

**Union Council Meeting**  
**January 17th, 2017**

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

**Absent:** Carmen Gosey

**Guests:** Shauna Breneman, Joe Webb, Mason Muerhoff,

**Call to Order:** Deshawn McKinney called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

**Minutes:** Mark Guthier moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Juli Aulik seconded. Minutes approved.

**Open Forum:** None speak

**November Financial report:**

Susan Dibbell reported that the bottom line is still positive, and not much has changed since the previous report. There was a slight slippage in retail and dining due to the restaurants opening later than expected. No questions or comments on the financial report from the Council.

**Bus Tickets:**

Mark Guthier provided a brief history of bus tickets sales locations and reported that the Box Office in Memorial Union would now sell the bus tickets. After receiving complaints, the hours at the Box Office are expanding to 10AM to 7PM Monday – Friday and 11:30AM – 2:30PM on Saturdays. Mark pointed out that the member discount is only available through the Box Office, and signage should be added to notify customers about other ways to purchase tickets.

**Nominating Committee:**

Deshawn McKinney confirmed that Lori Berquam and Jessica Franco- Morales volunteered, and he will have more information about the process in the future.

**WUD Budget Update**

Deshawn thanked Adan for her work on the budget. Adan reminded Council that the budget was readjusted to reflect a 1.5% increase to match the rest of Union spending increases as was decided at the previous Council meeting. The Council noted that in the future, explanations of line items could make the budget spreadsheet easier to read, and that spring and fall semester spending should be more evenly spent. In addition, the Council recommended having notes on each committee and their spending – are they on track?

Lily Hansen motioned to approve the WUD budget and Peter Lipton seconded the motion. 13 votes recorded in favor, with none opposed. WUD Budget approved at \$787,907.00

**Union Fiscal Year 17-18 Budget**

Mark Guthier stated that Jane would be in attendance for the voting process in February. The budget had yet to make it through the Admin Subcommittee, and Mark was looking for feedback and reactions before it goes to the committee.

- Mark Guthier took the Council through the entire presentation and process.
  - The notable feature of the budget was a potential \$1.37 raise in segregated fees to cover deficit.
- Madison Laning noted that seeing a description of the \$2.2 million recovered from a \$2.4 million deficit helps to paint the budget in a better light. It was also recommended adding fundraising to sources of revenue.

(7:28 PM Peter Lipton leaves the meeting)

- The Council informed Mark Guthier at the end of the discussion that the budget, though impressive, should be revisited to avoid raising segregated fees.

(7:45 PM George Cutlip leaves the meeting)

- Chris Verhaeghe asked about the impact of freezing/delaying staff positions. What impact will this have on the organization?

Deshawn McKinney thanked everyone for the feedback, and Mark Guthier confirmed he would take everyone's feedback into consideration.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

No updates, meetings have not commenced in the semester as of yet.

### **Updates**

Susan Dibbell informed the Council that on Jan 31st in the Marquee Theater, Union employees would be given the opportunity to watch the Netflix original documentary "13th.". Union Council members will also be invited.

Lily Hansen informed the Council of the Memorial Union Housewarming Party on January 20th, and reminded them that officer applications would be due on February 9th, interviews would commence between the 13th and 17th of February, and new officers would attend the Council meeting on February 21st. Director applications are due on March 2nd.

### **Closing**

Lily Hansen motioned to adjourn, and Samuel Park seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM**