

ATTENDEES

Chair- Jamya Graham
Executive Director- Alexandra Marchesano
Vice Chair, President of CUAB- Jasmine Orsini
Graduate and Professional Student Federation- Neel Swamy
RSO- Duke-UNC China Leadership Summit- Steven Michael Nuzzolo
Faculty- School of Education- Dana Riger
Faculty- Steve May
Faculty- Paulo R. Ferreira
Staff- Student Affairs Social Innovation Initiatives- Jakelin Bonilla
Student Member-at-Large- Breanna Blake
Student Member-at-Large- Francesca Amponsah
CU Tenant- Legal Services- Tristan Routh
CU Tenant- Campus Dining Services- Scott Myers
Student Appointment- Kwaji Bullock
Business and Finance- Amber Ali
Student Activities Program Coordinator- Sarah Levine
Carolina Union- Fraternity and Sorority Life- Ion Outterbridge
Proxy for Kurshenna Jackson- Marshall Betts
Margaret Pinder

Meeting Summary

- The Board discussed the request by the Muslim Student Association for a permanent space for their Friday prayers within the Union.
- Jamya outlined the process of interviewing and choosing next year's CU Board of Director's Chair.
- Jamya received more suggestions regarding her plan to display QR codes around the building for student's to submit requests and concerns.
- Jasmine discussed the upcoming process of elected a new student to the position of CUAB President.

CALL TO ORDER

Jamya calls meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes from January 26, 2022:

The meeting had not yet reached quorum, so Jamya postponed approving the minutes until later.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jamya opened the floor for subcommittees to give updates.

- Jasmine Orsini presented on behalf of the Space Allocation committee. She discussed how they had been having trouble coordinating a time where everyone was available, so they've made plans to have two separate meetings to accommodate.
- Dana Riger shared updates on the CUBES Reception, which will take place on February 18th starting at 3:30 p.m. She discussed how they had begun handing out flyers for the event and plan for the event to have an interactive element where guests can write more names that aren't represented on the cubes or display.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board moved forward to discuss the request by the Muslim Student Association for a permanently booked room in the Union that was introduced at the last meeting.
 - Dana expressed her thoughts that the Board's discussion centered around equality when the issue was more about equity between different religious groups on campus. In order to be equitable, she thinks that a different kind of access should be afforded to groups like MSA, who don't have set aside spaces on campus.
 - Scott said he interpreted last week's discussion to mean that the Union has no space available to provide for this cause.
 - Alexandra shared that she will be meeting with MSA on Friday. She discussed how the Union gets a number of requests throughout the year for space for particular groups and cited a recent similar request regarding the Disability Cultural Center. She said they she was going to try to find the best solution. Alexandra also brought up a past fundraiser for the MSA that attempted to raise money for a designated space and discussed that she would like to find out where that money went.
 - Scott asked if there were other spaces outside the Union that the Union has access to.
 - Alexandra discussed the possibility of using general purpose classrooms, but reiterated the point Joe made last week that these spaces are not reliable due to being under construction and only being made available a couple weeks into each semester.
 - Ion asked a question to clarify if they were requesting a prayer room on Fridays.
 - Jamya said that they are looking for a space on Friday or a permanent prayer room.
 - Ion asked if they had outgrown the prayer room they usually use.
 - Jamya responded that they have outgrown smaller spaces that they have had to use and are looking for regular access to an adequately sized room.
 - Tristan asked, since they'd already been given early access to book their preferred room, are they looking for that space to be devoted to them.
 - Jamya answered that they are looking for a space to be reserved for them.
 - Jasmine added that MSA has a designated office space within the Union already and is now looking to have a prayer room.
 - Alexandra outlined that the goal for the meeting on Friday is to have a walkthrough of the Union with them to see what they are looking for.
 - Ion shared his thoughts that it might be in MSA's advantage to pursue the request outside of the Union and look for other open spaces on campus.
 - Jamya asked the Board if they had any questions they would like them to broach at the meeting on Friday.

- Tristan said that the question should be asked of who to go to start pursuing other spaces on campus.
 - Scott suggested talking to someone in facilities planning who might know campus broadly and be familiar with idle spaces.
 - Alexandra mentioned a list of buildings and who oversees each of them that is available.
 - Neel made a point that referring groups to non-Union entities does not address the issue of demand. He said that if we have X number of groups requesting a space and we don't offer it to anyone on account of being fair, no one benefits. He said that an attempt should be made to evaluate the range of consequences that would impact this student organization if they weren't able to find a space. He suggested the Union try to acquire information about how the inability to use the space would effect MSA, because he feels the group would not be asking if it wasn't addressing a dire need that shapes their experience at the Union and on campus.
 - Tristan added to this and said that, given the feasibility study, the issue the Union knows it will continue to contend with is that there will not be enough space unless a new building is constructed. Until then, the issue will be how to equitably deal with the space that we have. He added that the fact that the Union must turn away groups can be used to advocate for a new building.
 - Alexandra said that she has discussed the possibility of a new building with people above her, but the issue will be finding funding for the initiative.
- Jamya then reminded the Board of upcoming events for next week. The Second Year Summit is scheduled for Wednesday 16th and the Cubes Reception is scheduled for the 18th.
- Jamya then shifted the discussion to the BOD Application timeline.
 - Jamya asked if anyone would be interested in working on the committee for BOD Chair Applications.
 - Dana asked for more clarification on what the committee's job would be and if it would include reviewing applications and meeting to discuss them.
 - Jamya made the decision to keep the reviewing of applications as a whole Board activity.
 - Jamya discussed that the deadline would be at the end of February and that Marissa and Alexandra would be working together to screen applicants.
 - Jamya explained that every Board member needs to provide two possible interview questions to be considered for use in the interview process. The interviews for applicants are planned for March and afterwards the Board will vote on a new Chair. At the last meeting of the semester, the Chair will adjourn the meeting and Jamya will present the annual report of the Board's activities for the year.
 - Jamya presented a question to members for review: Given the opportunity to implement a project within the Union, what would it be and how would it impact the student body?
 - Francesca added that a question should be included asking how they have contributed to the Union.
 - Scott also suggested that the applicant be asked what the Union means to them and how they think it can be improved.

- Jamya asked members to review the document on Teams regarding the BOD Application before the next meeting, so that they are aware of the process.
- Next, Jamya asked members for further suggestions regarding her plan to post QR codes for students to submit requests and comments about the Union.
 - Francesca shared her thoughts that questions should be added to the form that prompt students to answer how much they utilize the Union, if they think student space is available, how is their experience when they are using the space (loud, quiet, etc.).
- Jasmine shared that interviews for the position of CUAB President will be conducted on February 21st and the invitation is extended to all members to attend. Jasmine shared some of the questions that would be posed to applicants, including:
 - How do you see yourself serving effectively as the President of CUAB and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors?
 - How will you contribute to the CU Board of Directors and the functioning of the Union?
 - How does your vision align with that of the Carolina Union?
 - What are some of the changes to the Union that you would push the Board to address next year?
- The meeting had reached quorum, so Jamya presented the motion to approve the minutes from the January 26 meeting. Neel seconded her motion and it passed with unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT

Jamya adjourns meeting at 5:56.

Jamya presented a motion to adjourn the meeting and Neel seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent.