

Wisconsin Union 2017-2018
April 11, 2018
Agriculture Room, Union South

Present: Iffat Bhuiyan, Omar Jandal, Courtney Medick, Mark Guthier, Susan Dibbell, Sydney Weiser, Chris Verhaeghe, Liz Preston, Heidi Lang, Lori Berquam, Dan Grabois, Nick Munce, Forrest Koslowski, George Cutlip

Absent: Jordan Pasbrig, Max Goldfarb, Sam Park

Guests: Josh Grosser, Shauna Breneman, Mary Russell, Mills Botham, Marilyn Feldner, Edie Block

6:00pm Iffat called the meeting to order

Nick motions to amend the agenda to put the Hoofers Budget Presentation first. Forrest seconded and the motion passed.

Hoofer Budget

Josh walked through the Hooper presentation regarding the budget highlighting the club's background, the budget approval process, the various budgets and the club's total budget.

Liz motioned to approve the Hooper Budget. Nick seconded and the motion passed.

Action Items

Minutes

Forrest motioned to approve the March minutes. Courtney seconded and the motion passed.

Gender Neutral Bathroom Recommendation

Forrest updated Council on the Facilities committee's work creating a Gender Neutral Bathroom at Union South. He explained that the committee is recommending transforming the commuter shower on the 3rd floor of Union South into a gender inclusive bathroom by first removing the key card access, adding signage and eventually turning the shower off.

Nick asked what would occur after turning the shower off and Forrest explained that they will be utilizing the shower to support the needs of the users of the Reflection room.

Susan suggested maybe they find a different shower for commuters, she added that it would be good to know who is using the shower and how often. Omar also asked if there

were any statistics regarding how many people currently do or would use a reflection space.

Sydney asked if there would be any concrete recommendation so the next Facilities chair will know the inter-campus stakeholders. Forrest explained that the Facilities committee has been working with ASM and they are compiling the transition document for the convenience of his successor.

Liz moved to amend the document to include a plan for notifying users of the change in the restroom.

Omar suggested that the committee explore the idea of keeping the shower and putting a sign notifying the users. Liz responded that if the Union decides to go through with the gender neutral bathroom, they should be genuine about it.

Iffat tabled a vote on the matter until the next meeting.

Hoofer Constitution Changes

Forrest walked through the edits made to the Hooper Constitution.

Mark asked why yoga instructors were not included as Hooper members. Forrest explained that they do not officially have a connection to Hoopers or directly support the clubs like the office staff does. Susan recommended updated references to Outdoor Recreation Director to Outdoor UW Director.

Omar motioned to approve the changes made to the Hooper Constitution. Nick seconded and the motion passed.

Dining: Wisconsin Union Demonstration Kitchen Policy

Sydney provided an overview of the Demonstration Kitchen Policy. This included the intentional use of the kitchen, its processes and where the food can be stored.

Iffat asked who would be able to use the demo kitchen and Sydney explained that it is mainly intended for Cuisine's use, but Wheelhouse Studios and Catering can use it with permission. She added that people must undergo specific training before being able to use the kitchen.

Iffat also asked how long the training certification lasts before it must be renewed. Sydney explained that it can be two to three years depending on which training is undergone.

Iffat asked where the kitchen will be stored and Sydney said it will stay in Union South.

George asked if the cart can be used both indoors and outdoors and Sydney explained that at the moment it can only be used indoors in rooms one and three of Varsity Hall.

Dan asked if there would be food safety training and Sydney explained non-Union/WUD users would have to sign a waiver and everyone using it would need to understand the risks.

Heidi clarified that committee members are there to oversee the demo kitchen and it cannot be rented to outside groups. She also added that there are restrictions on the quantity of food that can be produced, which would help with the issue of students fundraising.

Susan recommended that this go to Leadership Team for approval and revisions as this is really a practice or a procedure—it is not a policy.

Open Forum

Omar raised the issue of information being stored in the Union data system and whether or not they should improve security. Mark explained that the University has strict protocols in place as well and the Union went through extensive audits, so their system is fairly dependable.

Theater Season Budget

Marilyn walked through the presentation of the Theater's 2018-19 Season Budget. She highlighted the committee's goals. Then Ralph Russo provided a brief overview of the numbers in the budget.

Mark asked if the earned income figures are accounted for the full ticket price or the student ticket price of \$10. Ralph explained that it was only the student ticket price.

Mark also asked if there were estimates for how many people were attending each production and Ralph responded that they do have these estimates.

Liz motioned to approve the Theater Budget. Forrest seconded and the motion was passed.

Subcommittee updates

Administration

Iffat informed Council that they recently received a letter from the Chancellor informing them that our budget was approved as recommended by ASM. She added that Jacob Hahn presented the results of the Student Employee Survey to the committee. The responses were positive overall.

External Relations

Courtney explained that the committee is starting to work on a complicated archiving policy.

George asked why that job was given to the External Relations Committee, and Courtney said that there are many potential benefits for archiving and currently members of the External Relations staff are working with UW Archives.

Program and Leadership

Nick walked the Council through the Publications Committee Study Charge. He also presented the Study Recommendations, reading through each category of process, membership and identity.

George asked if in the situation that a publication partners with the Union having their own funding, whether they would be able to keep that funding or not. Nick explained that the publication may keep their funds, but must also have a plan if those funds are depleted.

Liz asked about the requirements for when a publication approaches the committee and how decisions are made. Nick explained that a major change is that the publication cannot be funded without Directorate approval.

Omar asked if the publications are in agreement with everything and whether there is any significant change. Nick replied that lots of editors in chief, advisors and the future director of the committee were in agreement. He added that number seven is a cultural change that will take time.

Forrest motioned to approve the Publications Recommendations. Courtney seconded and the motion was passed.

Reports

Director

Mark reminded everyone of the three fundraising priorities they had for the year including increasing the Theater endowments, funding the Marina project and creating an endowment for the student leader stipend program.

He added that Memorial Union received their LEAD Silver Certification and that he attended a professional conference where Celeste Hedley presented on how to have better conversations, a key takeaway being that it is impossible to multitask.

Named Spaces Update

Iffat provided updates regarding the Named Spaces Subcommittee, explaining that they formed goals. She also added that there will be an additional Union Council meeting to address the issue.

VCSA Update

Lori informed Council that there are three candidates for the position. Open sessions were held for staff.

Financial Update

Susan updated everyone that we are making progress in increasing revenue and expect to see a more positive bottom line once the Terrace opens. Should also see an impact with the Memorial Union Guest Rooms coming online.

WUD Update

Forrest updated that Hooper Leadership will be turning over May 1.

Sydney updated that there is French Cuisine History event, Flavors of the World and a seminar on staying fit in college.

Nick updated that Lit Fest is coming up, incorporating various WUD groups. He added that there was a Facebook livestream to announce the WUDStock lineup and that a notice is being sent out about the upcoming issue of MODA. This issue has more nudity than past issues.

Forrest motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sydney seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.