

ATTENDEES

Chair- Jamya Graham
Executive Director- Alexandra Marchesano
Graduate and Professional Student Government President- Neel Swamy
Rep from Graduate and Professional Student Government- Michelle Thomas
President of CUAB, Vice Chair- Jasmine Orsini
President of RHA Representative- Nicole Johnson
RSO (Co-President of Campus Y)- Montia Daniels
Faculty (Human Development and Family Studies)- Dana Riger
Staff Person (Campus Y, Social Innovation Initiative Coordinator)- Jakelin Bonilla
Carolina Union Tenant- CDS- Scott Myers
Student Appointment- Kurshenna Jackson
Director of Event Services- Joe Singer
Student Member at Large- Breanna Blake
President of Black Student Movement- Taliajah Vann
Operations Lead- David Prendergast
CUAB- Sarah Levine
APPLES- Rita Kibicho
FSL- Ion Outterbridge
Student Legal Services- Tristan Routh

Meeting Summary

- Dr. Amir Barzin from the Carolina Testing Together Program answers questions from the Board and addresses the possibility of extending testing hours.
- The Board discusses moving the location of the testing site to another area in the Union.
- Committee formations are conducted.
- Plans for the CUBES project as well as new initiatives including the Legacy Room furnishing and Leave Your Mark and Know Your Status campaigns are outlined.
- Joe Singer conducts a building census.

CALL TO ORDER

Jamya calls meeting to order at 5:00.

Motion to approve minutes from August 25, 2021:

Jamya directs the Board to approve minutes from the August 25, 2021 meeting. Tristan moved to approve the minutes and Jakelin seconded. A vote in favor of approving the minutes was conducted and everyone voted in favor, so the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dr. Amir Barzin meets with the Board as a representative from the Carolina Testing Together Program to discuss questions and updates on the extension of testing hours in the Union.
 - Jamya Graham asks about expanding testing during the holiday season and the possibility of testing on Saturdays and Sundays. Dr. Barzin reports they would consider opening on weekends going into and coming out of holiday breaks. Otherwise, given the low demand they experienced when the testing center was open Saturdays and Sundays last semester, they are not at this time considering extending testing site hours into those days.

- Jamya also asks about the possibility of updating the testing program over the weekend, to which Dr. Barzin responds that given the fact that test results from the Union come back quickly and the center closes at 2 on Fridays, there wouldn't be much to report.
- Montia Daniels asks about extending the testing site's hours to 5 on Fridays. Dr. Barzin explains that they need that time to process tests and the program currently doesn't have enough resources or staff members to handle that increased input.
- Nicole Johnson asks whether or not the vaccine status of people testing positive can be shared with the public. Dr. Barzin explains the vaccination status of patients is protected and they are working with a team to know what can be reported within the guidelines of FERPA. He shares that a disproportionate amount of positive tests are originating from unvaccinated individuals, which is why they increased the testing requirements for unvaccinated individuals from once to twice a week.
- Jamya inquires if testing sites can be extended beyond just the Union to better serve the student population in areas like South Campus. Dr. Barzin reports that they will consider opening more testing sites if they start seeing really high volumes of tests. Currently, the Union is able to manage the capacity of tests being conducted. He shares that the program is already testing at tremendously high levels relative to other healthcare providers and too many more samples would hinder their ability to get results back to patients quickly.
- Jamya inquires as to why numbers of spaces aren't listed for on campus quarantine housing. Dr. Barzin explains that this is because Campus Housing can fluctuate capacity based on whether or not isolating individuals have their own room or share with another person in isolation. He reports that currently there is plenty of space in quarantine housing, with 25 rooms being occupied at the present.
- Jamya asks about the possibility of providing access to antibody testing for students, to which Dr. Barzin replies that antibody testing is not recommended by the CDC because of the room for different interpretations of results and therefore wouldn't be that helpful.
- Jamya inquires about the possibility of the university implementing a vaccine mandate for its students and/or staff. Dr. Barzin explains that at 92% of students vaccinated, UNC sits at a comparable level to most vaccine requiring schools. He shares data from Duke, which has a vaccine mandate and reports 91% of its students as being vaccinated. He says that a team would be needed to put a mandate in place, and the Chancellor has shared that he is open to the idea, but the school has reached what he predicts is the upper limit of vaccinations attainable with or without a mandate.
- Jasmine Orsini inquires about efforts to check the validity of vaccine cards reported and where to find information about the amount of falsifications they have found. Dr. Barzin shares that they haven't found anyone to falsify a record. He explains that given that Campus Health is required to verify the vaccine status of close contacts and random audits have been consistent and high, they have reason to believe that the attestations have been honest.
- Tristan Routh asks how they are verifying students' accounts of their vaccination. Dr. Barzin explains that there is no national database for COVID vaccines, so in the case of out-of-state students they can only go by attestation and vaccine card.
- Jakelin asks how testing availability will evolve as this pandemic continues. Dr. Barzin says that it is hard to predict if or when we will get to a point where testing is less necessary, but he can report that they plan to continue testing at least through the rest of the semester.
- Breanna Blake asks about how the testing center will operate on the days surrounding breaks as student volunteers may have less availability. Dr. Barzin explains that they will address that possibility by working with students' schedules and getting a list of those who have availability.
- Jamya brings up the possibility of moving the location of the testing site to gain back the gallery and lounge space.
 - Joe Singer reports that doing so would require rescheduling about 300 appointments.
 - In response to suggestions of other board members, Joe clarifies that he doesn't think the testing team would be receptive to dividing the space to create room for a gallery, but there is the possibility of showcasing art in different areas throughout the Union.

- In response to Montia Daniels's question of whether or not the Legacy Room is furnished with art, Alexandra outlines Jamya's plan to put an adhoc committee together to address the furnishing of the Legacy Room, which was delayed due to COVID.
- In regard to CUBES, Jamya informs the Board that they are looking to establish an official name for the project, organize a reception, provide a description of the project for students, and decide on where the cubes should be placed on campus. Montia, Breanna, Talijah, Dana, and Rita volunteer to be on the CUBES committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jamya conducts committee formations for the Membership, Long Range Planning, Finance, and Space Allocation committees and the Leave Your Mark, Know Your Status, and Legacy Room adhoc committees and members voice which committees they would like to serve on.
- Jamya outlines her plans for new initiatives including the Leave Your Mark and Know Your Status campaigns. The Leave Your Mark campaign will be provide the opportunity for students to write and display notes in the Union. The Know Your Status campaign will focus on student health and STI testing.
- Jamya reminds the Board that headshots are scheduled for September 22 and members should arrive before the meeting to get those photos taken by CCS.
- Joe conducts the building census and shares data that shows bookings are up from last year. Occurrences are overwhelmingly student organization associated. He predicts that traffic will continue to pick up.

Committee Updates

- **Student Legal Services**
 - Tristan Routh shares that the immigration attorney within Student Legal Services just gained availability and has open appointments available for students in need of legal assistance.
- **RHA**
 - Nicole Johnson discusses the multicultural festival the RHA is hosting on September 24. Cultural organizations are encouraged to contact a member of the RHA Executive Board to participate.
- **CUAB**
 - Jasmine Orsini explains that CUAB is looking to hire for both the Fun chare and Social Media chair positions.

ADJOURNMENT

Jamya adjourns meeting at 6:24. Mutiple members motioned and then seconded. A vote was conducted, and everyone voted in favor of ending the meeting, so the motion carried.