

Student Centers Policy Board

August 28, 2015

SC S 237, Multi-Purpose Room

Members Present: Troy Christensen, Princess Ephriam, Gino Lim, Richard Guajardo, Jason Wipf, Chris Pinto, Tillanye Stewart, Shaun Theriot-Smith, Murietta Flores, Sebastian Troitino, Dozie Nzeogu

Members Absent: Ryan Smith, Melissa Jinks

Support Staff Present: Keith T. Kowalka, Lawrence Daniel, Tina Powellson, Matthew Sebby, Renee Cleare, James Pettijohn

Guests: Tanzeem Chowdhury (SGA), Kisa Zettel (NRG), Stacey Butler (NRG), Marc Laney (UH Corporate Relations Office), Raresh Pascali (former SCPB member)

Support Staff Absent: None

I. Call to Order and SCPB Orientation

- Kowalka called the meeting to order at 12PM. Introductions were made and a brief overview of the Student Centers Policy Board given, including purpose, committee involvement, bylaws, constitution, meetings, etc.

II. Special Guest – NRG Go Presentation

- Zettel presented NRG Go (a new portable cell phone charger rental service) and showed a brief promotional video. The power packs and cables can be rented for 24 hours from a kiosk that would be housed in the Student Center South building. People could rent the power packs to charge their phones and return them to the kiosk for a \$2 rental fee. No information would be synced to the power packs to prevent data sharing and security issues. Reminders are sent out to remind users to return them, or users would be charged \$40 minus the rental fee for keeping them. NRG Go would like to install a kiosk at the Student Center from October 2015-May 2016 as a pilot program. Promo codes would be available. The product was discussed. Further questions should be directed to Lawrence Daniel or Keith T. Kowalka.

III. Approval of Agenda

- Approved.

IV. Approval of May 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

- Approved.

V. Chairperson's Report

- N/A

VI. Committee Reports

- Committees to be assigned.

VII. Student Centers Staff Reports

Report from Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Interim Student Centers Director (Kowalka)

- Director search – Student Centers Director Cheryl Grew-Gillen has relocated to North Dakota. A search committee to fill this position has been appointed. Skype interviews and on-campus interviews are to be conducted. SCPB members are welcome to attend the on-campus interviews when they are scheduled.
- Lynn Eusan Park water installation – Clients who rent Lynn Eusan Park have requested running water to use for events (cooking, clean-up, drinking water). The cold-water faucet would have a lock on it and cost under \$10K to install near the stage area. Facilities would need to work on the grounds to prevent flooding issues and it would take 6 months minimum to install.
- Lynn Eusan Park stage rental usage - Off-campus groups renting the stage will have increased prices. Proposals to come regarding new pricing.
- Legacy Lounge tile wall – Graduates can purchase commemorative tiles to display on the wall in the Legacy Lounge (Student Center South building) including their name, campus involvement and graduation year.

Report from Associate Director, Student Centers (Pettijohn)

- Review of Facilities Use and Policies and Procedures – Changes are in progress regarding rain sites for outdoor events and updated facility location information, and will be presented to the SCPB at a future meeting.
- Event Room Photos – Photos of the event and meeting rooms have been uploaded to the Conference and Reservation Services website to show prospective clients the spaces available to rent.

Report from Assistant Director, Facilities & Operations (Sebby)

- Installation of acoustic wall – Red acoustic wall in Ballroom has been installed to prevent echoing. A similar acoustic panel may be needed in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Report from Director of Student Affairs IT Services & Special Programs (Daniel)

- Cat's Back was successful. Thank you to those who volunteered to staff the event.
- Starbucks marketing wall installation – Several screens are to be installed on the wall above Starbucks and the Monumental Staircase for marketing purposes.
- Student Center Welcome Back Fest – Fair-style celebration of the new school year with freebies, snacks and activities for students on 9/3, from 11:30AM-1:30PM in Student Center Circle Drive.

Report from Director of Center for Student Involvement (Powellson)

- Carrel space process and event registration – Online registration for carrel spaces went well, most student organizations have moved into their spaces. Event registration for indoor and

outdoor events is online now on the Get Involved site (with the exception of last-minute requests, which must be submitted with paper requests via Conference and Registration Services).

VII. Old Business

- Tobacco-free policy (Sebby) – Campus is now tobacco-free, so tobacco locations which were selected last year by the SCPB are no longer needed under the new policy.
- Potty Talks (Sebby) – 2 year old project idea that uses educational displays in restrooms to provide health information. Current UH Wellness and Student Government Association goals include spotlighting sexual assault and mental health issues with informational tips, campus and community resources. and statistics. The large paper displays would be swapped out on a monthly/seasonal schedule. Challenges would be maintaining the service by providing new content on a consistent basis. Back issues would be available online on the UH Wellness site for reference. Several months of issues have been already prepared. An approving vote was taken to move forward with implementing the project.

VIII. New Business

- Elections – Chairperson, Vice Chair, new SCPB at-large members (Kowalka)
 - Chairperson – Assists with committees, setting agenda with ex-officio staff and conducts meetings. A vote was taken for the two candidates, Chris Pinto and Sebastian Troitino, who gave brief speeches. Troitino was approved by majority vote.
 - Food Service Advisory Committee – SCPB representative attends monthly FSAC meetings to discuss dining services like food plans, pricing, etc. Volunteers Jason Wipf were approved as the representative SCPB member and Murietta Flores is to serve as the alternate SCPB representative.
 - At-large Members – Jason Wipf approved as replacement at-large member.
 - Vice Chair – Chris Pinto and Dozie Nzeogu were nominated. Pinto was approved by vote.
 - Volunteers were called to be committee chairs.
 - Lease Operations Committee Chair – Jason Wipf and Princess Ephriam were the nominees. Ephriam was approved as committee chair.
 - Facilities Use and Policy Committee Chair – Pinto was approved as committee chair.
 - Long Term/Current Projects Committee Chair – Dozie Nzeogu was approved as committee chair.
 - Office and Carrel Space Committee Chair – Murietta Flores was approved as committee chair.
- 2015-16 SCPB goal setting (Kowalka) – Chair and Vice Chair will be leading a SCPB goal-setting session at the next meeting.

- NRG Go proposal was approved.

IX. Announcements

- SCPB wall (Sebby) – Group photo directly after meeting on Student Center North main staircase
- Weeks of Welcome events (Daniel) – Events listed online at www.uh.edu/wow
- InfraRED (Daniel) – First InfraRED event of the year: Vegas-themed night with poker and prizes and other activities, Saturday, August 29, 8PM-12AM, Student Center
- Weeks of Welcome Day of Service (Kowalka, Pinto) – Volunteer for community service projects on Saturday, August 29, 8AM-4PM

X. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, September 18, 2015 – Student Center South 223 (Skyline Room)