

ATTENDANCE

ORGANIZATION	ATTENDEE	PRESENT/ABSENT
Chair	Elizabeth Hopkinson	Present
Vice Chair	Jen Warmath	Present
Associate Director of Operations	Chuck Morrell	Present
SUBOG	Miguel Almodovar	Present
USG	Jared Ashmore	Present
Undergraduate Commuter Student		Absent
Graduate Student Senate		Absent
African American Cultural Center		Absent
Asian American Cultural Center	Shreena Patel	Present
Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center	Diana Arciniegas	Present
Women's Center	Erin Basile	Present
Rainbow Center	William Hickman	Present
International Center	Rich Janczewski	Present
Native American Cultural Society		Absent
University Senate		Absent
Alumni	Katie Levesque	Present
All Greek Council	Jonathan Piazza-Harper	Present
UCTV	Thomas Murawski	Present
WHUS	Ben Shaiken	Present
Student Union Manager	Kaitlyn Newman	Present
UConnPIRG	Kevin Willhelm	Present
Nutmeg Yearbook	Alex Zurita	Present
Club Sports Council	Kimberley Sadowski	Present

GUESTS

NAME	???	
Faith	Graduate Student Observer	

STUDENT UNION POLICY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday October 8, 2008
6:30 P.M
S.U. 324

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. 6:35 p.m.

II. CORRECTIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Jen (Vice Chair): Please look over the minutes. Does anyone have any corrections or problems?

B. *Minutes handed out*

C. Ben (WHUS): Motion to pass the minutes for September 10, 2008

D. Jared (USG): Second

E. Jen: Motion passes

F. Chuck (Associate Director of Operations): The minutes will be posted on the website tomorrow.

III. OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Jen: Elizabeth may or may not be attending the meeting today.

B. *Miguel (SUBOG) enters, 6:39 p.m.*

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Allocation of Locker Fines

i. Jen: Elizabeth spoke with Jim Hintz (sp?) of Off-Campus Services, and he said it was a good idea to add more lockers. He also suggested putting the money from fines into the Students First Fund.

ii. Chuck: The Students First Fund is grants, not loans, to get people through short-term financial issues.

iii. *Kimberley (Club Sports) enters, 6:41 p.m.*

iv. Jen: Jim didn't discuss who gets the grants. It was also suggested to put in an out clause.

v. Jared: So do we make an addendum to the current locker policy?

vi. Chuck: This will need its own resolution.

vii. Ben: motion to send funds to the Students First Fund

viii. Rich (International Center): Second

ix. Jen: Motion passes

B. Table Tents

i. Chuck: We are now down to 12 table tents in the food court.

ii. Jen: Dennis Pierce (sp?) suggested charging for ad space.

iii. Alex (Nutmeg Yearbook): The point of the table tents was to give free ad space, so charging for ad space might not be the best idea.

iv. Thomas (UCTV): How much do table tents cost?

- v. Chuck: Cost aside, they can't sustain themselves. Buying more won't stop them from being taken. When does that become a burden?
- vi. Jen: Maybe we could use the TV's in the food court to run digital ads. Others had concerns with eating on a table covered in advertising. They also can't be stationary because the tables are moved every night to clean.
- vii. Ben: Would we have to buy new TV's?
- viii. Chuck: I could recommend that some of the TV's in the food court be designated for advertisements.
- ix. Jen: How many TV's are in there now?
- x. Chuck: 6
- xi. Jen: So how many should be for ads?
- xii. Chuck: I would say no more than 1 per wall.
- xiii. Katie (Alumni): Would they be noticeable?
- xiv. Kevin (PIRG): If there is an option to do more than just a PowerPoint, then yeah, kind of like a TV commercial.
- xv. Jared: How many groups should be able to do this?
- xvi. Jen: What about sound?
- xvii. Kevin: We could deal with it.
- xviii. Diana (PRLACC): What about the TV's in the Union St. Market?
- xix. Rich: Are those TV's or message boards?
- xx. Chuck: The electric menus are managed on a network, so we could use one of them for advertisement if that's what you want.
- xxi. Jen: Any other ideas?
- xxii. Miguel: Maybe we could get another bulletin board. Or announcements over the PA that plays the iPod.
- xxiii. Rich: Like a radio station. So can we move away from placemats?
- xxiv. Jen: All right. We will nix the placemats in an effort to "go green."

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Redbox

- i. Jen: Someone asked if we could get a Redbox for the game room. Redbox are the DVD vending machines that are in grocery stores.
- ii. Chuck: This is retail-based so it will take up to 3-4 months. We called the company directly and they said the currently are not expanding in our area, but would put us on the list. It won't happen soon, but it's a great idea.
- iii. Jen: Would we need storage room for it?
- iv. Chuck: Everything is in the vending machine. They said it holds over 1000 DVD's.
- v. Shreena (Asian American Cultural Center): I think that's a good idea.
- vi. Ben: Will it affect local businesses?
- vii. Miguel: Motion to pursue Redbox for the Student Union.
- viii. Erin (Women's Center): Second
- ix. Rich: How does the revenue work?

- x. Chuck: they pay for the space, and we get a percentage of the receipts.
- xi. Jen: We will pursue this further.

B. Game Room (Private Parties)

- i. Jen: Should people be able to rent out the game room?
- ii. Ben: Why should it be different than any other room in the Student Union?
- iii. Chuck: If someone comes to us to reserve the game room, it disenfranchises students from that room. Another question is what about private parties? Certain times are acceptable and some times aren't.
- iv. Katie: What are the prime hours of the game room?
- v. Faith (Guest): Usually weekend evenings. It depends on the day.
- vi. Miguel: I think it would be all right when students aren't here.
- vii. Kevin: there's not really another place where students could go to use a good game room.
- viii. Miguel There's no other game room on campus like it.
- ix. Jared: I can't imagine renting this one out. Lots of groups, lots of conflicts.
- x. Kevin: Could you get wristbands for the people who want to rent it out?
- xi. Kimberley: Students employed at the game room. It has to be manned.
- xii. Ben: Why do they need to reserve it? Why can't they just use it?
- xiii. Chuck: Alumni functions and non-affiliated functions can have alcohol, so no one under 21 would be allowed in.
- xiv. Rich: I think we should treat it like any other room.
- xv. Jen: Should there be time restrictions if it is open to student organizations?
- xvi. Thomas: If you rent out a normal room, what is the policy?
- xvii. Chuck: There is a fee scale associated with affiliation of the group.
- xviii. Jared: How does the game room work?
- xix. Chuck: The Wii, PS3, and Xbox 360 are free to use. The arcade games use 25-cent tokens. Only cash goes into the token machine.
- xx. Jared: So someone would have to unlock all the machines, set them to free, etc.
- xxi. Chuck: There are a number of ways for people to play for free. The logistics are not a problem.
- xxii. Jen: So should outside organizations be allowed to rent the game room?
- xxiii. Jonathan (Greek Council): Sure, but not when students are here.
- xxiv. Chuck: Make sure you specify the academic year, not residence halls.
- xxv. *Jared leaves, 7:14 p.m.*
- xxvi. Ben: I think we should table it until we make a committee or a written proposal.
- xxvii. Chuck: I will ask Cory O'Brien (sp?) to draft something.

xxviii. *Jared enters, 7:16 p.m.*

C. Vacant Retail Space

- i. Jen: Interest in the vacant retail space from ING and Student Legal Services.
- ii. Ben: I would rather have Student Legal Services than ING.
- iii. Thomas: Is the space just for retail?
- iv. Chuck: If you feel the need for something besides retail in there, put it on the table.
- v. Rich: I like retail, but legal services is amazing. Legal services could also go somewhere else.
- vi. Chuck: True, but we can't recommend things for other buildings.
- vii. *Kevin leaves, 7:21 p.m.*
- viii. Thomas: We should find out what students want. Maybe have a survey.
- ix. Miguel: We could set up a table on Union St. with surveys.
- x. Ben: Where is the open space.
- xi. Chuck: Next to the hair salon, where Husky Print used to be.
- xii. Rich: What's the problem with ING?
- xiii. Jared: We can't not allow people to go in there.
- xiv. *Kevin enters, Jared leaves, 7:23*
- xv. Katie: Could we have our own version of Redbox, like a movie store?
- xvi. Miguel: Video games in it as well.
- xvii. Chuck: Video Visions used to be in the Student Union, but they went out of business because of lack of business.
- xviii. Ben: It's really hard to make money in movie rentals these days.
- xix. Jen: Any other suggestions?
- xx. Rich: A food place?
- xxi. Ben: Are there any limitations?
- xxii. Chuck: Nope.
- xxiii. Kaitlyn (Student Union Manager): I heard that there were talks about turning the coffee shop downstairs into a Dairy Bar. Is that true?
- xxiv. Chuck: President Hogan asked Dining Services to change the coffee shop downstairs into a Dairy Bar. Hogan wants Dining Services to investigate this. Something may happen; it's not a rumor.
- xxv. Thomas: Could we put the Dairy Bar upstairs and leave the coffee shop alone?
- xxvi. Miguel: Would a Dairy Bar in the Student Union use points?
- xxvii. Chuck: If Dining Services decides to, then it could be done.
- xxviii. Ben: I think the best idea is to keep the coffee shop downstairs and have the Dairy Bar upstairs.
- xxix. Chuck: I will relay this to the appropriate people.
- xxx. *Elizabeth (Chair) enters, 7:32 p.m.*
- xxxi. Ben: Move to see Dairy Bar in Student Union.
- xxxii. Kevin: Second.
- xxxiii. Jen: Motion passes.

D. Designation for Greek Pictures in Meeting Room

- i. Jonathan: The plan was to put up pictures displaying activities in one place rather than spread out around the Student Union.
- ii. Elizabeth: I was approached by Todd (sp?) he wanted to designate a meeting room where Greeks could hold their meetings and display pictures.
- iii. Chuck: If your organization wants to put up pictures, you can go to the website and submit photos. We look at them, select the appropriate ones, and they are framed and put on the wall.
- iv. *Kevin leaves, 7:37 p.m.*
- v. Miguel: Is there a room that Greeks use primarily?
- vi. Kaitlyn: 316 or 318 mostly.
- vii. Thomas: What is the rationale to all the pictures in one place?
- viii. Jonathan: You get a holistic view of Greek life. It would be hard to know what it is if they were scattered.
- ix. Ben: But right now you could submit them and they'd be hung. Is there a problem until there is competition?
- x. Jonathan: We want to expand Greek life on campus to 10%
- xi. Elizabeth: If this goes through, then other groups could do the same thing.
- xii. Elizabeth: Let's mull this over, and come back to it next meeting.
- xiii. Ben: Motion to table discussion.
- xiv. Miguel: Second.
- xv. Elizabeth: Motion passes.

E. Name Change for Organization in Constitution

- i. Elizabeth: The change is from All Greek Council to Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- ii. Ben: Motion to amend the name.
- iii. Alex: Second.
- iv. Elizabeth: Motion passes.
- v. *Kevin enters, 7:47 p.m.*

VI. HUSKY PLANIT NEWSLETTER

- A. Elizabeth: We didn't print them this time; we will email your organizations a copy on Friday.

VII. REPORTS

A. Chair

B. Vice Chair

C. Organizations

- i. Kevin: Register to vote by Oct. 20.
- ii. Rich: World Fest is on the 10th. Bring friends.
- iii. Miguel: Homecoming kicks off on the 19th.
- iv. Kimberley: Club sports have 35 home games this month.
- v. William (Rainbow Center): We are celebrating our 10th anniversary. Come to the Center and get a free tee shirt.

- vi. Jonathan: Fall philanthropy.
- vii. Alex: Senior portraits start Oct. 27th until Nov. 14th.
- viii. Ben: Halloween concert, students are free.
- ix. Thomas: Watch UCTV all the time.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Ben: Motion to adjourn.
- B. Alex: Second.
- C. Elizabeth: Motion passes. See you next meeting.