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April 21, 2017

Mr. Mulugeta Ferede  
Executive Director  
University Unions  
UNB 4.124, F4200  
CAMPUS MAIL

Dear Mulu:

It was recently brought to my attention that President Fenves has delegated his authority pursuant to University Policy HOP 4-1210 to the Vice President for Student Affairs. As such, this letter confirms that I have approved University Unions Board of Directors meeting minutes for the following dates:

- Friday, April 22, 2016
- Friday, September 23, 2016
- Friday, October 21, 2016
- Friday, November 18, 2016
- Friday, January 27, 2017
- Friday, February 24, 2017

Accordingly, your proposed action items to open a satellite Mind Body Lab, pilot a faculty lunch program, open the Student Activity Center Auditorium for classes, and reduce hours at the Turrell Skyspace exhibit are also approved. As always, this approval is with the understanding that fiscal items are subject to the normal approval procedures in coordination with Division of Student Affairs.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Soncia Reagins-Lilly".

Soncia Reagins-Lilly  
Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dean of Students

SRL/amc

cc: Carlos Martinez, Chief of Staff, Office of the President  
Donna Bellinghausen, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs  
Andrew Clark, Academic and Policy Administrator, Office of the Vice President

**UNIVERSITY UNIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Friday, September 23, 2016**

The University Unions Board of Directors met on Friday, September 23, 2016 in the Texas Union Board of Directors' room, UNB 4.118.

**Members Present:**

Mr. Jackson Clifford  
Ms. Helen Yang  
Ms. Diana Padilla  
Dr. Celena Mondie-Milner  
Mr. Mulu Ferede  
Mr. Rahim Karim  
Mr. Paul Mannie  
Mr. Kevin Helgren

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Diane Ginsberg  
Dr. John Doggett

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the University Unions Board of Directors was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chair Jackson Clifford called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2016 board meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Paul Mannie made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

**Second:** Ms. Diana Padilla

**Motion Carried,** and the minutes were approved as submitted.

**III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Texas Union Access Changes - Jackson Clifford

Following the policy set forth by the Regents of UT system, everyone entering the Texas Union building needs to have identification and if asked, must present current identification. This is a big area of concern considering events of the past year. This is not a change, just a stricter enforcement of the current rules for the safety of all students and staff. UT police were a presence when the new enforcement began on August 22, 2016.

## B. Food Truck Policy Update - Mulu Ferede

After working with the Board, Student Government, UT legal, and with the help of all the stakeholders, we finally have an approval for the food truck policy. University Unions will manage all food truck vending across campus. The process for a food truck to be on campus will start with an application to University Unions, campus health services will perform required inspections, and purchasing and business services will complete the process. Policy, procedures, and applications will be available online and Mr. Ferede invited the Board members to review and provide feedback on operationalizing the policy.

### IV. ITEM FOR ACTION

Mr. Clifford presented the **Mind Body Lab** on behalf of Mr. Kevin Helgren and Ms. Binna Kim, Student Government, who were not able to be present. The Counseling and Mental Health Center has a Mind Body Lab (MBL), a relaxation center for students as a way to unplug and unwind. Unfortunately, the location is not convenient to most students. Mr. Helgren and Ms. Lin, Student Government President and Vice President, met with Mr. Ferede to present an additional location option. The Student Activity Center (SAC) has a small room/space, 196 sq.ft. (Room 2.106) that could be converted to a smaller version of the MBL. Student Government and University Health Services are partnering to pay for furniture for student use to relax and unwind at this more accessible space.

Asking the Board to vote to convert study area at SAC to another MBL, partially funded by Student Government and University Health Services. University Unions will make the space available. The Boards' vote will be forwarded to the Vice President for Student Affairs for final approval.

**MOTION:** Mr. Clifford asked for a Motion on how to vote and he moved to vote by hand.

**Second:** Mr. Mannie Motioned to approve unanimously.

**Motion carried,** and the motion was approved by unanimous consent. There will be a grand opening mid-November.

### V. SUBCOMMITTEES

#### A. Budget Allocation

All student members of the Board are on the Budget Allocation committee. Mr. Robert Lawrence and E+E will send more information regarding financials.

## **B. Art Selection**

All student members of the Board are on the Art Committee, which provides art for University Unions buildings. This committee also includes Mr. Ferede, Ms. Jennifer Zamora, fine arts faculty, and students from E+E, who will select, identify and bring artwork to the board for vote. Currently, there is space in E+E for additional artwork.

The “Through Our Eyes” program is a student photo contest. Contributors were encouraged to submit to the competition on Instagram and that got huge response from students. All are invited to be part of this committee. This is a constantly evolving program that has shown significant increase in participants.

## **C. Election**

This subcommittee is led by Vice Chair of Board, attends seminar, and works with election supervisory board in spring.

Mr. Clifford, having the privilege of selecting a Vice Chair for this current Board, choosing someone with board experience and having been a former president of E+E, announced Ms. Diana Padilla will be Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the 2016 – 2017 session and therefore will serve as Election Committee representative.

## **VI. FACULTY APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Clifford noted that there were no faculty present today, so the new Board will meet those individuals next meeting, and hopefully the faculty vacancy will be filled by next meeting. The goal is to bring in diverse areas of campus.

One for consideration is Dr. Brian Roberts, College of Liberal Arts, Government Department. He previously served two terms on the Board, served on the Pickle Committee run by University Unions, and did a great job. He has demonstrated a desire to serve another term. I would like to bring him up for nomination. Are there others? Floor is open to discussion.

It was jokingly suggested that the Board ask Mr. Matthew McConaughey to serve as a Faculty member of the Board since he is a guest lecturer on campus this year.

Mr. Clifford announced that Dr. Roberts has been notified that he is under consideration and Mr. Ferede reminded the Board that this would be a President appointment.

**MOTION:** Mr. Mannie to approve Dr. Roberts by unanimous vote.

**Second:** Ms. Yang seconded the motion.

**Motion carried,** Mr. Clifford asked if any objections and with none, announced that the Board has unanimously approved contacting Dr. Roberts and forwarding his name to president.

## **VII. REPORTS**

### **A. University Unions Board Chair - Jackson Clifford**

Going to be a great year, looking forward to it. Will send out email asking for agenda items every month.

### **B. Events + Entertainment President - Paul Mannie**

First event, Back to School Bash, went amazingly well. Members will receive a weekly events email so they will know what events are coming up. Goal set for all Board members to attend E+E events. An upcoming event for board to attend together is the Madrigal Dinner. Members were encouraged to mark their calendars for this event, the Board will have a table.

### **C. University Unions Executive Director - Mulu Ferede**

Busy weekend coming up for the University Unions with the Texas Tribune Festival and Parents weekend. Thank you to new members for being here. At subsequent meetings, all area directors will be featured so you can get to better know them and what they contribute.

## **VIII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

The next Board of Directors' meeting will be held on October 21, 2016, 3:00 pm in the Texas Union Board of Directors' room, UNB 4.118. Please join the Board for dinner this evening at the Salty Sow at 6pm.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.