

Union Council Meeting Minutes November 14, 2016

Present: Deshawn McKinney, Mark Guthier, Madison Laning, George Cutlip, Omar Jandal, Jessica Franco-Morales, Susan Dibbell, Chris Verhaeghe, Caleb Foust, Lily Hansen, Peter Lipton, Adan Abu-Hakmeh, Carmen Gosey, Samuel Park, Juli Aulik

Guests: Swetha Saseedhar, Forrest Koslowski, Kelsey Rahe, Wade Dittburner, Audrey Wilde, Mills Botham, Victoria Fok, Folarin Ajibade, Halle Lukisch, Jay Ekleberry, Lori DeMeuse, Paul Broadhead, Dar Ward, Jonathan Bronk.

Call to Order: Deshawn McKinney called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

WUD Committee/Club Goal Presentations

The following WUD Directors and Hooper Club Presidents reported on their goals for this year:

Global Connections – Swetha Saseedhar

- Focus on social justice minded topics and speakers
- Introduce more well-rounded cultural programs
- Be more inclusive

Hooper Outing – Forrest Koslowski

- Implement land safety code
- Create and implement an outreach program
- Clean up Google Docs from previous years

Hooper Scuba – Kelsey Rahe

- Set up a cycle of trips
- Incorporate more ocean diving
- Set up template for planning trips
- Plan more social events – especially in the off season

Approval of 10/24/16 Meeting Minutes

Lily Hansen **made a motion to approve** the minutes from the 10/24/16 meeting. **Samuel Park seconded. All approved. Motion passed.**

Open Forum

No one was present to speak at the open forum.

Update on Union South Bike Station – Adan Abu-Hakmeh

Dar Ward and Jonathan Bronk from UW Facilities Planning and Management gave an overview of the bike shelter proposed for the Dayton Street side of Union South. A plan for a larger bike shelter was removed from the original project due to insufficient funding. A shelter that was going to be used for another purpose recently became available. The plan for this shelter is a scaled down version of the previous proposal and can house 48 bicycles. The hope is that it will be constructed next summer. Spaces would be obtained by an annual application process.

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The following WUD Directors and Hooper Club Presidents reported on their goals for this year:

Hooper Mountaineering – Wade Dittburner

- Work on safety audit items

- Create a protocol and safety procedure document
- Finish up gear usage policy
- Complete PSR safety document and vote on implementation in about 3 weeks

Hooper Riding – Audrey Wilde

- Reinvigorate current membership
- Look at the value of Riding Club and its role in the Union
- Work on summer youth programming
- Provide equine experiences outside of riding
- Expand socials and outings

Hooper Sailing – Mills Botham

- Redo sailing safety manual and ground school documents
- Raise funds for new piers – he recently secured a matching program grant in the amount of \$1 million
- Purchase an ATV for snow kiting
- Purchase new fleet of collegiate race boats
- Restructure socials
- Improve volunteerism in the club

WUD Publications – Victoria Fok

- Increase diverse voices in publications
- Increase presence on campus
- Work with College Library to have coffee and publications distribution right before finals week

WUD Performing Arts Committee - Folarin Ajibade

- Inclusive booking
- Rebrand world music and put it under a global union
- Experiment more with multi-media
- Work with more student organizations
- Collaborate more with the school of Music
- Have less segmentation among Assistant Directors

WUD Music – Halle Lukisch

- Focus on inclusivity
- Work on venue safety
- Develop a harassment hotline
- Send students to the South by Southwest Conference
- More collaboration with other campus departments/agencies

WUD Film – James LaPierre

- Make WUD Film a safe place for guests and the committee
- Continue strong participation
- Feminist Film Festival in spring
- Coordinate trip to Sundance Film Festival in January

Thinking Forward Together – Jay Ekleberry

Mr. Ekleberry and Susan Dibbell are co-facilitating the current Wisconsin Union strategic planning process. Mr. Ekleberry reviewed the process to date and presented the 5 identified strengths that have emerged from the process so far. They are:

- Locations/Spaces
- Events/Service
- Trust in Students
- Community Passion
- Committed and Knowledgeable Staff

Discussion took place around what communities were selected to participate and the definition of “community”. Deshawn McKinney asked for a breakdown of the groups that participated in the process up to this point. Next steps in the process will be bringing the 5 identified strengths back to Union area meetings after the New Year and scheduling Town Hall style meetings before spring break.

Financial Report – Mark Guthier

Mr. Guthier reviewed the financial reports for the first quarter. The budget was prepared anticipating that the 1st floor of Memorial Union would be open the beginning of September. Catering and the hotel were ahead of budgeted revenue. Juli Aulik expressed concern regarding the delay in opening the 1st floor and the impact on the budget. Mr. Guthier responded that there were savings in operating expenses such as salaries and supplies due to the fact that the 1st floor units weren’t opened. The effect on the financials will be more evident in the October preliminary reports which come out this week.

Annual Budget Process – Mark Guthier

Mark Guthier stated that department heads are meeting Monday afternoon to begin planning for the budgeting process. A slightly different approach is being taken this year in that we are setting some aspirational goals for the Union. The financial impact of these goals will be built into the budget.

Directorate budgets will be presented to Council in December rather than April as in the past. Budgets will be broken down by line item rather than totals only.

Sub-Committee Reports

Deshawn McKinney reminded Council members that they need to serve on a Council sub-committee.

External Relations - Omar Jandal

- Recently toured Union facilities to provide context.
- Reviewed procedure ER1-9a on web procedures and ER9-2b on photography.

Facilities – Adan Abu-Hakmeh

- An update on the bike station was given earlier in the meeting.
- The committee has not had quorum at that past two meetings.
- They are reviewing Facilities policies and procedures, most of which predate the new Union South.
- Are waiting for art to be installed in the Union South Reflection Room and for the Memorial Union 1st floor to come back online.

Dining – Caleb Foust

- Expressed the desire to have all of the Union’s policies on the website.
- The committee recently met and discussed the following:
 - Having calorie counts on all menus
 - Providing detailed nutritional information
 - Advertising drinking consequences to students – display signage in public
 - Directorate and Hoofers will receive an additional RSO discount from catering

Program and Leadership – Lily Hansen

- Working on policy changes
- Starting workgroups for co-sponsorship and fundraising
- Deletion of P&L 4.3. Lily Hansen stated that this policy is no longer relevant. Ms. Hansen made a **motion to delete**. Adan Abu-Hakmeh **seconded the motion**. **All approved. Motion passed.**

Administration – Deshawn McKinney

The committee began discussions on the makeup of Union Council and whether to add a University Staff and Student employee representative. One of the options presented was to keep Council the same size and eliminate the Alumni rep appointed by the Chancellor and one of the ASM reps. Discussion on the pros and cons of this option took place. The constitution will need to be voted on prior to any changes. The committee will resume discussion on this issue at its next meeting.

- WU1-1. The policy was updated to reflect the change in officer positions. Lily Hansen made a **motion to approve** the policy as amended. Adan Abu-Hakmeh **seconded the motion**. **All approved. Motion passed.**

Updates

ASM – Carmen Gosey

- Has been in conversation with Athletics regarding the racially offensive football game costume. A policy was created and students were involved in the process.
- Pork gelatin in Babcock Dairy ice cream is an ongoing concern.

Hoofers – Caleb Foust

- Continues to work to get Google apps free of charge for Hoofers.

Heidi Lang

The Union along with the Dean of Students office has held listening sessions in response to the offensive costume incident.

Susan Dibbell

The Wiscard office has issued 7,345 voter ID’s to date. 989 of these were on Election Day.

Adjourn

Adan Abu-Hakmeh **made a motion** to adjourn the meeting. Adan Caleb Foust **seconded the motion**. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.