

Livingston Concert/Lecture Series Committee Minutes

July 27, 2018

In Attendance: Kimberly Bell, Tonyia Bowling, Dr. Ron Fritze, Stacie Hughes, Dr. Katherine Quinnell, Chris Latham (Chair), and Lauren Blacklidge (Recorder)

Absent: Dr. Darlene Turner-White

The purpose of this Committee meeting was to review and discuss the events of the 2018 fiscal year and go over which events were still scheduled to occur as planned and which ones were not going to pan out. Included in discussion were ways to best allocate the remainder of the 2018 budget and event proposals for the 2019 fiscal year.

2018 Event Update

- The Farewell Angelina concert scheduled for August 25, 2018 has been canceled. Mr. Stepp is no longer at Athens State, and therefore, SGA will not be sponsoring a back to school concert. This frees up \$5,500 in Livingston funds.
- The Conference for Church Administrators/Pastoral Care will be combined with the Conference for Music Educators & Performing Arts. Rolf Goebel will give lectures and perform a concert at the event. The conference will be held September 18, 2018 and require \$2,000 in Livingston funds to help cover speaker fees, lunch, and marketing. Ms. Bell is currently working with Robbie White to plan the event.

Vote: All Committee members in favor; none opposed. The combined event and \$2,000 in funds is approved.

- The Healthcare Management Conference will be moved to February 2019. Therefore, the \$2,000 in requested funds will need to be taken from the 2019 fiscal year budget.
- Dr. Fritze has lined up speakers for the Religion and Society Series. The date of this event has been moved to October 2018 due to the possibility of inclement weather (i.e. tropical cyclone remnants among other severe weather threats) typically occurring in September. The \$3,000 in requested funds will need to be taken from the 2019 fiscal year budget.
- The Songwriter's Showcase is now scheduled to be held August 11, 2018 at Canebrake Club in Athens.

2018 Budget Update

Due to the cancellation of the Farewell Angelina concert and moving other events to the 2019 fiscal year, there is \$10,883.70 remaining in the 2018 Livingston budget.

\$3,800 in Foundation funds will roll over into the 2019 budget.

Mr. Latham will check with Jonathon Craft to see if \$1,200 can be transferred back into the Foundation funds to allow \$5,000 to roll over into next year's budget.

2019 Event Update

The following events have been approved and will be occurring during the 2019 fiscal year:

- Committed Concert (\$7,500)
- Healthcare Management Conference (\$2,000)
- Conference for Church Administrators/Pastoral Care (\$2,000)
- Religion and Society Series (\$3,000)

Total funds requested: \$14,500

New Sponsorship Requests

The following new events were discussed and voted upon:

- **Alabama Center for the Arts – Zeuxis** – The Alabama Center for the Arts would like to host an exhibit by Zeuxis, an association of still life painters, from August – October 2019. There will be printing costs involved for the show program and shipping costs to ship the art from the ACA to its next destination. \$2,500 - \$2,800 has been requested from Livingston funds.

Vote: All Committee members in favor; none opposed. Event and funding is approved.

- **Nelson Lauver** – Lauver is a speaker on dyslexia. The Advertising Club hosted a 5K fundraiser and raised around \$2,200 to help cover the cost of his travel and speaking fees for a speaking engagement on campus in October. The amount requested to cover the remainder of his expenses is \$2,300.

Vote: All Committee members in favor; none opposed. Event and \$2,300 funding is approved.

- **Comedy Hypnosis Show – Dr. Timothy Ramos** – Dr. Ramos would like to perform his show free of charge to the University as a way to give back. The show is clean and appropriate for all ages. Mr. Latham suggested that we use \$100-\$150 of the Livingston funds to purchase Dr. Ramos a gift basket. Dr. Quinnell also suggested that Active Minds become involved in the event and hold a fundraiser.

Vote: All Committee members in favor; none opposed. Event and \$100-\$150 funding is approved.

- **“Sean of the South” – Sean Deitrich** – A performance by Deitrich was suggested to help use up some of the remaining funds (up to \$5,000) from the 2018 budget. Mr. Latham will follow up to see if a performance can be scheduled before the end of September.

Vote: All Committee members in favor; none opposed. Event and up to \$5,000 in funding from 2018 budget is approved.

Other Event Discussion

- “Sean of the South” will be the Committee’s first choice to use remaining 2018 budget funds. If a performance cannot be scheduled during this fiscal year, Ms. Bell has proposed that some of the funds go toward the CLL’s partnership with Footlight Productions. The organization recently put on two very successful plays in McCandless Hall. The CLL incurred various costs helping with this production and Ms. Bell has requested \$500 to help cover inefficiencies and time spent on the project.
- Ms. Hughes asked if the Committee will sponsor more movie nights in the coming fiscal year. No official vote was taken, but the Committee seemed to respond favorably to this idea. Ms. Bowling suggested having a movie night or “Sean of the South” perform around the same time of the Fiddlers Convention due to the number of guests who camp out on campus before the Convention begins. Having the hypnosis show before Fiddlers was also suggested.
- Ms. Bell suggested possibly bringing in Michael Durant from Black Hawk Down to talk about his experience or have the Star Spangled Banner singer/painter (\$2,500) come to campus in the future as part of a bigger patriotic event.
- Ms. Bell also mentioned that she would like to hold another Women’s Leadership Conference next year. The event’s details have yet to be planned.
- The Whole Brain Teaching Conference with Chris Biffle was a success. Ms. Bell’s goal is to be able to host a national conference at some point in the future. That would require outside funding and a greater supply of staff. She does want to hold another small conference again next year.

Mr. Latham will be adding Necedah Henderson to the Committee in the fall to fill Terry Stepp's vacancy as SGA representative.

Mr. Latham will work on getting more information about "Sean of the South" and the comedy hypnosis show. He will follow up by email with the information he receives.

Meeting Adjourned.