

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES for **September 26, 2018**

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM • 3102

ATTENDEES

PRESENT:

Crystal King	Carolina Union Director
Jordan Bermudez*	Carolina Union Board Chair
Viviane Mao*	CUAB President, Board Vice-Chair
Manny Hernandez*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation President
Kennith Echeverria*	Speaker of the Undergraduate Senate
Rishi Sharma*	Executive Branch Appointment
Ben Roberts*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Jessica Bolin*	Campus Y
Kierra Pittman*	Diversity & Inclusion
Lexy Locklear*	Carolina Indian Circle
Hannah Robinson*	Carolina Athletic Association
Carson Southard	Interfraternity Council
Tristan Routh*	BoD Chair Appointment – Student Legal Services
Scott Myers*	Director of Auxiliary Services
Joe Singer	Senior Associate Director, Events Services
Zenik Hite	Interim Audio Visual Manager
Spencer Davis	Audio Visual Specialist

ABSENT:

Savannah Putnam*	Student Body President
Mary-Catherine Adams*	Carolina Union Employee Forum
Bharat Modi	President of the Residence Hall Association
Ricky Marimon*	Campus Recreation Council
Allen O’Barr*	Faculty Member Appointment – CAPS
Wendell Gilland*	Faculty Member Appointment –Kenan-Flagler Business School

* Voting Member of the Board

MEETING SUMMARY

The Board addressed the following points on September 26, 2018:

1. The Student Member At Large application is due Friday, September 28 by 5:00pm in the Union Administration Suite.
2. The Student Success Hub for Florence Recovery is located in Suite 2416 of the Carolina Union with operating hours if 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The Office will remain open until the end of the semester once exams have been completed.
3. Mersive Solstice Pods, presentation devices, are now being introduced to the Carolina Union.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Jordan called the September 26, 2018 Union Board Meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the April 18, 2018 Minutes

Chairwoman Jordan directed the Board's attention to approve the April 18, 2018 meeting minutes that were given out for review. With no corrections to the minutes, Manny Hernandez moved to approve the minutes and Lexy Locklear seconded, the April 18, 2018 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CUAB Update

Vice Chair Viviane informed the Board that CUAB has spent about \$35,000 thus far. There will be a Mental Health Matters event located in the West Lounge on Thursday, September 27. Friday, September 28 CUAB will host an Iced Coffee with CUAB event in the Pit with free iced beverages. *The Spy Who Dumped Me* will be showing this weekend in the Union Auditorium, and a pre-screening of *A Star is Born* will be held at the Varsity on Tuesday, October 2. Students can stop by the CUAB office to get tickets for the event.

OFSL Update

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life hosted hazing prevention events throughout the past week, including Donut Haze and other social media campaigns to raise awareness around hazing.

Indigenous Peoples' Day

On behalf of the Board and the Carolina Union, Board Chair Jordan purchased Indigenous Peoples' Day shirts for all Union staff in support of the Carolina Indian Circle. The Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration will commence at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 1 on the Union Gift Plaza. Food and refreshments will be served.

Student Success Hub for Florence Recovery

In lieu of Hurricane Florence, Dean Desirée Rieckenberg reached out to the Board to create a hub within the Union to house Student Success Advisors. These individuals will serve students- undergraduate, graduate, and professional- as well as any employee of the university with needs resulting from the hurricane. The Student Success Hub for Florence Recovery is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary integrated initiative that provides specialized advising, resources, and support systems specifically for students impacted personally or academically by Hurricane Florence. These resources also extend to faculty and staff of the university.

Because the Board was unable to meet during this time, Chairwoman Jordan and Union Director Crystal deemed this initiative a necessary addition to the Union to support students and professional staff in the campus community.

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Carolina Union Facility Condition Assessment

Senior Associate Director of the Carolina Union, Joe Singer, presented to the Board regarding the condition of the building and necessary maintenance to be done.

Based on the Facility Condition Assessment completed last October, the building is deemed to be in good condition, however upkeep of the building is not sustainable at its current state. There is a projected minimum of \$10 million in investments to be made to the building over the next 10 years for maintenance. Some of the largest recurring costs involve the HVAC system and roof replacements. Non-recurring costs include correcting ADA compliance issues and replacing the current fire alarm system, which will go out of production by 2020. Some of these issues will be resolved by the renovation of the Auditorium, but not all.

Crystal, Joe and Jordan met with the Student Fee Allocation Committee (SFAC) within Student Government to discuss a fee increase to better support the Union. The current Student fee is approximately \$153 per student, and the proposed increase would raise the fee to \$159 per student.

Until the board votes to construct a new building, members will continue to work towards creating a plan for how to best manage the current Union, and the information provided by the Facility Condition Assessment will guide the Board in their decisions throughout this process.

The Student Fee Allocation Committee passed the fee proposal, which will now be presented to the Student Fee Advisory Committee on Friday, September 28 for approval of the fee.

Technology Presentation

Interim Audio Visual Manager Zenik Hite and Audio Visual Specialist Spencer Davis introduced a new presentation technology to the Board. The Mersive Solstice Pod is a device that displays an IP address on the home screen for users to connect to. Users can access the software by entering the IP address into the search engine of their device, and the hardware itself broadcasts WiFi to those using it. Each IP address is unique to the room it is in and changes every time the device turns off. However, the app will remember users and devices, eliminating the need to enter the IP address for each use. If a user is selected as moderator, they will be able to grant access to those accessing the connection so that the device cannot be hijacked. The current Mersive Solstice Pod model allows for up to four inputs simultaneously on one screen. There is also a live feed option from the mobile device app and a how-to-guide for device usage.

The device runs on a network model, in which there is a network connection to a home base or dashboard that can be monitored by Zenik and Spencer. With each addition of a Solstice Pod to the Union, Zenik and Spencer will have access to them to help with maintenance issues without disrupting presentations. During conferences, presenters can send the same media feed into every room with this device without the need for a laptop in every room. Currently there is only one Mersive Solstice Pod deployed in the

Union, however the plan is to employ it more frequently for all to use. These units have a shelf life of about 10 years, with ongoing service and maintenance fee included that can be opted out of.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Chairwoman Jordan thanked the Board for their attention and adjourned the September 26, 2018 meeting at 6:04 pm.