

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## STUDENT CENTERS

Student Centers Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 14, 2020

Student Center South – Skyline

**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), Sarah Holloway (Staff Council), Joseph Lueck (Faculty Senate), Bryan Medrano (Residence Halls Association)

**Voting Members (Absent):** Xiao Hong “Sharon” Wen (Faculty Senate), Leeda Faizi (SCPB At-Large Member) Allison Lawrence (Student Government Association)

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

**Guests:** Ida Thompson- International Scholar Students Service Office (ISSSO)

I. **Call to Order & Introductions at 12:08pm**

II. **Approval of Agenda – (Approved)**

III. **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (Approved)**

IV. **Chairperson’s Report – Christopher Caldwell**

- Policy Board At- Large positions open next week for interested ones to serve the next 2 academic years
- Christopher selected to serve on the (ACUI) Association of College Unions International Board of Trustees
- Alumni Association starting scholarships; will be giving out 5 rings total next school year (two in fall; three in spring); encourages all to apply for the Ring Scholarship.
- Thanks to all Subcommittees for meeting prior to SCPB meetings

V. **Committee Updates**

- Facilities Use & Policy Committee – Looked at do's and don't of Student Centers, discussed emphasizing policy waiver forms, considering charging a fee to organizations who leave SC rooms dirty, considering adding Greek Unity Garden as possible place to reserve w/ guidelines
- Lease Operations & Student Organization Space Committee - Reviewed previous mice problem in carrels as well as open carrels and lockers for people needing them. Hope to implement open carrel space for organized meetings, discussed heavy trash influx from food in SC North and ways we can improve the use of trash cans
- Long Term & Current Projects Committee - Furniture will arrive next week for south lounge; certain furniture to be reupholstered, process on electrifying doors between bridges to be complete by end of March, adding Code Blue box on bridge for safety, sidewalk project wrapping up, progress in getting cover over golf carts and Plaza stage

- Sustainability Committee – Sustainability Committee next meeting is Tuesday, the 27th at 1pm, next Lunch and Learn is on the 25th; Student Centers received Gold Award for green sustainable offices practice
- Art Board - Met on Monday, Art Board will go to student art show at Blaffer, exhibit will be displayed on South wall, student created his own braille in Vietnamese his exhibit to be showcased by end of the month
- FSAC -
  - Chartwells gave options to event times and Boost, and size of menus at McDonalds and what to expect when Satellite closes. Looking into salad and Ramon noodle vending machine to come to campus

## VI. Staff Reports (Informational Items)

- *Report from Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs – Student Life*
  - Student Centers North expansion report to come next month. Looking positive
  - Student Life event next Wednesday- Food truck festival on the 26th behind SC North, Farmers Market will be present, \$5.00 tickets
- *Report from Director, Student Centers*
  - Staffing Updates - New Org Chart released.
  - Lauren E. promoted to Asst Director to oversee CreationStation.
  - Associate Director interviews wrapping up.
  - New candidate for Asst. Director position posted; will review applications on Monday.
  - Caitlin's last day is Feb. 28th, welcome interested ones to serve on search committee for Sales and Events Manager position.
  - Mario Rincon & Xena Matamoros are new Reservationists to Student Centers team.
  - Adding personal hygiene products to single stall restrooms to benefit transgender population
  - CDI has new Director, Varselles Cummings to join team; also, approval for Asst. Director to be added w/ new office space
  - *Recent Events* -
    - Street Eats/ Cougar Casino (volunteers needed)
    - I heart my student Center was a success
    - Celebrated 5th year anniversary
    - Shout out to Lauren for great work and for the gifts from 5th anniversary
- *Report from Assistant Director, Events & Special Projects*
  - No Report
- *Report from Director, Center for Student Involvement – No Report*

## **VII. Old Business**

- New furniture in South lounge

## **VIII. New Business**

- Question was raised regarding recycling
- Still working with housekeeping on using different color trash liners for recycling purposes around Student Centers

## **IX. Announcements**

- Reboot of "Dance marathon" April 3rd from 4pm-10pm to raise money for Tx. Children Hospital (goal is to raise \$15,000 in 49 days)
- SPB Film: Farewell (culture and mental health around death)
- Dance - Dance Bobalution 7p-10p in City Hall @ Frontier Fiesta
- April 7th Houston Room, Carnival Cultures
- Week of Feb 24th Children's Education
- March 3 Volunteering event and internships
- Student Centers Film Series - the 13th, April 26th (African American Studies Dept.)
- ACUI in Atlanta 12th - 19th

## **X. Adjournment at 1:27pm**

Next Meeting: April 17, 2020 (Skyline)