

ATTENDEES

Jauntel Bennett- Board Chair
Alexandra Marchesano- Executive Director of the Union
Taliajah (Teddy) Vann- Undergraduate Student Government President
Christian Phillips- Speaker of the Undergraduate Senate
Lauren Aycock- President of CUAB and Board Vice Chair
Theodore Noellert- Graduate and Professional Student Government President
Sedrick Brown- Representative from Black Student Movement
John Obeifuna- Representative from Black Entrepreneur Initiative
Paulo Rodrigues- Faculty Representative, Romance Languages Department
Ion Outterbridge- Staff Representative, Fraternity and Sorority Life
Tristan Routh- Carolina Union Tenant, Legal Services
Christen Flowers- Carolina Union Tenant, CDS
Joe Singer- Event Services
Tory Holder- Associate Director of CCS

Meeting Summary

- Board members gave updates on their organizations and departments.
- Jauntel outlined the process for the Board Chair applicant interviews that will take place during the April 5th meeting.
- The Board discussed meeting attendance and what can be done to make the Board a more active and effective body.

CALL TO ORDER

Jamya called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes from previous meetings:

The meeting did not reach quorum, so the Board was unable to approve the minutes from the previous meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jauntel prompted members of the Board to give updates from their respective organizations and departments.
 - Sedrick, speaking for BSM, mentioned how the organization is wrapping up events for the current executive board.
 - Christen had no major updates to give from CDS. Tristan asked for an update on the BITE vending machine that the Board had voted on earlier in the year and Christen responded that they're having issues with the mobile credentials and tech aspect of the equipment, which is delaying the roll out of the machine.
 - Theodore spoke for GPSP, mentioning the election of the new president and her ongoing selection of next year's executive board. He also mentioned that the only group without space in the government suite is the judicial branch and the newly elected president would be interesting in securing space for them.
 - Christian Phillips, the representative for the Undergraduate Senate, spoke on how next year's senate was recently elected and how they were in the process of scheduling orientation for the new senators. Christian also explained that he will be the president of

CAA next year and wanted to inquire about the process of securing CAA space within the Union.

- Jauntel informed him that decisions pertaining to space allocation had already been sent out, but he was welcome to appeal.
- Representing Student Legal Services, Tristan explained that there were no major updates

NEW BUSINESS

- Jauntel then shifted discussion to the Board of Director Chair application.
 - She outlined the process whereby three applicants will be interviewed during the April 5th meeting.
 - Jauntel explained that she will be sending out individual emails to everyone to ensure attendance, because the Board has to vote on next year's Board chair during that meeting.
 - During the interview process, Jauntel explained, each applicant will have 15 minute slots where they have 3 minutes to give a presentation, time for the Board to ask them questions, and time for them to ask the Board questions.
 - Jauntel told the Board that members will need to be involved in asking the applicant questions,
 - Alexandra added that last year a list of questions was given to members for their approval, and then members were assigned a question to ask.
 - Teddy asked Jauntel if she would be comfortable posing all the questions to the applicants.
 - Ion expressed that he thought it would be a good idea for various members to pose questions, particularly students. He asked if there was a prompt to the presentation, and if so, what was it.
 - Jauntel read out the three questions that the presentations were supposed to be centered around.
 - Jauntel proposed that questions be put in front of chairs around the room and if a member ends up sitting in front of a question, it is their responsibility to ask that question.
 - Tristan proposed that students ask the main questions, with staff able to jump in with additional questions if they deem it to be necessary.
- Next, Jauntel ran through some important dates.
 - During the April 5th meeting, she explained, they will vote on previous meeting minutes, quickly run through member reports, have Sedrick present data from the living room of the campus survey, confirm the new CUAB president, and then conduct the Board chair interviews.
 - Jauntel then outlined the final Board meeting on April 19th, where she will open the meeting and the new Board chair will close it. During this meeting the finance committee will also present the budget report, Alexandra will distribute a survey on members' experience on the Board, and Jauntel will conduct her closing-out presentation.
- Ion posed a question to Jauntel and the Board asking why they think the Board had fallen off in terms of attendance, prompting a discussion.
 - Jauntel shared that, from a student standpoint, there is a lot going on during this time of the year. She explained her thoughts that many students commit to this position without anticipating the other responsibilities they may pick up throughout the year that may require their time. Jauntel mentioned that her and Alexandra had been talking about ways to encourage more engagement and make students understand the importance of their roles on the Board.
 - Ion put forth the idea that organizations who have office space in the Union be required to send representatives to the Board meeting or risk losing their office space in the building.
 - If organizations whose representatives don't attend regularly are removed from the Board, Theodore asked, will those positions ever fill.

- Alexandra responded that the task then would be to find different organizations to fill those spots.
- Christen suggested using food as an incentive to attend meetings.
 - Alexandra agreed that this would be helpful, but it is not always realistic given the Board's level of funding.
- Paulo asked what attendance levels looked like in past years.
 - Alexandra explained that she could only speak for the last couple years, but the Board meetings that took place on zoom during Covid with Darian as the Board Chair almost always reached quorum.
- Theodore asked what the most impactful thing the Board had accomplished was.
 - Tristan responded that the feasibility study was a significant task.
- Theodore expressed that at times the Board can feel aimless, and while that may be an issue with broader implications pertaining to jurisdiction and budget, it may help to construct something like a 5-year plan to structure Board activity for an extended period. He shared that this plan could also be helpful tracking changes and progress attributable to the Board, which could boost involvement in the future.
 - Jauntel agreed that this could be an efficacious strategy, but also shared that attendance rates tend to fall over before any project of this size can be pursued.
- Tristan spoke on the fact that the Board must act as lobbyist to make things happen. He mentioned that getting the Vice Chancellor or Student Affairs involved could open doors for the Board to achieve more.

ADJOURNMENT

Jauntel adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.