

# SAFC | STUDENT ATHLETIC FEE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 4, 2015  
Meeting #2 PE/A 200 5:30pm

Membership		Status
ASUH (2)	Scott Nishihara	Present
	Ty Onuma	Absent
CCB	Kellie Iwasaki	Present
GSO (2)	Jonathan Dial	Present
	Penn Pantumsinchai	Present
Manoa Maniacs	Amy Kitchener	Present
SAPFB	Robert Green	Present
SLD	Gari Baxa	Present
SMB	Yu Sasaki	Present
Others		
	Aaron Bain	Present

Meeting Start: 5:30 PM  
Meeting End: 7:31 PM

- **Introduction**

- Discussion about the committee and commitment required for the committee.

- **Meeting Memory Approval**

- No meeting minutes

- **Officers**

- Officers for AY15-16 were elected through nominations and general consensus
  - Chair – Robert Green
  - Vice-Chair – Yu Sasaki
  - Treasurer – Kellie Iwasaki
  - Secretary – Scott Nishihara

- **Reports**

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**

**Budget**

Jonathan Dial I have some concerns relating to the stipends for the Manoa Maniacs. Over 50% of the Manoa Maniacs budget is going towards stipends.

Gari Baxa Keep in mind that \$250 is the maximum.

Jonathan Dial How many hours must someone put into Manoa Maniacs to earn \$250 a month?

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- Amy A lot. Even now, when we don't have a full board, no one is earning \$250 a month. It's not based on hours, but based on a point system that the president keeps track of. 12 members is a full board.
- Jonathan Dial I think that's a little bit excessive. What happens to the excess money?
- Gari Baxa It rolls over.
- Jonathan Dial For the president I understand that that'll be a good incentive, but for the regular board members, I don't think that \$250 should be the cap. Can we bring the cap down to \$200 a month? That'll make a significant dent in the budget.
- Amy The money isn't actually given every month. It's only given during months when we have events, so a total of 10 months in a year. I'd also like you to keep in mind that the Vice President does just as much work as me. The amount of activity depends on the committee members. There are some committee members who won't go for the money, but there are also some who are there only for the money.
- Penn How many member does Manoa Maniacs have now?
- Aaron We have 8 members now. We started with a full board this semester. Sometimes we'll lose members because of the commitment involved.
- Robert Green If one chairperson receives \$250 a month and the other 11 members receive \$200 a month for 10 months, the total comes out to \$24,500. This becomes approximately 35% of the budget. I would suggest the stipends being called compensation for work.
- Kellie Iwasaki I think it would be helpful if you sent us your budget because there is a misconception that Manoa Maniacs is in a deficit, when we actually are not.
- Gari Baxa So what I'm hearing is that Amy will produce a more detailed budget.
- Jonathan Dial So is the proposed changed to not have the UH Band get an automatic 20% or to cut funding all together?
- Kellie Iwasaki The proposed change is to have the UH Band applied.
- Jonathan Dial Has the UH Band been informed of this?
- Robert Green They're aware from the SAPFB side that the funding might change because the UH Band has other funding sources.
- Gari Baxa The more senior committee members strongly felt that they should get an earmarked percentage. A question was that many organizations would love to have an earmarked percentage.
- Jonathan Dial So should we strike the automatic 20%?
- Kellie Iwasaki I'm in favor for it. Not saying that we won't fund them, but that they would have to apply for funding.
- Gari Baxa The SAFC can make the recommendation to change committee operations.
- Jonathan Dial One thing that I was thinking about was, particularly for GSO and ASUH, requiring us to have 2 members is problematic. I was wondering if we could reduce the amount of committee members from 2 to 1, which would reduce the amount required for quorum. I propose that we reduce the amount of committee members from GSO and ASUH from 2 to 1.
- Penn I agree.

It is agreed the number of GSO and ASUH members will be reduced from 2 to 1.

- Kellie Iwasaki Note that the reason for 2 is that both organizations represent a larger amount of

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students.

Gari Baxa I was wondering if we could have a representative from Manoa Maniacs for our future committee meetings, because your ideas will be very helpful.

Jonathan Dial Can we institutionalize that?

Kellie Iwasaki Yeah, that's in the proposed document. On page 2, just to note, we're scratching off the four other organizations (Colleges against Cancer, UH Band, Homecoming Planning Committee, and Student Recreation Services), so they'll still be able to attend, but they'll no longer be agenda items.

Yu Sasaki On the memorandum, are we scratching the 20% for the UH Band funding?

Gari Baxa Yes.

It is agreed that we will strike 20% funding for the UH Band.

Jonathan Dial The voting section on Principle 2-7 will have to be change according to the changes we made earlier relating to the amount of members from ASUH and GSO.

Robert Green One thing that was missing last year was that SAFC and Manoa Maniacs were doing their own things, so SAFC didn't send a liason to Manoa Maniacs meetings.

Jonathan Dial Isn't this already included in the document?

Robert Green Yes, but we were getting only what the Manoa Maniacs liason brought to the SAFC meetings. Since the SAFC didn't send a liason to Manoa Maniacs meetings, SAFC didn't have a strong understanding of what was going on.

Kellie Iwasaki The idea to send an SAFC member to Manoa Maniacs meetings is really good logistically, but considering all our schedules would be difficult for us to do.

Amy Why don't we allow you guys to have access to what we are voting on and what we are doing? I don't think we had this before, but this is something that we can try to do.

Robert Green The problem before seems to be a lack of information, so with the new requirement of having the Manoa Maniacs Variance Reports makes the need for a liason less heavy.

Kellie Iwasaki Collectively as SAFC we can look at the Manoa Maniacs documents and make comments on it, and it'll be recorded in our minutes.

It is agreed that we will be reviewing in the agenda Manoa Maniacs minutes and documents

Robert Green Huge problem for the funding part of the document. The SAFC member who introduced an organization to funding is supposed to be the leader of the organization's event.

Yu Sasaki There was a question last time about funding fundraising events, and under the APM policy you can't do this. So what are we funding for Relay for Life?

Robert Green They were able to receive funding for the equipment for the event, which is how their funding was justified.

Yu Sasaki Is it appropriate for student fees to be spent this way?

Kellie Iwasaki It's up to our interpretation. How this is written in the operating docs is okay, it's just up to us and our interpretation.

Jonathan Dial So are you proposing to strike Principle 4-1?

Robert Green No, I guess I'm proposing to reword it. We can table this, and work on improving the wording of this section.

It is agreed that we will take out Spirit Scholarships from Direct Programming and Financial support to cover operating costs from Indirect Programming, in addition to adding "...via Manoa Maniacs" to the last two bullets under Direct Programming.

- Gari Baxa As advisor, the one that I would push for is the registration subsidies for Leisure Program noncredit classes because it is open to the whole University and are used pretty often.
- Yu Sasaki Are we also taking out the first paragraph from Principle 4-2?
- Jonathan Dial No, because there are still other elements in the list that the paragraph applies to. Does Principle 4-4 take the student athletic fee proposal out of the student fee committee's hands? Because if it does, then I have a problem with this.
- Robert Green When they were trying to get the Student Athletic Fee through, there was a lot of push back from the students, but they went ahead with the Fee anyway, which is why ASUH came up with Principle 4-4, to act as the consultation and backing of the students. However, I don't know what the rest of the process is after it is approved by SAFC.
- Kellie Iwasaki I think the idea is that they have to propose it to us first before it gets approved, so a fee can't be approved automatically. It would have to go through the Student Fee Committee anyway. So if a fee is shot down by the Student Fee Committee, then it won't go through. The language implies that there's another step after this.
- Jonathan Dial I think that we should write that down, just to clarify this, so we need to know what the process is in order to write this explanation.
- Robert Green I think it's outlined in the student benefit package, so we can say, "as per the student benefit package," or the appropriate document. Maybe we can include that the student fee committee has to be consulted as well.
- Jonathan Dial I just don't like that there's a bypass through the student fee committee.
- Robert Green So we need to get a digital document of the original so we can include our comments, take a look at the budget from Amy, and if we have a budget we can approve it at the next meeting. Then we can work on getting the application updated.

- **Planning for Next Meetings**

- SAFC agrees on the following meeting time:
  - Monday, November 30, 2015 – 5:30pm
- Please send representatives from your organization if you are not able to attend.