

Student Center Policy Board

April 3, 2015

SC S 223, Skyline Room

Members Present: Troy Christensen, Princess Ephriam, Leonel Mata, Raresh Pascali, Lauren Potter, Isaiah Ross, Erica Tat, Ryan Smith

Members Absent: Richard Guajardo, Tiara Parks, Jeng Tcheung, Sebastian Troitino, Dozie Nzeogu

Support Staff Present: Keith Kowalka, Cheryl Grew-Gillen, Tina Powellson, Matthew Sebbly

Support Staff Absent: Renee Cleare, Lawrence Daniel

I. Call to Order

- Chair Tat called the meeting to order at 12PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

- Approved.

III. Approval of March 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes

- Approved.

IV. Chairperson's Report (Tat)

- Several at-large members' terms expiring due to graduation. Interviews to take place over the next few weeks. Members to be approved at next meeting.
- Food Service Advisory Committee meeting: Cheryl to convey SCPB questions to FSAC including Starbucks marketing, expand McDonald's menu and comparison pricing, and Spring Break food options.

V. Committee Reports

Facilities Use and Policy Committee (Ross)

- None.

Lease Operations Committee (Christensen)

- None.

Long Term/Current Projects Committee (Mata)

- None.

Office and Carrel Space Committee (Potter)

- None.

VI. Student Centers Staff Reports

Report from Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs – Student Life (Kowalka)

- Student Center Satellite Program – 2 options to renovate SC Satellite including roof repair, opening up a wall, and housing the Urban Experience Program and publications there (costing about \$5

million) or turning the building over to Auxiliary Services. Student feedback surveys to go out at the end of April. Results to be distributed in May as to how students use the Student Center Satellite and whether it's relevant to on-campus culture.

- Commencement – May 15. Student Center is purchasing congratulatory yard signs for student organizations to decorate to greet graduates at TDECU Stadium on Commencement evening. Faculty and staff encouraged to attend Commencement which will feature UH Symphonic Band Orchestra, Marching Band, formal commencement ceremony, guest speaker Matthew McConaughey and fireworks.
- Stress-free Finals – week before and during finals. Website to submit activities through Student Centers website.

Report from Director, Student Centers (Grew-Gillen)

- Facilities Use Committee to review two projects: Revising facilities use policy according to renovation changes, and banner-posting and banner-making spaces. A-frames policy to be decided on, to not block public space in Student Center buildings or outdoor areas.
- Smoking-location recommendation approved by committee. Benches and cigarette disposal stands to be installed by Facilities at chosen location. Tobacco-free campus policy in discussion as to whether it will be continued and enforced. Enforcement is a struggle but requires everyone on campus enforcing it by speaking about policy to smokers, rather than security officers issuing citations.
- Scientific research project to be conducted in Student Centers to track potential biohazard vulnerabilities by collecting air samples in public buildings on campus. Begins April 20 and lasts 2 weeks. Emergency procedures and policies were discussed, including cameras, panic buttons, etc.

Report from Director, Center for Student Involvement (Powellson)

- Registration for student organizations and carrel spaces opens on Monday. Student Organizations will be able to select whether they are a requesting carrel space when registering. Committee will review all applications.

VII. Old Business

- None.

VIII. New Business

- None.

IX. Announcements

- Infra(RED) Nights event – 4/17, 8PM-12AM, in Lynn Eusan Park. Information to come on website.
- Stress Free Finals – 4/27/15-5/5/15 - week of activities and events hosted by various departments and student organizations to relieve student stress during finals.
- March for Babies – 4/26/2015, at 8AM at TDECU Stadium. Fundraising Luncheon on 3/11 from 11:30AM-1:00PM, Downtown Room (SC S 261), has hot dogs on the menu.

- Student Life End of Year Potluck Celebration – 4/29, 11:30AM-1:30PM, Multi-purpose Room, Student Center South 237. All are welcome to attend. Email invitations to go out over the next week.

X. Adjournment

Chair Tat adjourned the meeting at 12:35PM.

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, May 1, 2015 - Student Center South 222 (Skyline Room), 11:3-AMn - lunch, 12PM – meeting.