



Senate Minutes

02/07/2022

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

A. The following were not in attendance:

1. Exploratory Studies Senator - Katherine Skinner
2. Athletics Representative - Alexa Lord and Jonah Babbel
3. Disabilities Representative - Madison Neugart
4. Non Traditional Representative - Dylan Tippetts
5. Greek Representative - Patrick Ullrich
6. Student Life Enhancement Committee - Cathryn Fitzpatrick

III. Reports

A. Approval of Previous Senate Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes approved unanimously

B. Budget Update - VP of Finance Makayla Brown

1. We have \$28,130.70 left in the Senate Budget.

IV. Business

A. Public Comment - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt

1. No comments made

B. General Student Fee Advisory Board - President Nouman Kante

1. Athletic Director made the following points
 - a) said we pay an average of \$384 per year which is 10% of athletic revenue and its typically on average 12%
 - b) We pay \$206 per year while U of U pays \$171, Dixie pays \$204, UVU pays \$210, USU pays \$271, and Weber pays \$290 annually.
 - c) Why is athletics important: it covers over 70 athletic events per year and engages over 65000 alumni with activities to help promote donations to the university and attract incoming students. These events also increase the profile of the university.
 - d) Some larger schools charge upwards of \$600 for example
2. Athletics fee uses:
 - a) Scholarships
 - b) Salaries and Benefits for coaches and administration
 - c) Operating expenses (travel, uniforms, equipment, etc)
3. VP Washburn asked "If spb's budget is covering tailgates then what events is the athletics board covering?"
 - a) The athletics help host these events and during COVID they still hosted different events to keep students involved across campus.
4. Representative Nguyen stated that "During the previous years they have wanted some more transparency about the budget but can the breakdown of fees be posted online. Is that something that would be possible?"
 - a) The report is available on the NCAA website
 - b) [2020 SUU NCAA AUP Report \(PDF\) - Southern Utah University Athletics \(suutbirds.com\)](#)



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5. They are not anticipating any increase in fees with the change in division and expect to see very little change
6. NCAA has D1 football which has two categories with fbs and fcs which have different requirements. SUU is an fcs school. There are schools in the WAC that will be moving to a different division but there are still enough schools remaining in the WAC to remain an fcs school and it is very unlikely that we will be moving to fbs anytime soon. Because it would require expensive changes such as stadium changes and that will not be happening anytime in the near future.
7. Student Center Bond payment update
 - a) 2011 Bond
 - (1) Expires in 2023
 - (2) \$4 million of the principle balance remains
 - (3) \$242 thousand of the interest remains
 - b) 2016 Bond
 - (1) Expire in 2033
 - (2) \$7 million of the principle balance remains
 - (3) \$1.4 million of the interest remains
 - c) Auxiliary bonds
 - (1) They commit to spending a certain amount collected from a specific area such as student fees
 - d) There have been no new bonds put out recently and they do not plan on taking out any new bonds in the near future either.
 - e) Assistant Director Garcia asked “Where is the excess money going since we have more students enrolled?”
 - (1) They’re covering fund balance that is a fixed amount and cannot pay extra so the remaining amount goes to reserve funds which are then allocated to different facilities.
 - (2) The requirement with the bond and they have generated 115% of the bond payment and if they don’t meet that bond will go into default and thus there would be an increase to the student fee amount.
 - f) Representative Nguyen asked “What is the amount that is going into the auxiliary bond in total for the student center?”
 - (1) There is an amount that comes from student fees but some comes from alternative sources i.e. the bookstore revenue, housing, etc.
 - (2) \$1.9 million of the student fees collected went towards paying the bond
 - g) Representative Nguyen asked “What processes are these bonds sold under?”
 - (1) These bonds are being sold on the market so there is fluctuation in interest rates. So there is a risk when selling the bonds but we managed to get a pretty good interest rate on the bond.
 - (2) It took about 4 mos to sell the bonds and there are a lot of work involved in reselling the bonds



- h) SUMA agreement of 2012
 - (1) An agreement was made so that students would pay an amount of the omn and would be allowed free access to the museum and the ability to reserve the space.
 - (2) This fee began collection in 2015 but the SUMA was not completed until 2016. Since they collected the fee in 2015 and it was used for the student center funds and helped cover remodeling fees.
 - (3) 4% adjustment and any additional amount is used for operational fees.
 - (4) Expires 2027
 - 8. Final consensus of fee totals
 - a) University Journal: \$5
 - b) Health Clinic: \$32
 - c) Athletics: \$103
 - d) Campus Recreation: \$5
 - e) Civic Engagement (Leavitt Center): \$1
 - f) Community Engagement Center: \$4.75
 - g) CAPS: \$25
 - h) Music Department: \$3.25
 - i) Outdoor Recreation: \$8
 - j) Student Center Activity: \$19
 - k) SUUSA: \$10.75
 - l) Theater Arts and Dance Department: \$4
 - m) Tutoring Center: \$4
 - n) SUMA: \$11
 - o) Student Center Bond: \$146
 - 9. All fees were approved unanimously
- C. Senate Resolution 004: Period Project - Chief of Staff Sam Crittenden**
- 1. Senator Smith: turned the time over to Chief Crittenden
 - a) Chief Crittenden then read SR 004
 - b) Assistant Barlow asked “Where does the funding come from?”
 - (1) The house bill provides funding for now until the schools find room for it in their budget.
 - (2) Some schools already have products available on campus but we are hoping just to expand it to every building and bathroom.
 - (3) Some women worked through the issue so we as a student body should adopt it for our university as well.
 - (4) They are working with house to find funding and if we cannot
 - (5) Resolution is a call to action not a request for funding
 - (6) Learn about the period project and encourage others to learn about it as well
 - 2. Passes unanimously
- D. Close - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt**
- 1. Closes unanimously