

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
Elizabeth Adkins*	Proxy for Student Congress Appointment
Cole Simons*	Student Congress Speaker
Sarah Dickson*	Proxy for Graduate and Professional Student Federation President
Taylor Bates*	President of the Residence Hall Association
Sanjana Vattigunta*	General Alumni Association
Sid Iyer*	Campus Y
Mishana Sturdivant*	National PanHellenic Council (NPHC)
Avalon Warner-Gonzales*	Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)
Ayoub Ouederni*	Muslim Students Association
Allie Barton*	Carolina Union Employee Forum
Travis Broadhurst*	Student At-Large Member
Tommy Koonce*	Faculty Member Appointment – School of Medicine
Scott Myers*	Faculty Member Appointment – Carolina Dining Services
Wendell Gilland*	Faculty Member Appointment – Kenan-Flagler Business School
Megan Hardy	General Alumni Association
Joseph Singer	Senior Associate Director, Events Management
Scott Hudson	Senior Associate Director, Facility Management
Megan Johnson	Associate Director, Communications & Creative Services

ABSENT:

Bradley Opere*	Student Body President
Madelyn Percy*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Vicky Bham*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Tristan Routh*	BoD Chair Appointment – Student Legal Services
Allen O'Barr*	Faculty Member Appointment – CAPS

* Voting Member of the Board

MEETING SUMMARY

The Board addressed the following points on November 9, 2016:

1. The Board received updates on the recent events held on campus including Carolina Conversations, Homecoming, Chancellor's Strategic Planning Meeting, and Feasibility Study.
2. The Board consented to update the Meditation Room policies in order to allow naps in the space. The Board will also look into hosting programs and promotional events in the space to spread awareness for the Meditation Room.
3. The Board discussed extensively the policies regarding Late Night Programming in the Carolina Union. The policy update will reduce costs for student groups while maintaining high quality and safe events.
4. Neil Harwani informed the Board that the selection for the new CUAB President will begin before winter break and the new President will be selected by early spring 2017.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Boateng called the November 9, 2016 Union Board Meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the October 12, 2016 Minutes

Chairman Boateng consented to approve the October 12, 2016 meeting minutes that were given out to the Board members for review. With no corrections to the minutes, the October 12, 2016 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Carolina Conversations – Sexual Assault Update

Chairman Boateng shared with the Board the immense discussion about Sexual Assault at the recent Carolina Conversations; a variety of voices were represented including students, the EOC office, and higher administration of the University. Travis shared with the Board that many suggestions were made throughout the conversation, and that he is excited to see the ideas sent to the Office of the Vice Chancellor.

Homecoming Update

Megan Hardy informed the Board that all the events were a success; however, many adjustments had to be made to accommodate President Obama's visit. All collaborations and commitments made with campus groups were honored. Sanjana Vattigunta shared with the Board that this year's target audience was oriented toward young and recent alumni; GAA sent out postcards redeemable for a free drink at TOPO. Travis suggested engaging young alumni in the future by forming a panel to hear the success stories and experiences post-graduation.

Crystal shared with the Board that she had the pleasure of attending the Black Alumni Reunion during Homecoming. Each year, the alumni give the Harvey Beach Award and Scholarship to an outstanding student leader at Carolina, and this year, Boateng was the recipient for the award!

Chancellor's Strategic Planning Meeting Update

Cole Simons informed the Board about the Chancellor's "Blueprints for Next" events, which allows

students to contribute their thoughts on the general direction of the University. The two big core strategies are “Of the public, for the public” which breaks down barriers for education and “Innovation made Fundamental” which emphasizes personalized, adaptable, and entrepreneurial courses.

Feasibility Study Update (Programming Phase)

Chairman Boateng updated the Board that the Feasibility Study is now in the Programming Phase, which entails figuring out what kind of spaces and programs the building requires. Vines Architecture will present to the Board the conclusions of the study at the beginning of spring semester before releasing the plans to the entire student body.

Meditation Space

Chairman Boateng opened up the discussion to reviewing and updating the guidelines for the Meditation Space. The Board decided to allow naps and inclusive group meditation or relaxation. In addition, the Board emphasized the need to publicize and market the space. The Board suggested creating programming in that space or making a Treat Yo’ Self theme to unveil the Meditation Space’s new guidelines.

Megan informed the Board that the gift that funded the Meditation Space may have remaining funds to revitalize the space and attract more students. There were suggestions for additional pillows or furniture to make the space more comfortable for students to nap.

Late Night Programming Policy in Carolina Union

Joe Singer shared with the Board the changes and discussions made on the Late Night Programming Policy in the Carolina Union, namely, in the Great Hall. In the past, the late night programming in the Great Hall was too expensive for student organizations, so the Events Management staff is working toward decreasing costs to make late night programming possible, for example, hiring fewer security officers.

The Late Night Programming Policy hopes to provide opportunities for students and organizations to have programs that are safe and accessible to everyone. The Board opened up a discussion on the number of security officers in the building for late night programming. Currently, the policy states that eight officers are present throughout the event; however, this policy is high cost and can be adjusted appropriately. Other late night programs on campus do not mandate officers at events, but considerations to safety are necessary. At other universities, there have been incidents of suspicious persons, fights, and security of the building, which is why it is necessary to be cautious while also trying to decrease costs to these programs.

Additional discussions on facilitation of attendees, re-entry policies, costs to keep the building running after hours, and security of events still need to be considered into the updates of the Late Night Programming Policy in the Carolina Union. The goal will be to reduce student costs while maintaining a high quality event so that more late night programs will be available in the Carolina Union.

CUAB Executive Board Selection Timeline

Neil Harwani informed the Board that the new CUAB President will be selected early spring 2017 semester (week of January 23, 2017). The selection committee will consist of the three Board members as well as CUAB members, the Board Chair, and the current CUAB President. The new CUAB President will appoint his or her new board and begin planning for the 2017-2018 academic year before the summer begins.

Board Reflections on Presidential Election

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Chairman Boateng thanked the Board for their attention and adjourned the November 9, 2016 meeting at 6:54 pm.