MINUTES for April 6, 2016
5:00–7:00PM • 3102

ATTENDEES

PRESENT:
Crystal King Carolina Union Director
Jaelyn Coates* Board Chair
Merrick Osborne* CUAB President, Board Vice-Chair
Rachel Gogal* Proxy for Student Body President
David Joyner* Student Congress Speaker
Marrisa Rose* Student Congress Appointee
McKenzie Folan* Executive Branch Appointment
Micah Stubbs* Student At-Large Board Member
Tazeen Farooque* Muslim Students Association
Shane Hale* Carolina Veterans Organization
Marissa Cann* Proxy for GPSF President
Justin McNabb* Graduate and Professional Student Federation
Connor Nevel* Campus Y
Taylor Bates* President of the Residence Hall Association
Scott Myers* Faculty Member Appointment
Rachel Tates* Faculty Member Appointment
Scott Hudson Senior Assoc. Director, Facility Management
Lisa Bonsor Associate Director, Business and Finance
Brian Lackman Student Activities Program Coordinator
Gunnar Goodway Student Television Producer

ABSENT:
Tristan Routh* BoD Chair Appointment
Sarah Crownshaw* BoD Chair Appointment
Allie Barton* Carolina Union Employee Forum
Jeremy McKellar* Black Student Movement
Wendell Gilland* Faculty Member Appointment
Tommy Kooence* Faculty Member Appointment

* Voting Member of the Board
MEETING SUMMARY

The Board addressed the following points on April 6, 2016:
1. The Board concluded the revisions and edits made in the By-Laws this academic year, and all changes were sent to Student Congress for approval.
2. The Board discussed various ways to support students after signing of the recent HB2 legislation, the Ben Shapiro event, as well as the pro-life images.
3. Student Television presented to the Board about the organization and opened a conversation on the continued relationship between STV and the Union.
4. The Board was updated on the SAFO budget, the recent CUAB programs, the selection of Vines Architecture for the Feasibility Study, and the selection of Boateng Kubi as the Board Chair Elect.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Jaelyn called the April 6, 2016 Union Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the March 23, 2016 Minutes
Chairwoman Jaelyn consented to approve the March 23, 2016 meeting minutes that were given out to the Board members for review. With no corrections to the minutes, the March 23, 2016 minutes were approved.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Student Television (STV)
Chairwoman Jaelyn introduced Gunnar Goodway to present to the Board about Student Television (STV) and its relationship with the Carolina Union. Gunnar Goodway gave a brief history of the STV, the structure of its leadership, and the television programs the organization offers. Since the offices of STV are difficult to find and access, the organization ran into issues of awareness and exposure to the student population. The organization hopes to increase marketing and potentially adding some signage in the building leading toward the offices. Gunnar emphasized to the Board that there is a population that watches and contributes to the programs of STV, and although the organization has a lot of room for improvement, they hope for the continued support of the Union in order to continue to provide this service to students.

Crystal gave STV her word to meet again with Gunnar and discuss further how the Union can continue to support STV, and ways the organization can increase its exposure to students on campus. The Board opened up a follow-up discussion on the advice that the Board can give to STV in order to promote its missions and goals. David suggested following up with STV on whether the organization is best suited as an individual entity with its own student fee or whether the organization should transition to a student organization through the University. The Board consented to follow-up with STV to discuss its plan for the upcoming years and its plans for growth.

SAFO Budget
Lisa Bonsor presented to the Board the current budget of SAFO including accounting for fee revenues, personnel and non-personnel expenses, operating expenses, and auditing expenses.
NEW BUSINESS

Board Vote: Updated By-Laws
Chairwoman Jaelyn and the Board reviewed all changes to the By-Laws and made comments and edits as necessary. All voting members of the Board voted to approve the changes to the By-Laws, and the updated By-Laws will be submitted to Congress for approval.

Campus Climate: HB2 and Inclusion Issues
Chairwoman Jaelyn opened the floor to any comments and discussion on the recent HB2 legislation. The Union continues to have gender non-specific bathrooms, and it remains the mission of the building to foster inclusivity. Chairwoman Jaelyn encouraged the Board to offer any additional ways the Union could further this mission in light of the recent legislation.

The Board echoed that the new legislation is not supported throughout the University, and the campus continues to support gender neutral bathrooms, spreading awareness for such issues, and the University does not plan to change any of its discrimination policies. In addition, the Board shared a general interest in working with Student Legal Services, the Title Nine Office, and the Women’s Center to ensure students feel safe and welcome on campus and within the surrounding Carolina community.

The Board continued the discussion on inclusion by opening the floor to comments on the recent Ben Shapiro event as well as the recent graphic images from the pro-life group. Chairwoman Jaelyn informed the Board that the Ben Shapiro event was highly controversial, but students exercised their right for peaceful protests and responded appropriately by attending different events across campus. The Board consented to continue to work with organizations and students in the future to decrease the marginalization of student voices on campus. As leaders, the Board consented to answer the call to bring these conversations to the right audiences in years to come.

Board Chair Announcement: Boateng Kubi
Chairwoman Jaelyn announced to the Board the selection of Boateng Kubi as the Board Chair Elect for the 2016-2017 academic year. The Board selected Boateng for his promising vision and initiative for serving the Union, and the Board expects a great upcoming year.

Feasibility Study Update
Chairwoman Jaelyn announced to the Board the selection of Vines Architecture as the firm that will conduct the upcoming Feasibility Study for the Union. She expressed her excitement toward the firm’s plan to comprehensively analyze and recommend the best next steps for the Union to further the building’s mission.

CUAB Update
Merrick Osborne updated the Board on the closing activities of CUAB. CUAB recently held their last General Body Meeting, and will be finalizing their Executive Board for the 2016-2017 academic year. Merrick is working on an End of Year Report along with preparing Neel as the CUAB President Elect for next year. CUAB is concluding the year with the Jubilee Concert, which should be an incredibly successful event.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Chairwoman Jaelyn adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.