

ATTENDEES

Chair- Jamya Graham
Executive Director- Alexandra Marchesano
Vice Chair, President of CUAB- Jasmine Orsini
Graduate and Professional Student Government President- Neel Swamy
CU Student Employee Representative- David Prendergast
RSO Rep (Duke-UNC China Leadership Summit)- Steven Michael Nuzzulo
Faculty- Dana Riger
Faculty- Paulo R. Ferreira
Student Member at Large- Breanna Blake
Student Member at Large- Francesca Ndianefo
Carolina Union Tenant- Legal Services- Tristan Routh
Carolina Union Tenant- CDS- Scott Myers
Carolina Union Tenant- FSL- Ion Outterbridge
Student Appointment- Kwaji Bullock
Student Rep from Fraternity and Sorority Life- Emma-Blake Byrum
Carolina Union- Business and Finance- Amber Ali
Carolina Union- Event Services- Joe Singer
Carolina Union- Student Activities Program Coordinator- Sarah Levine
Anna Fiore- Stand-in for Alayna C. Powell
Zakia Ishaque- Representative from MSA
Dalal Azzam- Representative from MSA
Marshall Betts- Stand-in for Kurshenna Jackson

Meeting Summary

- Updates on the Cubes Reception, Sophomore Summit, and Leave Your Mark campaign were provided by Board members.
- Jamya presented her idea to introduce a system for student to provide suggestions and concerns regarding the Union to the Board for consideration.
- Representatives from MSA and Anna Fiore, proxy for Alayna Powell, present a request by the MSA for a permanent space in the Union. The Board discusses the possibility and agrees to vote on the request after a meeting is conducted between Alexandra and members of the MSA.

CALL TO ORDER

Jamya calls meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes from January 12, 2022:

Jamya presented a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Multiple members seconded, and the motion passed with unanimous support.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jamya reminded the Board of the upcoming vote on Building Exceptions that will take place in March.
- Jamya explained that they will postpone discussing the new student roles for the Board until the documents with information on the role are complete.
- Jamya asked the Board how they would like to proceed with meetings- in-person or on Zoom.
 - Dana suggested that longer meetings be held in person while shorter ones can take place over zoom. Multiple members expressed support for this idea.
- Dana provided updates on the upcoming Cubes Reception, which will take place on February 18th, from 3-6 p.m. She explained that the Cubes Committee is in the process of developing flyers and marketing materials for the event. They are considering changing the name of the process to “Spray their Name” due to concerns that the name Creating Unique Black Experiences might be misinterpreted as conflating death with a unique black experience. The committee has completed the descriptions for the 40 names that will be displayed.
 - Jamya added that the documents concerning this name change and the finished descriptions are on Teams and would be sent to CCS tonight, so any suggestions needed to be posed by then.
 - Jamya also thanked CDS for their donation for the Cubes Reception.
- Jamya then shifted the conversation to discuss the Sophomore Summit, which will take place on February 16th from 5-7 p.m. She explained that the event is targeted towards all second-year students, both graduate and undergraduate, and that flyers will be sent out for members to spread the word and encourage others to attend.
 - Tristan suggested the name be changed to “Second-Year Summit,” to be more inclusive of graduate students.
 - Neel agreed with Tristan and said that he could help promote it to graduate students.
- Jamya then gave a rundown on the Leave Your Mark campaign, which will encompass a series of events from late February to early March where students evaluate how they have left their mark or how they plan to leave their mark on UNC.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jamya mentioned that invitations will soon be arriving through email for the Board’s Wellness Fair Event, and members need to decline or accept the invitation.
- Jamya explained her idea to introduce suggestion boxes into the Union so people could submit anonymous concerns and recommendations for review by the Board. She thinks this is a good way to increase transparency between the Board and students. The plan is to place QR codes that will take people to a Heellife form on tables around the Union.
 - Jasmine expressed that she thought this was a good idea and an effective way to possibly increase applications to the position of Board Chair.
 - Scott asked who would be in charge of managing these suggestions. Jamya explained that main points will be compiled from the Heellife forms for her to present to the Board during meetings.
 - Scott asked what the format of the suggestion form would be. Jamya presented her idea that the forms would include a question prompting people to explain their concerns and also a note that informs them that the Board’s discussion concerning

the suggestions can be viewed on the public meeting minutes.

- Anna Fiore, acting as a proxy for Alayna C. Powell, presented on behalf of the Muslim Student Association. MSA had petitioned for approval to place things on the walls of their current reserved space, and she expressed their appreciation that this had been granted. She explained that MSA is looking to secure a permanent reserved space in the Union because currently they have to book frequently through 25Live and sometimes lose the rooms that work for them to other groups during this process. Anna explained that most other religious organizations have their own designated space on campus. Jamya then opened the floor up for members to ask questions.
 - Jasmine asked which rooms the MSA frequently uses.
 - Zakia, a representative of MSA, explained that they conduct their Friday prayer in room 2518A, and when they can't book this room they end up in smaller rooms where not all members can fit. She added that any room would suffice for the MSA General Body meetings on Wednesdays, but their priority is securing a permanent space for their Friday prayers.
 - Jamya expressed that she doesn't think Union policy allows for permanent reservations of this sort, but she referred to Joe for further information.
 - Joe explained that Event Services is already showing preference for MSA in the booking process, but they can't decide on this sort of request. He said this would have to be a decision by the Board.
 - Anna asked what organizations can acquire an annual reservation.
 - Jamya explained the Space Allocation Application, which opens on February 1st. Spaces are granted depending on what groups demonstrate their need to be.
 - Alexandra asked if, in the case that they can't secure the large room for Friday prayer, they would be able to book several smaller rooms. She then expressed her concern that if the Union gives this exception to one student group, then they have to extend the same treatment to others, but she explained that she would be open to planning a meeting with MSA to discuss options.
 - Dalal, a representative of MSA, answered her question about multiple rooms by explaining that Friday prayer is a community activity that needs to happen collectively.
 - Dalal expressed MSA's belief that providing them a permanent reservation would not be favoring the Muslim community in any way, but instead bringing them up to the level of other religious organizations on campus. Unlike many other religious organizations, MSA is student run with no Administration or adult representatives to advocate for them, so securing a space would take the burden off students to continually find space for their activities.
 - Jasmine asked if it would be possible to extend an early booking time to MSA.
 - Joe explained that MSA already has early access to certain rooms.
 - Steven Nuzzulo asked if any other religious organizations have reserved spaces in the Union, and if so, what is the frequency of their meetings.
 - Joe explained that no other religious organization have the exception of having a permanent reservation and that, although he didn't have it on hand at the moment, he could compile a report on the frequency of reservations for these groups if needed
 - Jamya presented the possibility of the MSA booking the Great Hall.
 - Zakia responded that she believes the booking of the Great Hall requires

- employees would cost money, which the MSA cannot do.
- Jamya proposed the idea of using open general-purpose classrooms.
 - Joe explained how these spaces don't open until 3-4 weeks into the semester, after schedules have settled in, and they are highly competitive spaces.
- Anna spoke again to explain that MSA is aware that asking for a permanent reservation is not a comparable situation for other religious groups in the Union because they already have designated spaces. MSA is a student run organization with limited resources compared to other groups, so they demonstrate a different need. She added that more information about early booking times would be helpful.
 - Joe responded that he can provide information about early booking times by early next week.
- Steven asked if there was a larger space (an intermediate between MSA's current room in the Great Hall) that the Union could allocate for use by the MSA.
 - Joe gave a run down on possible rooms in the Union and explained that there is no real in between that doesn't start costing money.
- Steven asked if the Union has any jurisdiction over other spaces on campus.
 - Joe repeated his explanation of general-purpose classrooms.
- Alexandra explained that she was in contact with Bobby Kunstman, who works with SLL and has more information on the context of religious organizations in the Union. She shared that other religious spaces on campus were funded privately and are not owned by the University. She suggested that SLL be included in any meetings where this idea is discussed further.
- Breanna suggested spaces in Woollen or Rams.
 - Ion agreed that this might be an option, because he is aware of large spaces that they have provided to groups before.
 - Jamya added that this is a question that could be posed to the Campus Recreation Advisory Council.
- Anna asked if a meeting could be set up to discuss this matter further and Alexandra agreed.
- The Board moved on to discuss the CUBOD Chair Application.
 - Jamya explained that the flyer is available on Teams, and she would like members to spread the word to help increase engagement.
 - Jasmine added that the application for president of CUAB is also open. She explained that experience at CUAB is no longer needed, applicants only need to have either a year of leadership at UNC or, if they are a first year, be currently serving in a leadership position.
- Jamya asked the Board if MSA's request should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
 - Alexandra explained that, with how busy her schedule is, she can't guarantee that she will be able to book a meeting with MSA in time for the next meeting. She asked Anna to be in contact with her about what people would like to be included in the meeting.
 - Dalal added that members of MSA would like to be present for the vote when the Board discusses the request again.

ADJOURNMENT

Jamya adjourns meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Jamya presented a motion to adjourn the meeting, Neel seconded, and the motion passed with

unanimous support.