

STUDENT UNION POLICY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday February 27, 2008

5:00 P.M.

S.U. 324

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. 5:02 P.M.

2. OPEN DISCUSSION

a. Introduction

- i. Jon: This is Domingo Bugg, he's our new Policy Chair for next year.
- ii. Domingo: I'm looking forward to working with all of you.
- iii. Jon: Anything else?
- iv. Amanda: We had Asian Night last week and were happy to be able to raise over \$11,000.
- v. Neil: I heard something about there being a bowling alley put into the Student Union. Is this true?
- vi. Monica: Yes. We are updating the game room and relocating it. Once we do we will be able to put in bowling lanes; not full size but still significant, about 40 feet long. It will be opening around the end of April or early May with the grand opening being in the fall. The new location will be by the lounges, with more pool tables, games, etc.
- vii. Tom: What happened to the TVs in the lobby?
- viii. Monica: We had to disconnect the wiring to set up and re-wire everything for the new game room, but they will be back up ASAP.
- ix. Alex: Just to let everyone know we will be taking free senior portraits on campus for the next 3 school weeks.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Table Tents

- i. Jon: Anna Milot has been receiving a lot of requests to use the table tents. She discussed it with Kevin Fahey and they decided to suggest some changes (see attached). The biggest thing is the issue of the priority level – the rules are too vague. Student organizations have first say; we have priority but all the slots in the table tents are not always full so they may be open to others. After those slots are offered if there are still some left over other groups may have a change to submit ads because this would be the only place for them to advertise for free. We will also have some filler slides for any empty slots.

- ii. Alex: What happens if, for example, Career Services fills them up?
- iii. Monica: This would never happen because the table tents are only offered to organizations within the Student Union.
- iv. Jon: This rule must stay this way, otherwise it will be way too much work for Anna.
- v. Neil: How do the dining halls prioritize with their table tents?
- vi. Jon: They don't, they run it on a first come, first serve basis and you have to pay for it. Also the table tents in the market are not offered for profitable organizations like Husky Print.
- vii. Monica: I would suggest amending the rules for the priorities because the word "amenities" suggest both profit and non-profit organizations within the Student Union.
- viii. Jon: I don't think this was meant to be the case.
- ix. Monica: Maybe it means programs?
- x. Neil: Shouldn't anyone in the Union be able to use them? We do charge them rent just to be here.
- xi. Monica: But it's a flat rate.
- xii. Jon: It's a free ad whose funding comes from the Programs Office.
- xiii. Domingo: Why would Career Services be a bad thing to advertise?
- xiv. Jon: That was just used as an example. If we open it to them we have to open it to everyone, and it would be too much work for Anna. The whole point of these was to give *student* organizations free advertising and if we opened it to everyone they would never get a chance. Now, what do we want to do about the word "amenities?"
- xv. Amanda: If it's going to cause confusion I think we should take it out.
- xvi. Beth: We could clarify that by saying "non-profit amenities."
- xvii. Monica: The word is just too vague. It would come down to Anna to decide, which might put her in a tough spot. We don't want to start controversy.
- xviii. Tom: Are the movie theater and game room advertised for through the Programs Office?
- xix. Monica: I don't think the game room should be given priority, we want to advertise specific events, not general things.
- xx. Neil: What if we charged profit organizations for use of the table tents?
- xxi. Jon: The printing costs are minimal, and once again this provides too much work for Anna.
- xxii. Amanda: Motion to amend the table tent guidelines to remove the word "amenities."
- xxiii. Beth: Seconds motion.
- xxiv. Amanda: If the event is only one week long, what happens?
- xxv. Monica: They're checked daily; old events would be removed and replaced with general ads.
- xxvi. Marybeth: Are they booked for the semester?

- xxvii.** Jon: No, just contact Anna for what you need and when.
- xxviii.** Beth: Motion to amend guidelines to remove the word “amenities.”
- xxix.** Neil: Seconds motion.
- xxx.** Motion passed.
- a.** Priority Access Room Reservation
 - i.** Jon: The voting has already been done but a new form was submitted on February 20th. It is up to us to decide if we want to score it despite the fact that it missed both deadlines.
 - ii.** Laura: Has everything already been organized?
 - iii.** Monica: Yes, everyone’s been notified. The rules are that if there is a great new program it is up to you all to decide if it can be scored, and we’ll update the list.
 - iv.** Jon: The form is from Joe Briody.
 - v.** Beth: Will this be an annual program?
 - vi.** Jon: Its score will go into the computer among the rest of the events.
 - vii.** Amanda: Did they explain why they were so late?
 - viii.** Monica: The event is for students. When they went to book the space they didn’t get the room they wanted. The director asked why and was told that their request had never been submitted and they had had no idea, it was a miscommunication. They were told to ask the Policy Council to reconsider.
 - ix.** Jon: As far as I know the date and time they’re requesting is still available.
 - x.** Beth: We should adhere to the guidelines, but if we choose not to allow it, it would be the students who suffer.
 - xi.** Jon: In my opinion, the process is there for a reason, they missed the deadline and the scoring and thus are too late. Yes, it’s an event for students, but not an event for all students. Any thoughts?
 - xii.** Domingo: It’s not competing with other organizations for the space, and it’s a program to encourage leadership and to oppose it would negatively influence the community.
 - xiii.** Marybeth: It may not be for *all* students, but it’s still for some. I motion to score their application.
 - xiv.** Alex: Seconds motion.
 - xv.** Motion passed.
 - xvi.** Monica: Whatever score it gets will not affect the location for the coming year. They have no competition for now and so are on the list. So we can tell them they have the room and you all can score it at the next meeting. This works for now because no one else wants this place and time slot so for this particular day the scoring is irrelevant. The score is therefore not needed ASAP so you can table it.
 - xvii.** Beth: Motion to table the scoring of this application.

- xviii. Laura: Seconds motion.
- xix. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Monica Rudzik to speak.

i. Monica: I want to thank you all for volunteering on this committee, you are a very important part to how we run things in the Union, and Jon you have done a great job. In running the Union there are 3 important steps: finance, budget and a conversation about where the Student Union is going. Five years ago we had a desire to make this building extraordinary, and that's happening now and is great. But there are always things to improve:

- Once the game room moves, we will want to move the art gallery to the game room's current location to give it more exposure. The art gallery's current room will then become another high-tech room seating 60 to 70 people, which is a size of room we really need. We'll be knocking down the wall between rooms 316 and 317 so that space will be available for lectures for groups of 40 to 70.
- We have three times as many student organizations as we did 5-10 years ago, and now the rooms are just too small so that will have to be addressed.
- Room 304 will be reconstructed to be more convenient for AV use in rooms A, B and C. It's too noisy right now, but that will be fixed.
- We are hiring an art integrator to redecorate the inside of the Union and "warm up" its appearance
- Access TV monitors will be put up at all the entrances to list all the Union events

ii. Neil: Can we move that channel? It blocks ESPNU.

iii. Laura: We need a request to change it but we're trying.

iv. Monica: So those are the projects that are on board for this year. We'll be hiring our own marketing person to take some of the weight of the huge amount of programs off of Anna so that she can focus on her programs. We'd like to wait and see what the students want to bring to the Union so that we don't plan too far in advance. With regards to the pizza in the market: we don't have certificate of occupancy, just a temporary one and we need to fix the ovens before we can get a permit. That means that station will be shut down for about 3 weeks starting on March 3rd. Also we will send or re-send everyone a copy of our budget so that you all know what is going on.

v. Kristin: When we fix the pizza and change the coolers, could we look into getting doors for the coolers to concert energy?

vi. Monica: We will definitely look into that.

- vii. Amanda: Are there any rooms available for emergency access? The Vagina Monologues were cancelled due to snow and we're looking for a place to reschedule it.
- viii. Monica: It's possible and worth asking.
- ix. Neil: Any word on possible rotating doors near the cashiers in the market?
- x. Monica: They wouldn't fit the code but we're looking into alternatives. We're looking into double doors but there might not be enough space. Another option is to install a heat curtain to make the area warmer for the cashiers.

5. REPORTS:

- a. Jon: I only have 2 meetings left with you all and will e-mail you all about the next meeting; feel free to e-mail me if you want anything to be put onto the agenda.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Beth: Motion to adjourn.
- b. Alex: Seconds motion.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 P.M.