

ATTENDEES

PRESENT:

Boateng Kubi*	Carolina Union Board Chair
Crystal King	Carolina Union Director
Neil Harwani*	CUAB President, Board Vice-Chair
McKenzie Folan*	Executive Branch Appointment
Sam Green*	Proxy for Student Congress Appointment
Bradley Opere*	Student Body President
Sarah Dickson*	Proxy for Graduate and Professional Student Federation President
Madelyn Percy*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Vicky Bham*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Taylor Bates*	President of the Residence Hall Association
Sanjana Vattigunta*	General Alumni Association
Mishana Sturdivant*	National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
Avalon Warner-Gonzales*	Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)
Ayoub Ouederni*	Muslim Students Association
Travis Broadhurst*	Student At-Large Member
Tristan Routh*	BoD Chair Appointment – Student Legal Services
Allen O’Barr*	Faculty Member Appointment – CAPS
Wendell Gilland*	Faculty Member Appointment – Kenan-Flagler Business School
Jada Weathers	National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) President Elect
Scott Hudson	Senior Associate Director, Facility Management
Megan Johnson	Associate Director, Communications & Creative Services

ABSENT:

Cole Simons*	Student Congress Speaker
Sid Iyer*	Campus Y
Allie Barton*	Carolina Union Employee Forum
Tommy Koonce*	Faculty Member Appointment – School of Medicine
Scott Myers*	Faculty Member Appointment – Carolina Dining Services

* Voting Member of the Board

MEETING SUMMARY

The Board addressed the following points on December 5, 2016:

1. The Board received an update on the addition of free menstrual products in all women's and gender-neutral Union bathrooms, and discussed maintaining the products and potentially including products in men's bathrooms as well.
2. Vines Architecture will be presenting the results of the Feasibility Study to the Board at the January 18, 2017 meeting.
3. Crystal informed the Board that the Administration Suite (formerly 3103) and the Events Management Suite (formerly 3105) will be switching offices over exams and winter break.
4. The Board discussed three updates to the Spring Timeline (1) Timing of the selection process for the next Union Board Chair, (2) Information students would need to know in order for them to approve a fee increase, and (3) Concrete ways to share the results of the Feasibility Study with all students and staff across campus.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Boateng called the December 5, 2016 Union Board Meeting to order at 5:36 pm. He introduced Jada Weathers, the National Pan-Hellenic Council President-Elect. Jada will begin serving the Board of Directors for the spring 2017 semester. The Board then shared with each other one thing their respective organizations has accomplished this fall 2016 semester; there were many areas of growth in collaboration, awareness, and outreach to the students across organizations.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the November 9, 2016 Minutes

Chairman Boateng consented to approve the November 9, 2016 meeting minutes that were given out to the Board members for review. With no corrections to the minutes, the November 9, 2016 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Menstrual Products in Bathrooms Update

Crystal King informed the Board that the initiative was originally brought up by a student who participated in Carolina United; the Union Leadership Team then began looking into making it possible. Beginning in December, all women's bathrooms and the gender-neutral bathroom have free menstrual product dispensers.

The Board discussed the addition of menstrual products in all men's bathrooms in order to be more inclusive to all students, and the Union Leadership Team will be looking into the best way to do so. In addition, the Board discussed maintaining the dispensers and what the effect will be to offering free menstrual products to students. The concern is that students may end up taking more than what they need for their personal reasons, which will lead to the dispensers be empty. Scott informed the Board that the Housekeeping staff will maintain and check each dispenser daily, or as needed.

The Board recognized that there would be additional details to work out in the future because this initiative is brand new; however, hopefully it will set a precedent for the rest of campus to offer free menstrual products for everyone.

Long Range Planning Committee Update

Chairman Boateng informed the Board that the Long Range Planning Committee has met in order to discuss the programming of the building as well as the rebranding of the Union. This includes the images that represent the Union and what resources belong in the building. The results of the Feasibility Study will be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting, and it will shed light on the areas of potential growth or changes necessary of the Union.

Union Admin Reshuffling

Crystal King informed the Board that the Union Administrative Suite and the Events Management Suite will be flipping locations. The purpose for this move is to better utilize the organization of the building to allow easier access for students and external clients into the services of the Union. The Events Management Suite will become the frontline for clients with a welcoming and professional atmosphere, while the Administrative Suite will have a very comfortable, home-y atmosphere.

Spring Timeline Update and Group Session

Chairman Boateng split the Board into three groups in order to discuss three updates to the Spring Timeline and bring ideas back to the whole Board: (1) Timing of the selection process for the next Union Board Chair, (2) Information students would need to know in order for them to approve a fee increase, and (3) Concrete ways to share the results of the Feasibility Study with all students and staff across campus.

The Board set March 1, 2017 as the date to have the next Union Board Chair selected by. In addition, the Board emphasized the importance that the next Union Board Chair understands student leadership on campus, and has the capability to lead on a large scale.

In regards to the presentation of the Feasibility Study and potential fee increase to students, the Board discussed including the following information:

- Comparison of similar projects across other public institutions (for example, Tally Student Union at NC State)
- What the students would be paying for (highlight the additions/improvements to the building); the inclusion of visuals will be vital for students to envision the potential future direction of the building
- History of the building, and how long the life of the Union will last (why students need a new building as opposed to a refurbished one)
- Temporary or replacement Union space in the meantime during construction
- How many semesters the fee increase would last
- The Legacy left by making this decision for all Carolina students in the future

In general, the Board would like to be as transparent as possible with the fee increase and how the students responded to the Feasibility Study.

If the fee increase were to go to referendum, the Board discussed polling the students again to gauge where they stand in regards to changes to the building and a fee increase, including questions similar to, "If a student were to get X, Y, and Z in a new Union, would such a student be willing to pay [Amount]?" The Board emphasized staying upfront with students even if the fee increase would be high in order to maintain trust; then, justify the importance and the need for updates to the building. If the students approve the new building and a contract is agreed upon, then pictures, samples, and interactive models should be presented in order to engage students in the potential changes to the building.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Chairman Boateng thanked the Board for their discussions and adjourned the December 5, 2016 meeting at 6:56 pm.