

Student Finance Committee
Thursday, January 15th, 2026
Winter 2026

I. Call to Order

- A. Tommy calls meeting to order at 6:04 pm

II. Roll Call

- A. All are present and accounted for

III. Public Comment

- A. None

IV. Chair Report

- A. SFC is smaller this semester due to 4 resignations
 - a. Mitchell, Manny, Molly, and Lucy
- B. Secretary is hoping to update website, would like basic information on members
 - a. Name, major, email, expected graduation, and a headshot
 - b. Just for students to look and see who's on SFC, can reach out to members
- C. Brief report on EFG meeting
 - a. Most groups were granted their requests for carryforward
 - b. There was a lot of discussion regarding NoMAD's requests of keeping their allocation and their carryforward of around \$10,000
 - c. Platform Personalities requested a \$1 increase in their allocation
 - i. Committee voted to move \$1 from NoMAD's allocation to Platform Personalities due to the cost-to-impact ratio of NoMAD
 - ii. Kelly adds that NoMAD's mission was to support artists from the community, not necessarily to support students
 - 1. EFG report emphasized supporting and paying artists
- D. SFC's balance is at \$85,723.90
- E. Received an appeal from NoMAD over break, which has been forwarded to ASNMU
 - a. Will be presented to ASNMU next week
 - b. If appeal is accepted, a hearing would be held the following week
 - c. Question from Kelly on if SFC will be voting on the appeal or if it will be up to ASNMU

- i. It is up to ASNMU, Gwen clarifies that ASNMU votes to approve the appeal
 - 1. Appeals need to prove one of three things and if ASNMU finds any of those three things, moves to a hearing
 - 2. Hearing would be Tommy and NoMAD president in front of the General Assembly of ASNMU
 - a. Each would have 10 minutes to present their case
 - b. ASNMU votes on whether this is appealable, then goes from there
 - 3. Gwen shares that she has only seen one appeal before, and it didn't receive a hearing because it did not have the three justifications
- F. Tommy has not received any budget requests yet, SFC may not meet next week
- G. May need to change meeting times of SFC
- H. Question from Berkley on whether the one appeal that Gwen has seen was one that was just filed or one that went through a hearing
 - a. Only one appeal that had been filed
 - b. Basis for appeal is either favoritism is involved, incorrect procedure, or inaccurate representation of their pitch
 - c. Follow-up question from Berkley to clarify on incorrect procedure
 - i. Bylaws are vague, do not say that members are required to attend EFG events, it is just suggested
 - ii. EFGs have different rules than other student organizations
- I. Tommy notifies everyone that he will be more strict about Roberts' Rules to aid in minute-taking over the recording
 - a. Raise your hand and wait to be called on to speak

V. Adviser Report

- A. Gwen wonders if feelings have changed about having a member of the Dean of Students office as an advisor
 - a. If the committee wants someone else to advise, find someone by the end of February to give ample time to understand
 - b. Advising SFC is different than advising other student organizations

- i. Advisers are expected to show up at least every other week and be more responsive

VI. New Business

- A. None

VII. Approval of Consent Items

- A. Approval of Minutes for  SFC 12.1 Minutes

- a. Kelly motions to approve the minutes, Berkley seconds the motion
- b. The motion is voted on and approved unanimously

VIII. Good of the Order

- A. Tommy asks if the committee wants to meet at a different time

- a. If CSE office is available, that would be ideal
 - i. Gwen says that only other meeting is NAE at 5 pm, should be good for 6 pm
 - ii. Center for Student Enrichment is across from the Den
- b. The committee agrees that 6 pm is the best time for everyone

- B. Discussion on NoMAD appeal

- a. Kelly asks whether there is a way to explain to ASNMU about SFC's reasons behind the decision
 - i. Tommy should have a moment to voice reasoning behind the decision, sharing the appeal and their report, which speaks for itself on their impact on campus last semester
 - ii. They have every right to request an appeal, make an argument for the procedural error
 - iii. Tommy doesn't think that there will be a change in SFC's decision
- b. Gwen shares that the first step of the process is just ASNMU looking at the appeal and deciding whether it merits holding a hearing
 - i. Reiterates what a hearing would look like
- c. Minnie shares a possible counterargument to NoMAD's argument
 - i. SFC members did not attend any other EFG's events
 - ii. There has not been any favoritism
 - iii. Only looked at the numbers that were in their report

- d. Kelly says another big part of it was that they were donating to the church
 - i. Gwen clarifies that they were not using their EFG money to build the stage to donate to the church, but instead were using money raised from bake sales and other fundraisers
- e. NoMAD spent \$20,000 for the 270 students that they served
- f. Kelly says that, when asked what their mission is, NoMAD didn't emphasize serving the student population but rather emphasized helping artists and paying them more
 - i. Did not mention students at all
- g. Tommy thinks that the committee did a great job of weighing the choices, and will do his best to uphold that as best he can
- C. Kelly asks what everyone's thoughts are on the adviser issue
 - a. She does not care whether adviser is from DSO
 - b. Ella agrees, thinks that the push for the adviser switch came from people who are no longer sitting on the committee
 - i. Thinks it would be a lot harder to find someone else given the time commitment issue
 - ii. Thinks that any problems would only come up in a very specific scenario which isn't super likely
 - c. Tommy thinks that there shouldn't be any problems with the adviser as long as expectations are set beforehand
 - i. Important for adviser to understand that their role in the DSO is not the same as their role as the adviser of SFC
 - d. Kelly reiterates that adviser is not supposed to influence SFC's decisions anyway
 - i. Tommy thinks that anyone hosting events or programming on campus is going to need to form relationships with administrators
 - e. Gwen asks if it is the committee's opinion that the committee wants DSO
 - i. Yes, seems to be the most seamless choice
 - ii. Gwen states that DSO is a student's advocate with grades and professors
 - iii. Just let Gwen know if that's the committee's final decision
 - iv. Tommy says that the committee will take the week to think about it

- v. Members float ideas of different faculty members that might do it

IX. Adjournment

- A. Tommy adjourns the meeting at 6:26 pm