

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**MINUTES** for **November 20, 2019**

**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM • 3102**

## ATTENDEES

### PRESENT:

Jaylen Evans	Carolina Union Board Chair
Alexandra Marchesano	Executive Director of the Carolina Union
Jo Briggs*	CUAB President, Board Vice-Chair
Austin Snider*	Proxy for the Student Body President
Stephen Wright*	Speaker of the Undergraduate Senate
Serena Singh*	Executive Branch Appointment
Kelley Traynham*	Executive Branch Appointment
Reeves Moseley*	Undergraduate Senate Appointment
Jane Reichard*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Chief of Staff
Kira Griffith*	President of the Residence Hall Association
Kierra Pittman*	Diversity & Multicultural Affairs
Sara Hernandez*	Multicultural Greek Council President
Alysson Valverde-Torres*	Mi Pueblo
Kathlyne Bautista*	Student Employee Lead
Tamiya Troy*	Student Member At-Large
Scott Myers*	Director of Auxiliary Services
Wendell Gilland*	Faculty Member Appointment – Kenan-Flagler Business School
Joe Singer	Sr. Associate Director, Carolina Union
Ion Outterbridge	Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life
Rustin McNiff	Assistant Director of Facilities

### ABSENT:

Raymond Tu*	Campus Y
Tristan Routh*	Student Legal Services
Allen O'Barr*	Counseling and Psychological Services
June Yom*	Asian American Students Association

\* Voting Member of the Board

## MEETING SUMMARY

The Board addressed the following points on November 20, 2019:

1. RHA is working with Carolina Housing to create a housing community for first year Muslim students.
2. GPSF is hosting Tarheel Thanksgiving with the Carolina Club and Student Life and Leadership on Thanksgiving Day and filled all 600 spots.
3. The OFSL Excellence Awards Banquet has been rescheduled to Thursday January 9th from 6-8pm in the Great Hall, with the Greek Leadership Academy being held January 10-12th.
4. Furniture has been selected for the Carolina Union Legacy Room.
5. UNC Information Technology Services (ITS) is considering relocating their ITS Help Desk to the Carolina Union Underground.
6. Student Affairs suggested that there be a series of closeout events surrounding the Legacy Plaza in the spring to fully fund its construction, and proposed that the Union host one of those events.

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jaylen called the November 20, 2019 Union Board Meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Approval of the November 6, 2019 Minutes

Chairman Jaylen directed the Board's attention to approve the November 6, 2019 meeting minutes that were given out for review. With no corrections to the minutes, Kira Griffith moved to approve the minutes and Jane Reichard seconded, the November 6, 2019 minutes were approved.

## NEW BUSINESS

### CUAB Updates

On Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, CUAB will be celebrating holidays around the world, hosting escape rooms and showing *IT Chapter 2* in Fetzer Gym. The following day there will be Trap Karaoke in the Upendo Lounge in SASB. Comedian Andrew Orolfo will be performing on Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 4<sup>th</sup> will be the annual LDOC Gingerbread event.

### OFSL Updates

Sara announced that new member education programs for Fraternity and Sorority Life have been completed for the fall 2019 semester. There is a total headcount of 3,436 students in the Fraternity and Sorority community, including 37 students who will be graduating in December 2019. All councils are currently in the process of hosting transitional meetings for each of their incoming Executive Board members. The Excellence Awards Banquet has been rescheduled to Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in the Great Hall, with the Greek Leadership Academy being held January 10-12<sup>th</sup>.

Ion Outterbridge, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, shared an email with the Board that he received from a concerned mother about hazing culture in fraternities. In her email, the mother questioned what is being done at UNC to be aware of, and eliminate, hazing incidents.

Because the concerns expressed are frequently asked questions regarding Fraternity and Sorority Life, Ion informed the Board of the preventative measures taken by the University to address hazing. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life works with University Police, Chapel Hill Police, Student Wellness, The Office

of Student Conduct, and other campus departments to speak with students about hazing and other topics. While a lot of hazing incidents occur during the early hours of the morning when full time staff individuals are not on campus to address the issues when they arise, there is an anonymous hazing hotline that goes directly to the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Director of Student Conduct to handle those situations.

Additionally, the University has a small hazing coalition that has done research on the University of Maine to create a statement of hazing and one unified process to address these issues across campus, including athletics and other on-campus organizations.

Anytime there is a hazing allegation, if such provides enough information to move forward with an investigation, the organization will receive a letter from the Office of Student Conduct within 12-24 hours of the allegations in which they are asked to discontinue all activities with new member students at that time until the investigation is complete. A representative from the organization's National governing body will also conduct their own investigation, or they may choose to conduct a joint investigation with the University. OFSL staff also work with the organization's National governing body, it's alumni advisors, and the chapter itself during this time regardless of whether there is enough information for the University to move forward with an investigation. The hearing depends on the severity of the hazing allegations and what evidence is provided, but the entire investigation process, from the initial allegation to the outcome of the case, could take 2-3 months to come up with a decision.

If an organization is found guilty of hazing, they will lose University recognition and their National governing body will pull the chapter's charter. Consequently, the organization will be suspended from being active on campus for a certain amount of time. At the end of the suspension period, the organization's National governing body will meet with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Executive Director of the Union, and upper administration of the University to determine if they are ready to become active again on campus.

### **Legacy Room**

Chairman Jaylen notified the Board that he has picked out furniture and mapped out its placement for the Carolina Union Legacy Room. A visual of the room will be provided to the Board in the upcoming meetings for their input on the progress of the space. Additionally, a timeline will be developed of what needs to be done to complete the Legacy Room by the end of the spring 2020 semester.

### **ITS Help Desk**

Joe Singer, Senior Associate Director of the Carolina Union, relayed to the Board that UNC Information Technology Services (ITS) is considering relocating their ITS Help Desk to the Carolina Union Underground. Because ITS provides a lot of phone based support, and higher level support can be done remotely, the department is asking that only their Help Desk be placed in the Union to provide face-to-face support for students' lower level needs. If ITS chooses to locate its Help Desk in the Union, their hours would be congruent with Union hours, and the Union would like to create a 5-year Memo of Understanding to evaluate how the space is working within the Union.

### **Fundraising Updates**

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Ion Outterbridge, announced to the Board that one of their major projects currently is fundraising for the NHPC Legacy Plaza. OFSL has been meeting with the Office of Student Affairs, which coordinates the fundraising efforts for the University. Student Affairs suggested that

there be a series of closeout events surrounding the Legacy Plaza in the spring to fully fund its construction, and proposed that the Union host one of those events.

There have already been a series of fundraising events for the Plaza and many of them have provided opportunities for individuals to buy bricks in the form of donations to the Plaza, with 4"x4" bricks being priced at \$500, and 4"x8" pavers priced at \$1,000. The entire project is priced at \$700,000, and it is currently \$200,000 shy of being fully funded. A major contributor to the Plaza's funds was former Chancellor Carol Folt who donated \$400,000 before her departure from the University, which enabled construction to begin on the project in the spring. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony during UNC's 2020 Homecoming weekend.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no other business, Chairman Jaylen thanked the Board for their attention and adjourned the November 20, 2019 meeting at 6:00 pm.