

ATTENDEES

PRESENT:

Boateng Kubi*	Carolina Union Board Chair
Crystal King	Carolina Union Director
Neil Harwani*	CUAB President, Board Vice-Chair
Bradley Opere*	Student Body President
McKenzie Folan*	Executive Branch Appointment
Sam Green*	Student Congress Appointment
Cole Simons*	Student Congress Speaker
Sarah Dickson*	Proxy for Graduate and Professional Student Federation President
Vicky Bham*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Taylor Bates*	President of the Residence Hall Association
Megan Hardy*	Proxy for General Alumni Association
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
Tristan Routh*	BoD Chair Appointment – Student Legal Services
Allen O’Barr*	Faculty Member Appointment – CAPS
Ami Patel	CUAB VP of Programming
Scott Hudson	Senior Associate Director, Facility Management
Bobby Kunstman	Senior Associate Director, Student Life and Leadership
Megan Johnson	Associate Director, Communications & Creative Services

ABSENT:

Madelyn Percy*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Sid Iyer*	Campus Y

* Voting Member of the Board

MEETING SUMMARY

The Board addressed the following points on October 12, 2016:

1. The Board received updates from the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, CUAB events, and GAA.
2. The Carolina Union will begin offering free feminine products in the seven women's bathrooms as well as in the gender-neutral bathroom.
3. The Board consented to lift some of the limits in the Meditation Room to allow sleeping and quiet work in hopes of increased usage. The discussion on updating and reevaluating the space will depend on the availability of funds from the private donation.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Boateng called the October 12, 2016 Union Board Meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Board members shared a highlight and a lowlight of their week to begin the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the September 28, 2016 Minutes

Chairman Boateng consented to approve the September 28, 2016 meeting minutes that were give out to the Board members for review. With no corrections to the minutes, the September 28, 2016 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Directors Reminder of Expectations

Chairman Boateng brought the Board's attention to the importance of the Board meetings and discussions. The Board only meets for four hours each month, so every member is expected to respect each other's as well as presenters' time and efforts by being attentive and timely.

The Board opened up a discussion regarding the informational presentations from organizations across campus. In order to keep meetings engaging and significant, the Board will only be hearing presentations that are relevant to current events or discussions. The Board will keep each other updated on the organizations that each member represents in order to understand how these organizations are doing throughout the academic year.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Update

Chairman Boateng directed the Board's attention to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Rehearsal Space. Black Canvas initiated the project and raised the funds in order to fully pay and install the new dance floor. The new dance floor is open to any organization or individuals that wish to use it. Pictures for the event can be found [HERE](#).

CUAB Update

Neil Harwani updated the Board on some of the exciting events hosted by CUAB. Michael Sam recently discussed his experiences and intersections of his identity as an open LGBTQ athlete. The event was incredibly successful, and many people got a lot out of the event. In addition, Neil Hilborne performed his spoken word, and many people bought personalized books and posters from the artist.

Treat Yo' Self Thursday will be held October 13, 2016, and the theme will be voter registration. CUAB, CCS,

and NCPIRG are working together to remind students of the voter registration deadline. There will also be a lot of nonbiased information available for the local and national elections.

GAA Update

Megan Hardy announced to the Board that the theme for this year's homecoming will be Hit the Road Jacks, and the game will be against Georgia Tech. Homecoming week will begin October 30 with a Powderpuff game, sponsored by Carolina FEVER and BSM. Monday, October 31, will be a Day of Service with an Alcohol Awareness obstacle course, a Blood Drive, and a Be the Match Drive. There will be additional events throughout the week to foster comradery across the student body.

Feminine Products in the Carolina Union Bathrooms

Chairman Boateng informed the Board about a conversation with Vice Chancellor Crisp about offering feminine products in the Carolina Union Bathrooms. The initiative will launch in January 2017, and free pads and tampons will be available in the seven women's bathroom along with the gender-neutral bathroom. This initiative will be absorbed by the Maintenance and Housekeeping budget in 2017, but there will be discussions about how this initiative will be funded without a fee increase in the future.

Healing Spaces

Crystal clarified that a Healing Space was originally envisioned to be available for students or groups who need a space to deal with situations. Crystal explained that the space would be available to these groups as events occur, but would otherwise be available to any student for any purpose.

The Board discussed potentially merging the Meditation Room into a Healing Space as well in order to increase utilization. There were concerns that there is a distinction between a Healing Space for dealing with crises, and a space for relaxation; the space is not a "one size fits all" for the various situations that students experience. However, the Board recognizes that there are huge needs for different types of spaces, and there is currently just not another space available to dedicate specifically for healing or dealing with a crisis.

Based on the Meditation Room analysis, the Board reevaluated the restriction on sleeping in the Meditation Room, and consented that the space would likely be more popular if students were allowed to use it for napping. The Board discussed renaming the space to "Relaxation Room" in order to make the space available for broader purposes.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Meditation Room Analysis

Scott Hudson directed the Board's attention to the analysis for the usage of the Meditation Room. The Operations staff monitored the space every hour for two weeks, and found the space is hugely under-utilized. There were often few or no students in the room, and the analysis showed that it was the same few students using the room. In addition, students were usually sleeping or using their electronics rather than meditating or contemplation.

Scott informed the Board that the room was originally created to provide a stress-free, Zen-like space for students, and is not intended for sleeping or other activities. The design of the Meditation Room is funded by a private donation, and there may be remaining funds to reevaluate the space.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Chairman Boateng thanked the Board for their attention and adjourned the October 12, 2016 meeting at 6:17 pm.