

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES for **SEPTEMBER 28, 2016**

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM • 3102

ATTENDEES

PRESENT:

Boateng Kubi*	Carolina Union Board Chair
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
Taylor Bates*	President of the Residence Hall Association
Sid Iyer*	Campus Y
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
Hiren Gihwala	Vice President of the Residence Hall Association
Ami Patel	CUAB diversity Co-Chair
Joe Singer	Senior Associate Director, Events Management
Scott Hudson	Senior Associate Director, Facility Management
Bobby Kunstman	Senior Associate Director, Student Life and Leadership
Megan Johnson	Associate Director, Communications & Creative Services
Kate Kryder	Co-Curricular Leadership Program Coordinator
Brian Lackman	Student Activities Program Coordinator
Felicity Welch	SafeWalk
Becci Menghini	Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office
Ew Quimbaya-Winship	Report and Response Coordinator, Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office
Rebecca Gibson	Report and Response Coordinator, Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office
Hilary Delbridge	Communications Manager, Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office

ABSENT:

Crystal King	Carolina Union Director
Madelyn Percy*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Vicky Bham*	Graduate and Professional Student Federation Appointment
Mishana Sturdivant*	National PanHellenic Council (NPHC)
Sanjana Vattigunta*	BoD Chair Appointment – General Alumni Association
Allen O'Barr*	Faculty Member Appointment – CAPS

* Voting Member of the Board

MEETING SUMMARY

The Board addressed the following points on September 28, 2016:

1. The Board welcomed Vicky Bham, Sarah Dickson, and Travis Broadhurst, the newly appointed 2016-2017 Board members.
2. The Long Range Planning committee will begin meeting on the off-weeks of the full Board meetings. The Space Allocation committee will begin meeting in the spring semester once the application for space usage opens.
3. Cole Simons informed the Board that the Carolina Union Bylaws have been approved, and are now officially recognized and in effect.
4. The Board discussed the creation of a Healing Space for students and employees to deal with personal, campus, and major crises in the Carolina Union. The discussion was tabled in order to allow for further deliberation.
5. The EOC Office and SafeWalk presented to the Board about the services and resources they offer to students, and how the Board can better understand and support their efforts.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Boateng called the September 28, 2016 Union Board Meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the September 14, 2016 Minutes

Chairman Boateng consented to approve the September 14, 2016 meeting minutes that were give out to the Board members for review. With no corrections to the minutes, the September 14, 2016 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of GPSF Appointments and Student At-Large Member

Chairman Boateng introduced Travis Broadhurst, the selected Student At-Large Board Member. Travis Broadhurst is junior studying Geophysics and Energy. He is excited to be involved and be able to impact student life at Carolina. After an extensive application and interview process, the Membership Committee chose Travis based on his passion for serving the mission of the Carolina Union.

Chairman Boateng then directed the Board's attention to the new GPSF Appointments Sarah Dickson and Vicky Bham. Sarah Dickson is a first year student in the MPA program at the School of Government. She was previously involved with the student union during her undergraduate career at Ohio State, and she is excited to work with the Board.

Committee Updates and Discussion

Chairman Boateng informed the Board that with a full Board and as the semester progresses, the Long Range Planning Committee will meet on the off-weeks of full Board meetings. The committee will bring back discussion points to be further reviewed by the full Board. The Space Allocation Committee will be activated in the spring semester when student organizations apply for building space usage for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Bylaws Update

Cole Simons informed the Board that Congress approved the updated Carolina Union Bylaws two weeks ago. The updated Carolina Union Bylaws are now officially recognized and in effect.

Healing Spaces

Chairman Boateng introduced Kate Kryder and Brian Lackman to propose the concept of a Healing Space in the Carolina Union, potentially at one of the alcoves in the Carolina Union Annex. This space will be dedicated to being restorative, supportive, soothing, and comforting. The Healing Space will be unique to other lounges in the Carolina Union in order to make the space as inviting to students who need it. These considerations include furniture concepts, music or sound, soothing colors and light, etc.

The Board opened up a discussion about the concept of a Healing Space and the comparison to the Meditation Room that is already in the Carolina Union. Kate clarified that the Healing Space is used for conversations regarding current personal, campus, and bigger crises while the Meditation Room is for quiet personal or spiritual time. This space could be used, but is not limited to, taking personal phone calls, dealing with crises, and safely discussing current issues.

The Board expressed their hesitation to commit to this concept due to the existence of a very similar space in the Meditation Room and due to the current Feasibility Study that may point out a bigger need. The Board indicated their curiosity in surveying the Meditation Room to find out how the space is currently used. If possible, the Board is interested in looking at that usage to further discuss if it would be better to redesign that space instead of creating a new one that serves a similar purpose. In addition, the Board proposed creating a space allocated to healing, but one that would not require large expenses. The Board consented to table the topic for further discussion in order for continued deliberation and thoughts.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Title IX Office

Chairman Boateng introduced Becci Menghini to speak about the Title IX and EOC Office, and their policies at Carolina. The EOC office is responsible for handling cases related to discrimination and harassment, as well as compliance with relevant education and employment laws and regulations. The policies at the EOC office are reviewed regularly, and ideas are heard from staff, campus partners, and those who have reported a case.

Becci informed the Board that the EOC staff work extremely hard to serve as a first responder in reports of discrimination and harassment. The EOC office remains private, and the office is committed to not disclosing information and often will not provide a statement in relation to cases. The misconception is that the office chooses not to provide statements, while in fact, it is to protect those involved and to remain compliant with policies set by the University and by the State.

Ew, the first Title IX officer hired, spoke to the Board about the importance of privacy in regards to cases involving discrimination and harassment. Student or staff who report cases and defendants must feel comfortable sharing information, and the office holds a "Need-To-Know" policy regarding the information shared. As a third party office, the EOC office strives to make sure both parties feel safe and comfortable with what information is disclosed and with actions taken. The EOC representatives explained that those accused are assumed innocent until proven guilty. The EOC office investigates and assesses all cases and responds with safety measures, protective planning, and support for all reports. Each case will be different

and the EOC office works to provide resources and support to anyone; their first priority is to the safety of students and employees on campus.

SafeWalk

Chairman Boateng introduced Felicity Welch to present to the Board about SafeWalk. SafeWalk began in 2010 to provide students with a protected way to get home due to safety concerns with returning home late at night. SafeWalk employees walk students home regardless of location, and makes students feel comfortable walking home. SafeWalk employees are trained to be responders for harassment and discrimination cases and to protect students properly in situations of danger. SafeWalk has walked over 10,000 people home and the program continues to grow due to such high demand and increased collaborations with groups on campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Chairman Boateng thanked the Board for their attention and adjourned the September 28, 2016 meeting at 6:50 pm.