

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES for November 04, 2015

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
McKenzie Folan*	Executive Branch Appointment
Marissa Rose*	Student Congress Appointee
Shane Hale*	Carolina Veterans Organization
Sarah Crownshaw*	BoD Chair Appointment
Tristan Routh*	BoD Chair Appointment
Justin McNabb*	GPSF
Adam Engel*	Proxy for GPSF President
Marie Lina Excellent	GPSF Appointee
Melissa Serrano-Burns*	Carolina Union Employee Forum
Tazeen Farooque*	Muslim Students Association
Taylor Bates*	President of the Residence Hall Association
Connor Nevel*	Campus Y
Scott Myers*	Faculty Member Appointment
Tommy Koonce*	Faculty Member Appointment
Rachel Tates*	Faculty Member Appointment
Scott Hudson	Carolina Union Senior Assoc. Director, Operations
Megan Johnson	Assoc. Director, Comm. and Creative Sciences
Brian Lackman	Student Activities Program Coordinator
Jeff McCracken	Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety
Audra Slavin	Director of Business & Finance for Student Affairs

ABSENT:

Micah Stubbs*	Student At-Large Board Member
Jeremy McKellar*	Black Student Movement
Wendell Gilland*	Faculty Member Appointment

* Voting Member of the Board

MEETING SUMMARY

The Board addressed the following points on November 04, 2015:

1. The Board voted and approved a \$31,062.32 expense to the Building Repair Reserve for 19 additional security cameras in order to increase the safety and security of the Union.
2. The Board gave presentations about the organizations they represent, and voiced some of their concerns with the relationships between student organizations and the Union.
3. The Board began an extensive conversation about the current Bylaws and structure of the Board of Directors with potential future changes.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Jaelyn called the November 04, 2015 Union Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the October 07, 2015 Minutes

Chairwoman Jaelyn moved to approve the October 07, 2015 and the October 21, 2015 meeting minutes that were given out to the Board members for review. With a few corrections to the minutes, the motion to approve was seconded and both the October 07, 2015 and the October 21, 2015 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Chairwoman Jaelyn opened with some expectations the Board should have for each other and a reminder to the Board about the commitment they have made. The Board has the privilege of affecting real impact by listening to the voices and presentations from various organizations across campus and through meeting discussion. Therefore, the Board should strive to be even more respectful of the time of those who have chosen to share their opinions as well as to each other by attending and being attentive.

Chairwoman Jaelyn encouraged the Board to find a Proxy for his/her Board position in case of a necessary absence. Tommy Koonce suggested decreasing the amount of informational presentations that tend to drag meetings on longer than they need to be.

Security Cameras Estimate

Chairwoman Jaelyn introduced Scott Hudson to speak about the estimated cost in additional security camera costs. Scott informed the Board that the security cameras have been integral in maintaining the safety and security of the Union. Although the footage is not being constantly monitored, the cameras have been used to identify larcenies and misdemeanors. The Operations and Maintenance staff have recently done a Safety Inspection and identified 19 new areas of the Union that need to have camera coverage. These areas include, but are not limited to, the Administrative Suite, the Auditorium Lobby, the Rehearsal Space, SAFO, and the Student Life hallway.

The expenses of the cameras will not be pulled from Operating Expenses but instead from the Building Repair Reserve, which currently has around \$2.8 million. The additional cameras could be put in place in the

spring 2016 semester. With no objections to the additional costs and additional security cameras, the Board moved and unanimously voted to approve the projected cost of \$31,062.32 for new security cameras in the Union.

Student Organizations Presentations

Chairwoman Jaelyn opened the floor to the Board members who have prepared short presentations about each of the organizations they represent and their relationship with the Union. She hopes that by knowing more about the Board representation, the Union can further serve students and their organizations in the future.

Many student organizations, including fraternities and sororities, don't really utilize room reservations through the Union because they typically don't plan that far ahead or that much in detail. In addition, the Union doesn't always have the space that student organizations need at the time they need it.

The Board opened up a discussion about the Student Activities Fund Office, indicating that many organizations find their personal club bank accounts or PayPal accounts more convenient than the process of SAFO. Many student organizations find SAFO untimely and too restricted with policies and procedures, which result in a lot of "red tape" to student organizations. For example, it is not easily accessible how much money each organization has in their accounts, and there is a lack of clarity and transparency for the fees of SAFO. The student organizations feel that they are often blindly charged for fees while there is no information available for what they are paying for. On the other hand, there is some level of understanding from student organizations that SAFO is restructuring and revitalizing, however, the student organizations expect more transparency.

Crystal briefly explained that with the transition to the PeopleSoft software, there have been a large amount of delays to financial transactions. As the University becomes more efficient with PeopleSoft, then transactions will run much more smoothly. In regards to the SAFO fees, Crystal informed the Board that students created the current system in the past to fit the needs of the time. That may not be the case currently, and it will be up to the students and the Student Fee Audit Committee (SFAC). In addition, SAFO has been working to become more organized and communicative with sending weekly financial statements and strong staff training. Finally, with the finalization of a new Business Finance Officer to run SAFO, the organization will become more stable and consistent.

The Board members each spoke of their respective organizations including Student Congress, the Executive Branch, RHA, Pre-Law Fraternity Phi Alpha Delta, and Student Legal Services. For the most part, the student organizations have had good, long-lasting relationships with the Union and are grateful for a supportive place to meet.

Review of By-Laws

Chairwoman Jaelyn directed the Board's attention the current Bylaws of the Union's Board of Directors and opened the floor up to any comments, questions, and suggestions for potential changes.

The Board opened a discussion on term length with hopes of clarification on why some positions are two-year terms while others are one-year. Tommy Koonce explained that, given the correct rotation of appointments, the longer-term lengths provide more stability for the Board so that a new Board doesn't get inducted each year.

Chairwoman Jaelyn opened a discussion on how many Board members should sit on the Board and what the spread of the appointments are. There was a suggestion to decrease exclusively Student Government appointments and create more positions for various student organizations to represent on the Board. Contrarily, there was support that, since the Board is chartered under the Student Constitution, then Student Government should actually hold the current amount of Board positions, if not more. There were suggestions to add positions for Honor Court, GAA, along with a few other organizations.

The Board discussed the relationship between the governing body of the Union Board and the governing body of Student Government. There are concerns on whether the Union Board needs to fall into compliance with Student Government or whether the Union Board is independent of Student Government. The Board will continue to discuss the composition of the Board to better represent Student Government and the entire student population in the future.

Additional sections of the Bylaws that need to be reviewed and discussed include attendance structure, President of CUAB and Chair of Board position split language, permanent art collection policy, allowance for a subcommittee proxy, and subcommittee selection process.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Chairwoman Jaelyn adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.