

## ATTENDEES

### PRESENT:

Boateng Kubi*	Carolina Union Board Chair
Crystal King	Carolina Union Director
Neil Harwani*	CUAB President, Board Vice-Chair
Sam Green*	Proxy for Student Congress Appointment
Cole Simons*	Student Congress Speaker
Madelyn Percy*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Vicky Bham*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
McKenzie Folan*	Executive Branch Appointment
Travis Broadhurst*	Student At-Large Member
Sanjana Vattigunta*	General Alumni Association
Jada Weathers*	National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
Allie Barton*	Carolina Union Employee Forum
Avalon Warner-Gonzales*	Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)
Ayoub Ouederni*	Muslim Students Association
Tristan Routh*	BoD Chair Appointment – Student Legal Services
Wendell Gilland*	Faculty Member Appointment – Kenan-Flagler Business School
Tommy Koonce*	Faculty Member Appointment – School of Medicine
Allen O’Barr*	Faculty Member Appointment – CAPS
Scott Myers*	Faculty Member Appointment – Carolina Dining Services
Joe Singer	Senior Associate Director, Events Services
Bobby Kunstman	Senior Associate Director, Student Life & Leadership
Scott Hudson	Senior Associate Director, Facility Management
Lisa Bonsor	Associate Director, Business & Finance
Megan Johnson	Associate Director, Communications & Creative Services
Brian Lackman	Student Activities Program Coordinator
Mariana Abou-Rizk	President of Student Television

### ABSENT:

Bradley Opere*	Student Body President
Sarah Dickson*	Proxy for Graduate and Professional Student Federation President
Sid Iyer*	Campus Y
Taylor Bates*	President of the Residence Hall Association

\* Voting Member of the Board

## MEETING SUMMARY

The Board addressed the following points on March 1, 2017:

1. The Board voted and approved the allocation of Suite 2416 to be transformed into a Healing Space open to all students for the 2017-2018 academic year.
2. Student Television updated the Board on their current state of affairs as a follow-up to their presentation last year. The organization has grown over the past year with increases to membership and programming.
3. The Board voted and approved of the selection of Jordan Bermudez as the 2017-2018 CUAB President.
4. The Space Allocation Committee received 84 applications, and will be reviewing them on March 3, 2017.
5. The Board discussed the effects of the SBP election on the campus and the structure of the remaining elections.
6. The Board announced and welcomed the selection of Neil Harwani as the 2017-2018 Board Chair.

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Boateng called the March 1, 2017 Union Board Meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Approval of the February 15, 2017 Minutes

Chairman Boateng consented to approve the February 15, 2017 meeting minutes that were given out to the Board members for review. With no corrections to the minutes, the February 15, 2017 minutes were approved.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Feasibility Study Website Release

Chairman Boateng informed the Board that, after a lot of hard work, the Feasibility Study results and presentation have officially been released and can be found at: [ourcarolinaunion.unc.edu](http://ourcarolinaunion.unc.edu).

### Carolina Union Healing Space

Allie Barton reviewed with the Board their decision to forego the creation of a Healing Space due to the existence of a similar space in the Meditation Room. However, considering the current campus climate along with the results of the Feasibility Study, Allie proposed transforming the currently unused Suite 2416 into a much-needed Healing Space for students.

The Suite was previously occupied by the Business HUB for Student Affairs, but that office has now been moved elsewhere. Currently, the space is used for storage, and is otherwise vacant. Within the suite, there are four smaller closed-door offices for students to take private phone calls or deal with personal crises. In addition, the suite's main lounge offers soft lighting and comfortable furniture which can be utilized for small group discussions or meditation. There will be additional costs incurred to transform the space so Boateng opened the floor for discussions on the allocation of this suite.

The Board shared concerns about how aware the students will be that the space exists and is available to

them. The Meditation Room is already an underutilized space, and with the back-corner location of Suite 2416, the Board fears that it will not be put to good use. However, the location will also make the space more private for students who need that aspect.

The Board consented that the space should definitely be allocated and put into use, however, considerations should be taken into the best utilization that serves the students best. There were suggestions to fill those offices with organizations requesting space in the building through the Space Allocation Process or a Diversity & Inclusion HUB. Contrarily though, the Board discussed that the Carolina Union is more than simply offices for student organizations, but rather an experience for all students regardless of their involvement with a specific organization.

If the suite were to be allocated as a Healing Space, the Board expressed the necessity to monitor and collect data on the frequency, purpose, and by whom the space is being used. In addition, the Board requested more information on the costs, possibilities, and regulations for the space transformation. Under these requirements, Chairman Boateng directed the Board's attention to a vote for the allocation of Suite 2416 to be used as a Healing Space for the 2017-2018 academic year. The Board unanimously approved the allocation.

### **STV Presentation**

Mariana Abou-Rizk updated the Board about STV's state of affairs as a follow-up to the organization's presentation the year before. STV has grown greatly over the past year; the space is being utilized much more, and available programming has increased. The membership within STV has doubled to 50-60 members since last year; members are given autonomy in the production of each show, and the organization offers workshops to continue members' education in TV production.

The viewership of the programs are still low, each program might only receive a couple hundred views total. Mariana indicated to the Board that any help in networking would be appreciated in order to increase membership as well as viewership. The Board encouraged STV to reach out to first-years, graduate students, and different student organizations in order to increase interest in their production and programming.

### **CUAB President-Elect Update**

Neil Harwani informed the Board that applications for the CUAB President-Elect have closed, and a candidate has been chosen. Jordan Bermudez received the two-thirds approval from CUAB, and the Board was brought to a vote to confirm this selection for the next CUAB president. The Board unanimously approved of the selection.

### **Space Allocation Committee Update**

Chairman Boateng informed the Board that the Space Allocation Committee has received 84 applications. The committee will review the applications and allocate the available spaces in the Carolina Union before opening up the appeal process.

### **Campus Climate – SBP Elections**

Sam Green informed the Board that elections will be held starting March 2, 2017 at midnight until 5:00 pm. Items on the ballot will include the Student Government referendum to propose constitutional changes, Senior class president, CAA, Student Congress, RHA, and GPSF elections. The only item not on the ballot will be the SBP election, due to a case under review.

Cole Simons shared with the Board that student are seriously questioning the legitimacy of Student Government due to this situation. With the split between GPSF and SG, the graduate students are also expressing concerns with the undergraduate Student Government as a whole. Unfortunately, this issue remains an election problem, and does not reflect whether Student Government is appropriately serving their purposes.

### **Board Chair-Elect Update**

Chairman Boateng informed the Board that the Board Char Selection Committee has chosen one candidate, Neil Harwani, to be the 2017-2018 academic year. The candidate pool was incredibly competitive, and the selection committee is confident that Neil will be able to lead the Board on the upcoming initiatives.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no other business, Chairman Boateng thanked the Board for their discussions and adjourned the March 1, 2017 meeting at 6:22 pm.