

# SAFAC MEETING MINUTES

*March 31, 2010*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Herring, Barbara Pickthorn, Ramona Hall, Daniel Brown, Julianne Moini, Elijah Morlett, Emily McKee, Bryce Higginbotham, Trevor Geiger, Donald Hall, Jennifer Holland, Zeak Naifeh, Debbie Mefford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Faucett, Cody Gardner

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m., by Chairman Trevor Geiger.
- II. Minutes from the March 24, 2010 meeting were distributed.
- III. The Minutes were approved by a motion from Emily Mckee with a second from Bryce Higginbotham, all were in favor.
- IV. Dean Jennifer Holland asked the committee to review the remaining proposals, starting with;
  - SGA ~ The committee voted to approve the full funding of \$12,000.
- V. *Discussion with the Department Representatives alternating with remaining proposals and presenters arrived.*
  1. *Agriculture* - The committee appreciated the information that Dr. Fischer presented on the activities of the department and felt he answered all of their questions completely. ~ The committee voted to approve the full funding of \$4,200.
    - SGA Distribution Fund ~ The committee voted to approve the full funding of \$1500.
    - SWAHEC – The committee had many questions about the use of the requested funding. ~ Table, contact, and attend next meeting.
    - Theatre Arts – The committee voted to approve the requested increase of 3,000. ~ Approved full funding request of \$23,000.
  2. *Criminal Justice* – The committee liked Dr. Odo’s explanation of how they had used their funding for last year and thought they knew how to stretch their money, the funding benefited over 600 majors. ~ The committee approved full funding of \$500.
  3. *Athletics* – Jim Jackson gave an overview of the department. Stating they had about 150 student athletes and 10 NCAA programs, 5 for men and 5 for women, plus cheerleading and 16 recreational sports. Also, that Cameron was very competitive for its size, Ranking #3 while being in the bottom 25% in its division, and that only Cameron and only one other university, in their division, TX Women’s University, didn’t have football. He said that they had an outstanding program and their athletes had an overall GPA of 3.04, which is above the average CU student. He believes they run a good program

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and are good stewards of money. Stating that former CU students are their best recruiters. They have also updated the website, where coaches now blog and use Face Book and Twitter to stay in contact with, and inform students of activities. The committee members had several questions regarding the use of funds especially for Pep Band, Intramurals, and Athletic Director. The committee felt very strongly that Intramural sports are very poorly run, needing more publicity and supervision, and better equipment. They also found the way that Pep Band is funded to be very complicated and frustrating, having to go through both the Athletic and Music Department, and didn't like that the participants were paid to attend events. They felt that a possible stipend could be a better incentive and use of funds. The committee would also like to see SAFAC funds used for more events like Aggie Army and Aggie Madness. (Meet the Aggie). The committee didn't feel that SAFAC funds should be used to purchase student letter jackets, and wanted the department to become involved in Gold Rush and CU awareness. The committee felt that overall the department made good use of team funding but felt that other aspects were lacking. ~ Table, have Donald Hall to bring account information for Intramurals and the Athletic Director to the next meeting.

4. Military Science – MAJ Peregoy stated their job is to train our future leaders, and that they represent Cameron well. He explained how they use their funding and that they had requested the increase in funding because the NCAA had taken away one their funding raising events, and that the Spirit of Survival had also been canceled. The committee felt the increase of \$2000 was a necessary increase. ~ The committee voted to approve the full funding request of \$9,000.
5. *Computing and Technology – The committee felt that most of the large increase requested from the department would be used for organizations and that was not what SAFAC funds should be used for. They like the Moon Buggy and the exposure that it provides for CU and its students. ~ Table, have Donald Hall to bring funding detail to next meeting.*

VI. *The committee did a brief review restating that they would like for Donald Hall to bring account information for Intramurals, Athletic Director and Computing and Technology and would Table CUTV and Theatre Fees until the next meeting.*

VII. *Adjourn*