both on the SGC and we are interested because we are very active in the SGC and part of our conversation there is how we can most efficiently allocate funds. I think we are particularly good because Danielle does logistics of programming and I created a database of our archives and internal logistics, so we understand historical precedent.

Katie: Any questions?

Isaac H: Motion to suspend rules again.

Katie: All in favor, all opposed. Rules suspended. All in favor, all opposed. Confirmed, congratulations. Now we'll do in-Senate nominations.

Alex: I nominate Katie McLaughlin.

Katie M: I accept.

Sean: Tori.

Tori: I accept.

Neel: Justin.

Justin: I accept.

Katie F: Any other nominations? The nomination floor is closed.

Katie M: I'm interested in this working group, because I want to get greater insight into how it works. I've been involved in a variety of student groups, but not on the executive level.

Tori: I'm on the SAFC, but I'm also the treasurer of a B status group and have a better understanding from that. I'm also part of an organization that gets outside funding and have had lengthy discussions about how NU funding is different from other schools. This is very important to me.

Justin: I'm entering my second year as a treasurer of a B status group and am also the treasurer of an A status group. I've been through many funding cycles and am not a member of ASG.

Katie F: Any questions?

Lauren: Time commitments?

Tori: The groups I mentioned. But I'm only taking three classes and I'm done in spring.

Justin: Just the two groups I mentioned.

Katie M: Senate and non-exec members of other groups.

Katie F: Any other questions? Seeing none, we'll move into endorsements.

**Old Business:** [SL1314-06: Dog Therapy Benefitting Northwestern Relay for Life](#)

Alex: Like we said last week, legislation pays for 50 dollar fee for dog insurance, and 100 dollars is for suggested donation. Noticed in the past that we ended up paying out of pocket very often

Maria: Main reason for application is because we will have suggested donation for ACS of 5 dollars. This money you offer would support more of the efforts of the ACS, so we don't have to take it out of pocket and maximize donations

Alex D.: If funded this year, do we have to do this long term?

Alex V.A.: We would need to pay at least 100 dollars each six months, so we would need to find a way to make it happen or include in budget

Katie: Questions? [no questions]

Alex: PQ

Katie: We will move to a vote. Passed unanimously.

**New Business:** [SL1314-04: Northwestern Crew New Boat](#)

Kaylee: Operating budget is 80k dues and most of that comes from dues.

Dues are \$1500 per year and there is a 2\$50 fundraising requirement. It is obviously a challenge to raise that money. Our budget goes to coaches and travelling and equipment. As college students our budget, we barely scrape by each year. We were the only club boat to make it into the finals, but to be as competitive as possible, we need a new boat. A new racing shell is \$43000. We currently have \$11000 in our capital campaign and are in the beginning stages of a capital campaign. We are asking the ASG project pool for \$2500, but in all honestly, anything would be helpful.

Katie: We have 10 min for questions.

Alex: How many students would use this?

Kaylee: We have 20 varsity members. The 8 is normally rowed by our top 8 varsity women. So, 20 per year. You can expect a boat to last approximately 8 years on the varsity squad and 8 on the novice squad.

Isaac H: Why are you asking now?

Kaylee: We want to put the down payment now so that we can order it and it'll be available in the spring when we'll pay the rest of it off.

Belinda: What is the number of boats you have right now.

Kaylee: We have four eights and five fours.

Belinda:

Kaylee: It comes largely from alumni donations, but our alumni are relatively young because we're a relatively new team. We also do concessions at football games.

Isaac R: Will you need to replace any other boats soon?

Kaylee: We are trying to transition our team, so depending on the success of the campaign, we might try to look into a boat for the men.

Mark: You said you were selling boats, can you explain that? Have you approached corporate sponsors?

Kaylee: We had a boat crash a few years ago, so we turned it into a four. It's not being used, so we're hoping to sell that. Because we're a crew team, it's more viable to sell the naming rights to a boat, which is more likely to be bought by a family. Corporate sponsors aren't interested in this kind of thing.

Isaac H: Once you sell the boat, will that be enough for the down payment?

Kaylee: No, we'll need an additional \$5,000.

Katie: This will be old business next week.

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