

**Union Board of Directors
Minutes
September 21, 2022**

Members present: Bella Armenta, Myra Dharani (sub for Em Stuber), Jenny Kernodle, Jermaine (JT) Turner, Daisy Pulliam, David Brady, James Parrish, Jeffrey Britain, Michael Savoie, Christa Coffey, Kaili Fatta, Brittany Landau, Wendy Denman, Pam McDonald, Mike Flores, Molly Orr, Richard Owens, Kristina Sesay.

Members not present: Satish Devarasetty, David Munoz-Sarabia, Santana Pardo, Greek Council Student Representative still to be named, Residence Life Representative still to be named.

UBD Chair, Bella Armenta, called the meeting to order at 11:49a.m.

Bella welcomed new board member, Brittany Landau, Staff Senate representative and asked Brittany to introduce herself and let everyone know her role at UNT.

Bella continued the meeting with the approval of the April 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes and the minutes from the August 31, 2022 meeting. James Parrish moved for the minutes to be approved, David Brady seconded the motion. The Minutes for both meetings were approved with nine (9) votes and one (1) abstention.

Bella then called for the Area Representative Reports.

Area Representative Reports

Facilities

Mike Flores provided a presentation on changes that are being made to Union Room 221 which was vacated by Eagle Images. Mike stated the area gets a lot of traffic and that the space was originally built for a printing service. Wendy Denman provided a history of the space, sharing information about how printing services can now be done by Design Works and the space is currently being used for storage. It was decided that the space should be used to serve the students. Scheduling reviewed the space and determined it was not large enough for all staff. To continue to serve our students, the idea of moving the programming and arts groups to the space from the 3rd floor was discussed. The vacated space on the 3rd floor by programming and arts would open up the space more for students and the space on the 2nd floor utilized by programming and arts would involve students more because of the location. The build out will provide space for 4 offices and numerous workstations. The furniture will be similar to what is currently in the building and the color palette will also be similar. No decisions have been made about who will go into the vacated space, the proposed completion timeline is Spring 2023. The budget for this will come from Reserves and the lost revenue from Eagle Images was already shown in the budget.

Finance

Kristina Sesay provided an update on the Scholarship applications. To date, four (4) applications have been received and the deadline is September 26. Kristina will then review grades and reach out to the Committee on or about September 29 sending a matrix to review the applications. The responses are due October 6th and at that time the ratings will be compiled and the final recipients will be determined. Student supervisors and students received the notification on eligibility.

Programs

Molly Orr said that events are going great so far this semester and today they have a candle-making event and then Oktoberfest on Thursday, September 29th. Molly also reported that OTP is having Family Weekend and Boo Bash will be the end of October where students will provide tables with fun and games. More information will be coming out next week.

Molly also reported that the UPC Member Retreat would be this weekend and they will finalize the recruitment project, and plan programs for the year. The calendars are almost gone, over 7000 were given out. UPC currently has a total of 115 members.

Conference & Event Services

Richard Owens reported that the North Texas College Fair was held in the Union and over 1000 high school students attended to meet with universities. Richard said he would share more numbers later.

Richard also reported that TEDxUNT would be held on September 30th in the Ballroom and it is sold out. A list of final presenters is not available yet and if there are any open seats, TEDx staff could let others in.

The Menus of Change University Research Collaborative will be held in the Union ballrooms the week of October 3rd. The conference focuses on sustainability and plant-based programs. UNT was selected as the host for the conference and recognized.

Director's Report

Wendy Denman reported that with more people, there are more challenges and she told about the student who went through a plate glass wall in the Chat, which now has to be replaced but the student is okay. There is also other types of vandalism taking place such as letters being taken down and all are urged to remember if you see something, do something, let the staff know. Kudos to the Union staff and team members who handle all issues within the Union.

Wendy also reported on the recent changes in the Operations department. Operations will now oversee the Syndicate and the Information Desk. The staff members for both areas have been combined and cross-trained. Also, a new position, Evening Operations Supervisor, was created and filled. With the increase in people in our building on a daily basis, there is also an increase on Saturdays and Sundays. Meeting rooms are being used for seating and always booked. The building is definitely being utilized.

Chair & Vice Chair Reports

Bella reported that the Union Board of Directors Constitution, Article 4, Section 2D needs to be revised to reflect a membership change. Residence Housing Association no longer exists but suggested that Housing have a seat on the board. JT Turner suggested a general perspective such as an undergraduate representative and Bella suggested a designee from Housing.

Christa Coffey motioned that the Constitution be revised to "one student representative from Housing". JT Turner seconded the motion. The vote by show of hands was unanimous.

Bella also reported a revision to the Constitution, Article 8, Section 2. Wendy explained that the Constitution should be reviewed annually. Christa moved to make the change, David Brady seconded the motion and the vote by a show of hands was unanimous.

Action Items

Bella asked if there were any questions about the changes to Union Room 221. No questions were raised. Michael Savoie moved to accept the changes presented, James Parrish seconded, and the vote by a show of hands was unanimous.

Other Matters / Announcements

There were no other matters or announcements. The next UBD meeting will be October 19, 2022 in Boardroom 401.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam McDonald.