

**Union Board of Directors  
Minutes  
September 25, 2019**

Members present: Deana Ayers, Sergio Benitez, Kimberly Berry, Dakota Fountain, Zoe Bentil sub for Matthew Hare, Michael Luecke, Yolian Ogbu, Susan Ramirez, Marlene Salgado, Shannon Johnson sub for David Lacy, Barbara Bush, Daniel Peak, Christa Coffey, Megan Wheeler, Karen Goss, Wendy Denman, Mike Flores, Molly Orr, Richard Owens, Phyllis Vaughn.

Members not present: Manoach Bizumuremyi, David Lacy

Due to the scheduled absence of Chair David Lacy, Vice Chair Yolian Ogbu began the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

**Welcome**

Yolian welcomed everyone to the meeting. An Agenda Template was given to everyone which Yolian presented as a guide of how the meetings would run in reference to questions, comments, and motions.

**Minutes**

Yolian presented the August Meeting Minutes provided by email and asked for any corrections. No corrections were suggested. Barbara Bush motioned for the minutes to be approved, the motion was seconded by Christa Coffey. Motion carried, the Minutes of the August meeting were approved with no abstentions.

**Area Representative Reports**

Facilities

Mike Flores provided a presentation showing Level 4 hallways of the Union and how students find floor space since there is not enough of seating available. A suitable option for everyone is a chair which is called "the rock". This chair is easy on wear and tear, it's fun, fidget friendly, and has a pull handle so that it can be easily moved. The chair promotes good posture and has a rocking base. Mike proposed the purchase of 12 units for a cost of \$10,823.79.

Mike presented photos of the Green Roof 4<sup>th</sup> level patio area and the furniture that is currently being used. He showed the product specifications on new furniture to be added to the patio area which would provide additional seating. The proposed product is like our trash receptacles which are made from recycled materials. The furniture is very durable and very sustainable. Mike showed a mockup of the proposed furniture pieces which included chairs, tables, and benches. There would be 45 pieces total for a cost of \$29,477.00.

Mike also presented photos of the outdoor trash compactor area showing that staff has to utilize the trash compactor in all kinds of weather. An awning over the trash compactors has been suggested which would look like the awning over the golf carts but twice the height. The awning would provide shelter to the staff and there would be no change to the awning over the golf carts. A construction manager will be assigned to bid the project which is estimated at \$30,000.00 with includes a \$5,000.00 contingency fee.

Finance

Phyllis Vaughn reported that the deadline for Scholarship Applications was last week and she received eleven (11) applications. All applicants met the specifications. The Scholarship Committee will receive

an email from Phyllis to complete the process of selecting the recipients. Phyllis will provide an update at the next meeting.

#### Programs / Discovery Park

Molly Orr provided an update on UPC membership. She reported there were 109 total members and training has been completed.

Molly also reported that movies from 1999 would be showing this week and that Toy Story 4 would show during this weekend and the following week. She said that they have added weekend programming this year.

#### Conference & Event Services

No update from Richard Owens.

#### **Director's Report**

Wendy Denman presented the revised Bylaws and asked for questions and comments. She explained that the formatting would be updated and spelling and grammar errors would be corrected. Under Article 2, UNT on the Square would be taken out.

Wendy also presented revisions to the Constitution and asked for questions and comments. It was agreed that under Article 6, Section 2 the wording "majority vote" would be eliminated. Some of the discussion and comments on the Membership section included reasoning for three members from Multicultural Center; why have TALONS on the board; suggestion was made to add another member from SGA; how can all student groups be accounted for; and if adding another SGA, should another be added from GSC. Wendy explained that the total needed to stay at an odd number of students and the membership should include the most relevant groups.

#### **Chair & Vice Chair Reports**

Yolian reported that Chair David Lacy asked to appoint Dakota Fountain as Parliamentarian. Dakota accepted the position.

#### **Action Items**

Yolian asked for comments on the Indoor Seating proposal. Questions and comments included placement of personal belongings, durability, high cost, regular chairs rather than soft seating, couches like third floor. Mike Flores advised that there are small tables that will be placed with as many of the chairs as possible. The proposed chair has a durability rating of over 200,000 rubs which is very durable and easily cleaned. The high cost of the chair is due to the high quality. Regular chairs are not suitable, students prefer soft seating. Couches are not being considered for the 4<sup>th</sup> floor area because of the large footprint they require and the 4<sup>th</sup> floor has a more relaxed, quiet atmosphere. Dan Peak made a motion to approve the purchase of the 12 chair units. The motion was seconded by Megan Wheeler. Yolian asked for a show of hands in favor of the motion which resulted in one abstention and one no vote. The motion was approved.

Yolian asked for comments on the Outdoor Furniture proposal. Questions and comments included possibility of branding; number of groupings; heat prohibits students from using the patio; are umbrellas an option. Mike advised that new branding has not been approved and therefore not considered for this furniture. The number of groupings that would be accommodated is eight (8) or more. Students like to move the furniture around to accommodate their needs. The heat is a concern but it is noticed that students use the patio outside of Starbucks, and that the 4<sup>th</sup> floor patio is used early morning and late

afternoon in the hotter months. Wendy advised that there is a future project being considered to provide shade on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor patio but the project is more than a year out. However, people have expressed the need for outdoor furniture now. Dan Peak made a motion to approve the purchase of the outdoor furniture. The motion was seconded by Christa Coffey. Yolian asked for a show of hands in favor of the motion. There were seven (7) who approved, five (5) who disapproved, and one (1) abstention. The motion to purchase the outdoor furniture was not approved.

Yolian asked for comments on the Outdoor Compactor Awning proposal. Question from the floor on the budget was asked and Phyllis Vaughn explained that funds for the approved capital projects comes from the Reserve fund, not the operating budget. Christa Coffey made a motion to approve the Outdoor Compactor Awning which was seconded by Megan Wheeler. Yolian asked for a show of hands in favor of the motion which was approved by 13 votes and 1 abstention. The motion was approved.

Yolian asked for comments on the revisions to the Bylaws. No comments were made. Christa Coffey motioned for the approval of the Bylaws with the noted revisions. The motion was seconded by Michael Luecke. Yolian asked for a show of hands in favor of the motion. The motion was approved with twelve (12) votes and one (1) abstention.

Yolian asked for comments on the revisions to the Constitution. Wendy stated that the current membership of the Union Board of Directors would remain in place for this year, but the new membership changes would be effective starting in the Fall of 2020. Dakota Fountain motioned to amend the membership from three (3) Multicultural Center members to one (1) designee from SGA, one (1) designee from Pride Alliance and one (1) designee from the Multicultural Center. Megan Wheeler seconded the motion to amend the membership. Yolian called for a show of hands in favor of the motion which yielded ten (10) in favor, and three (3) abstentions. The motion carried. Christa Coffey motioned to approve all other revisions to the Constitution. Megan Wheeler seconded the motion. Yolian asked for a show of hands in favor of the motion which yielded twelve (12) in favor, and two (2) abstentions. The motion was approved.

#### **Other Matters / Announcements**

Yolian announced the next UBD meeting will be October 23, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in University Union Room 401.

#### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Yolian adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam McDonald.