

ATTENDEES

PRESENT:

Crystal King	Carolina Union Director
Boateng Kubi*	Carolina Union Board Chair
Neil Harwani*	CUAB President, Board Vice-Chair
Bradley Opere*	Student Body President
Cole Simons*	Student Congress Speaker
Sam Green*	Student Congress Appointment
McKenzie Folan*	Executive Branch Appointment
Dylan Russell*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation President
Madelyn Percy*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Mishana Sturdivant*	National PanHellenic Council (NPHC)
Sid Iyer*	Campus Y
Avalon Warner-Gonzales*	Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)
Ayoub Ouederni*	Muslim Students Association
Allie Barton*	Carolina Union Employee Forum
Scott Myers*	Faculty Member Appointment – Carolina Dining Services
Wendell Gilland*	Faculty Member Appointment – Kenan-Flagler Business School
Allen O'Barr*	Faculty Member Appointment – CAPS
Tommy Koonce*	Faculty Member Appointment – School of Medicine
Sanjana Vattigunta*	BoD Chair Appointment – General Alumni Association
Tristan Routh*	BoD Chair Appointment – Student Legal Services
Ami Patel	2016-2017 CUAB VP of Programming
Travis Broadhurst	2016-2017 CUAB VP of Programming
Saumya Goel	2016-2017 CUAB VP of Finance
Jessica Beach	2016-2017 CUAB VP of External Affairs
Scott Hudson	Senior Associate Director, Facility Management
Joe Singer	Senior Associate Director, Events Management
Lisa Bonsor	Associate Director, Business and Finance
Megan Johnson	Associate Director, Communications & Creative Services
Brian Lackman	Student Activities Program Coordinator
Stephen Eppling	Marketing & Content Coordinator
Victor Vines	President, Vines Architecture
Jolie Thomas	Project Manager, Vines Architecture
Bob Thomas	Director of Design, Vines Architecture
Meredith Smith	Project Designer, Vines Architecture
Matt Bohannon	Regional Vice President, Brailsford and Dunlavey
Cindy Doan	Project Analyst, Brailsford and Dunlavey

ABSENT:

Taylor Bates*	President of the Residence Hall Association
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* Voting Member of the Board

MEETING SUMMARY

The Board addressed the following points on August 31, 2016:

1. The Student At-Large application is now open until September 7, 2016. The position will be filled by September 28, 2016.
2. The Board approved all committee appointments for the 2016-2017 academic year.
3. Vines Architecture and Brailsford and Dunlavey updated the Board on the ongoing Feasibility Study. The Board discussed the highest priority spaces needed in the Carolina Union and the engagement of students throughout this process.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Boateng called the August 31, 2016 Union Board Meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Formal Introduction to the 2016-2017 Board of Directors

Chairman Boateng gave a huge welcome to the 2016-2017 Board of Directors and asked each member to introduce themselves and the organizations they represent.

All organizational appointments for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors are currently filled. Organizations that were asked but were unable to accept their Board representation for the 2016-2017 academic year included Black Student Movement and the LGBTQ+ Center.

Approval of the April 20, 2016 Minutes

Chairman Boateng directed the Board's attention to approve the April 20, 2016 meeting minutes that were given out for review. With no corrections to the minutes, Allie Barton moved to approve the minutes and Tristan Routh seconded, the April 20, 2016 minutes were approved.

Student At-Large Application

Chairman Boateng brought the Board's attention to the Student At-Large application for the 2016-2017 Board. This student will be chosen by the Board and will hold a voting seat. The application is open to all students at UNC (Undergraduate and Graduate students). The application will close on September 7, 2016. The Board will review all applications and the position will be filled by the third Board meeting (September 28, 2016).

Committee Assignments

Chairman Boateng directed the attention of the Board to filling the sub-committees within the Board of Directors.

The Long Range Planning Committee will primarily contribute thoughts to the Feasibility Study and work toward the goals of the University. The following Board members will sit on the Long Range Planning Committee:

1. Chair: Ayoub Ouederni
2. Board Designations: Crystal King and Boateng Kubi

3. Student Board Appointment: McKenzie Folan
4. Faculty Appointments: Tristan Routh and Scott Myers

The Space Allocation Committee will coordinate the annual allocation of student organization workspace and storage space. The following Board members will sit on the Space Allocation Committee:

1. Chair: Sid Iyer
2. Board Designations: Tammy Lambert and Boateng Kubi
3. Student Board Appointment: Mishana Sturdivant, Allie Barton, Cole Simons, Neil Harwani
4. Faculty Appointment: Wendell Gilland

The Membership Committee will facilitate the application process for organizations and students who seek to hold a seat on the Carolina Union Board of Directors. The following Board members will sit on the Membership Committee:

1. Chair Designation: Boateng Kubi
2. Board Designations: Neil Harwani, Taylor Bates, Cole Simons, Bradley Opere
3. Student Board Appointment: Avalon Warner-Gonzales

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Vines Architecture

Chairman Boateng introduced Vines Architecture to update the Board on the ongoing Feasibility Study. Victor Vines expressed to the Board that the grounds of the Feasibility Study is focused on both what is feasible and what the students and the community wants. The Study will engage as many students as possible in order to put the Carolina Union at the center of campus. Following survey and site analyses, Vines Architecture will conceptualize some possible options for a new Carolina Union.

Vines Architecture visited and analyzed similar facilities across the country including but not limited to University of Houston, Texas A&M, UT Austin, and NC State University in order to compare the renovations of similar institutions. In addition, Vines Architecture has conducted focus groups and interactive activities of students on campus to gauge what students value in the Carolina Union. In September, Vines Architecture will provide a report of a facility feasibility assessment, a program of spaces needed in the building, a concept for the new building, and a cost-estimate of the project. In addition, the survey that will be released to the entire campus population will also be available.

The Board opened up a discussion about Vines Architecture's analysis of whether it is more likely that the current building will need to be torn down and re-built or simply remodeled. Vines Architecture expressed that most likely, it will be a combination of both depending on how students respond and what students identify as needs. Vines Architecture re-emphasized the importance of receiving genuine, honest responses from students in order to maximize their preferences in the Study.

Cole Simons indicated that renovations that may result in a significant student fee increase will require a vote by students. Historically, these referendums have failed a couple times before finally being approved due to student's lack of buy-in to the proposals. Bradley Opere, Dylan Russell, and Cole Simons echoed that engaging students early in order to pass the referendum and to initiate the proposed plans for the building.

The Board opened up a discussion on Vines Architecture's analysis of what the building is lacking based on the completed visitations of other institutions. Vines Architecture indicated that architecturally, the building needs to unify the spaces available. The building and the spaces in it need to be connected to more lively

events and spaces. In addition, Vines Architecture identified that the spaces need to be more versatile and flexible; the building needs to have more variety and give a variety of options for students and organizations.

The Board expressed their excitement to be able to make such a huge difference on the campus. Bradley Opere challenged the Board to think about the impact that the Feasibility Study and renovations of the Student Union can bring. Although the project will not be complete for many years, but this Board has the privilege to improve Carolina and the experiences of students.

Brailsford and Dunlavey

Chairman Boateng introduced Brailsford and Dunlavey to update the Board on the Feasibility Study survey that will be sent out to the entire campus. Matt Bohannon opened by asking the Board what the Carolina Union means to them and how they feel about the building as it is. The Board responded that the Union is often viewed as the heart of campus and home away from home. However, it is evident that the Union is not ideal for every student; for example, it remains too far for many graduate students.

The Board re-opened up the discussion on the types of spaces that the campus is currently lacking. In general, the Board indicated that centralizing the resources on campus (e.g. Campus Health, LGBTQ+ Center, Fraternity & Sorority Life, etc.) and providing more social spaces would be incredibly helpful for students. The Board also expressed interest in more open spaces to allow organizations and students to collaborate without the requirement to make a reservation for a meeting room. In addition, the Board indicated that more storage, better rehearsal, and safe spaces are high priority additions to the Carolina Union. Finally, the Board discussed the addition of a beverage space or a child-friendly space that would appeal to graduate students.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Chairman Boateng thanked the Board for their attention and adjourned the first meeting of the 2016-2017 academic year at 6:56 pm.