



# AS Finance Council

October 27, 2021 4:00 p.m. Teams Online

**Members: Present:** Noemi Bueno, Chair (AS Business Director), Glory Basic, Vice Chair (AS President), Brenner Barclay (AS Student Senate President), Ben Crandall (Activities Rep), Naira Gonzales (ASVP for Diversity), Chelsea Joefield (Resources Rep- ESC), Silvia Leija (Resources Rep- SAIRC), Kaylan Rocamora (Central Services Rep)

**Advisor:** Raquel Vigil, Viking Union Organization Business Manager

**Secretary:** Cindy Monger, Viking Union Organization Administrative Specialist

**Guests:** Susanna Schronen, VU Fiscal Tech; Samantha Hughes, Viking Union Organization Business Services Program Support; Stephen Magnuson, Viking Outdoor Recreation Manager; Anna Horejsi, OC Equipment Rental & Resource Staff; Ella Neumann, Outdoor Center Marketing Coordinator

## MOTIONS

**FC-21-F-01** Move Information Items A & B to before Training. **Passed**

**FC-21-F-02** Approve \$1,500 from the Equipment Reserve for the Outdoor Center Yoga Program. **Passed**

**Glory Basic, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.**

### I. Call to Order

### II. Approval of the Minutes- No minutes

*Noemi Bueno joined the meeting and took over as Chair.*

### III. Revisions to the Agenda-

*MOTION FC-21-F-02 by Basic*

*Move Information Items A & B to before Training.*

*Second: Gonzales Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed*

### IV. Public Forum

### V. Black Student Demands-

Basic said that Alma Clark Glass Hall is now open and the mural by a Black student is displayed. Basic and Gonzales have been talking to Deans about having more Black art on campus. The Black Student Coalition will be asking for a three-year grant with increasing funds each year that will come to this council in the future. Bueno said that the Ethnic Student Center (ESC) will be coming to request a repurposing of the conference grant, due to the conference being cancelled this year. The idea is to encourage the display of Black student art on campus as well as ensuring they are paid for their work.

### VI. Information Items

#### A. Outdoor Center New Equipment Request

Doc. 1

Anna Horejsi works in the Outdoor Center (OC) runs the Equipment shop, is yoga instructor, and worked as a trip leader. Ella Neumann was a yoga instructor for a year, a trip leader, and now does marketing for the OC. This is the first New Equipment request for the Finance Council. New Equipment is reviewed by the FC and Eric Alexander,

Executive Director for Student Engagement & Director of the Viking Union. The request is for equipment to support the free yoga classes hosted by the Outdoor Center. This program helps support students by allowing them to prioritize their mental and physical health. This would provide Yoga mats for use, as approximately half of the attendees do not have their own mat. There are some additional props and cleaning supplies that will be purchased as part of this grant as well. They are requesting not to exceed \$1,400 for these supplies. Neumann said that right now they have 3 mats that they bring to class. These mats are cleaned regularly but have begun to deteriorate and give off smells. There are currently 30-50 students and staff consistently attending. More mats would help make classes more accessible and keep people from having to do poses on the floor. Rocamora asked "where will yoga racks and mats be stored, is there space and how are current and new mats being sanitized and taken care of?" They are also asking for a mobile clothing rack and hangers to allow for them to be sanitized and stored. Stephen Magnuson, Viking Union Outdoor Recreation Manager said they would be kept in one of the storage closets. Vigil suggested that they "round up to \$1,500. Expense is directly through the New Equipment account, so any unused or unspent funds really do not go anywhere, they stay in the New Equipment account." Horejsi said that people can come with any level of experience or flexibility. She is teaching from a body positive and trauma informed approach which helps the classes be accessible. Gonzales said, "I love that". Neumann said without this class people would have to purchase an x pass or pay to take a class. She feels this will open up participation to more students on campus. Horejsi doesn't feel that yoga should be an exclusive activity. With the addition of free props and mats, it is more accessible. She feels that it honors the history of yoga and the culture that surrounds it, instead of commodifying it by charging. She feels honored to teach free classes at Western.

Bueno moved the item to an Action Item via acclamation. There was no dissent.

*MOTION FC-21-F-02 by Rocamora*

Approve \$1,500 from the Equipment Reserve for the Outdoor Center Yoga Program.

Second: Gonzales      Vote: 5-0-0      Action: Passed

## B. Finance Council Charge & Charter

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Bueno presented the Charge & Charter with revisions. Monger took the former version and inserted it into the template provided by the student government.

Vigil said, "Everywhere it refers to AS Board of Directors it should be revised to say AS Executive Board." Vigil requested that a section be added about how funding would be allocated when the council is not in session. It is important to identify who can move funding forward. Vigil said that the AS Business Director, AS President, and AS Student Senate President could make decisions when the council is not meeting. She has realized that the AS is paralyzed during the summer, specifically with not having groups seated and not knowing how to approve funding. Vigil thought that there might be a monetary threshold for the AS Grants. The council worked on the wording and the draft language is, "During the summer, or when the council is not in session, this council's responsibilities fall to the AS Business Director, AS President, and AS Student Senate President to approve grants up to \$19,999, in consultation with the Assistant Director for Business Services & Planning."

## **VII. Training**

### **A. AS Reserves Overview**

Bueno reviewed the AS Reserves Policies. Vigils said, "The Finance Council does not have any financial oversight; but may be consulted for Designated Reserves...or at least the spending within these reserves." The Finance Council has delegated oversight for some of the Discretionary Reserve areas: Large Events- funding is review by Activities Council, Student Enhancement Fund & Employee Development- funding is reviewed by Student Enhancement Fund Committee, Viking Union Organization Grant- currently above \$3,000 is approved by the Finance Council. Bueno went over the reserve areas as listed in the policy. Bueno said that last year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, not all areas were fully funded. This year, areas have returned to a fully funded amount. Bueno shared the current reserve amounts. The AS Grants currently has around \$500,000 for the council to assist in allocating.

## **VIII. Other Business**

- A. Prep work for next meeting- Bueno asked the council to review the documents for the next meeting.
- B. Tour of the Teams Site- Bueno went over the Teams site to show the council members where to find documents, agendas, and historical information.

## **IX. Adjourn**

***The Meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.***