

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

STUDENT CENTERS

Student Centers Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 11, 2019

Student Center North – Senate Chamber

Attendees: Voting Members (Present): David Frankfort (Staff Council), Ruth Akorikin (Metropolitan Volunteer Program Director), Ed Gonzales (Student Program Board), Eduardo Abrams (Council for Cultural Activities), Benita Alani (SCPB At-Large Member), Christopher Caldwell (SCPB At- Large Member)

Voting Members (Absent): Darren Campbell (SCPB At-Large Member), Xiao Hong “Sharon” Wen (Faculty Senate), Sarah Holloway (Staff Council), Leeda Faizi (SCPB At-Large Member) Joseph Lueck (Faculty Senate), Allison Lawrence (Student Government Association)

Nonvoting Members (Present): Keith T. Kowalka, Eve Esch, LaShanon Hollis

Guests: Alumni Association: Matt Prasifka, Chuck Arnold, Mike Pede

- I. **Call to Order & Introductions at 12:06pm**
- II. **Approval of Agenda – (Approved)**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (Approved)**
 - Amend approved meeting agenda to move Alumni presentation up **(Approved)**
- IV. **Chairperson’s Report (Informational Items) – Christopher Caldwell**
 - Subcommittee sign up; assignments by Chair will be sent via email
 - Student Centers Policy Board Photo - November 15th (wear red)
- V. **Election of Vice Chair-** Ruth Akorikin elected to serve **(Approved)**
- VI. **Committee Updates**
 - Facilities Use & Policy Committee – No Report
 - Lease Operations & Student Organization Space Committee - No Report
 - Long Term & Current Projects Committee - No Report
 - Sustainability Committee – No Report
 - Art Board - No Report
 - FSAC
 - Meet 1st Friday of each month
 - Chef Alex and Richard from Market were both recognized for their great work and service.
 - Received shout out from Christopher for their preparedness during Imelda flooding for providing meals to stranded individuals on campus.
 - Use of plastic straws are down by 50% from last year.
 - Discussed robot food delivery service coming to campus
- VII. **Staff Reports (Informational Items)**

- *Report from Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs – Student Life*
 - Student Centers North expansion program and services will not be going before SFAC for review and approvals, instead we will be considering more innovative funding options.
- *Report from Director, Student Centers*
 - Staffing Updates - Reservationist position available, Brandon Ferkel leaving Media Coordinator position available (interested members can serve on search committee)
 - SFAC report presentation will be Tuesday, Oct. 29th @ 9:15A.M. Student Center North Senate Chamber
 - Project Updates -
 - Timeline Wall touch screen (near completion)
 - Bus schedules to be added to the way finding maps
 - Electrification of North & South building bridges happening soon
 - Plaza Revitalization project is very slow progressing and will include outside furniture w/power outlets, Covering of Plaza stage
 - Updates on University Dr. sidewalk is in progress
- *Report from Assistant Director, Events & Special Projects*
 - Patience with CARS department due to temporarily down staff member
 - Early voting setup (Downtown Room) Oct. 18th
 - Hosting Tilman Fertitta book signing on Thursday, Oct. 24th
 - Students request inquiry into groups booking PGH & not using space
 - Over 20,000 booking last year
- *Report from Director, Center for Student Involvement – No Report*

VII. Old Business

- Proposed Satellite Plan - Concerns expressed re: loss of lounge space. Auxiliary Services could not provide additional details as they will not move forward with design plans without securing the building
- Alumni Ring Statue Proposal & location discussion – Reviewed PowerPoint and discussed creating new UH traditions and where to put a statue of class ring valued at \$15,000 - \$20,000.
 - Ring program will drive tradition on UH campus though pride and enthusiasm.
 - Students will learn about the things the Alumni Association is doing, bring more pride to Student Centers by creating a cool space in the Legacy Lounge for pictures with ring statue including a hashtag, mural wall in background
 - UH will stand out from other universities/colleges; 1,600 students projected to purchase rings this year (increase from 400 students annually in recent years)
 - Location of ring still a concern for students

- If approved, Alumni next step is to meet with Building Operations & Balfour to discuss site visit and options for mounting the ring
- Balfour will provide the ring stand

VIII. New Business

- Building Hours – Proposed holiday hours (open late Dec. 2nd -5th) Previewed for next meeting
- Chartwells offered adjust food operation options depending on building hours
- Chair Fabric Samples delayed

IX. Announcements –

- November photoshoot reminder (wear red)
- Film Series - Showing (Selena) followed by a discussion 10/23/19 @6pm in Theater
- Fall Fest - Fun activities in the Student Centers Plaza Tuesday, October 29 from 11:30am - 1pm
- SFAC Presentation - Tuesday, Oct. 29th
- Greek Unity Garden Dedication - Thursday, Nov. 14th
- Ring Ceremony - Saturday, Dec. 7th (Fertitta Center)

X. Adjournment at 1:27pm

Next Meeting: November 15, 2019 (Skyline)