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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 that reads "Soncia Reagins-Lilly".

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

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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

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# UNIVERSITY UNIONS

## UNIVERSITY UNIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Friday, January 27, 2017

The University Unions Board of Directors met on Friday, January 27, 2017 in the Board of Directors' room, UNB 4.118, in the Texas Union.

### **Members Present:**

Ms. Diana Padilla, Interim Chair  
Dr. John Doggett  
Mr. Mulu Ferede  
Mr. Kevin Helgren  
Mr. Paul Mannie  
Dr. Celena Mondie-Milner  
Ms. Helen Yang

### **Members Absent:**

Mr. Jackson Clifford, Chair  
Dr. Diana Ginsberg  
Mr. Rahim Karim  
Dr. Brian Roberts

### **Special Guest:**

The University of Texas President Gregory Fenves was an honored guest of the Board prior to the Call to Order. He shared his vision for The University, stating one of his goals is to "take this jewel in Texas that we are familiar with and make it even better and our impact even wider" on the international stage. The Board extends its gratitude to President Fenves for his time.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the University Unions Board of Directors was called to order at 3:36pm.

### **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Interim Chair Diana Padilla called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2016 Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Paul Mannie made the motion to approve the minutes by unanimous vote.

**Motion, Carried,** the minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

### III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### A. Dine with a Prof Program - Diana Padilla

The Dine with a Prof Program, which was approved by the Board at the November 18, 2016 meeting, will begin this month. The program encourages student learning outside of the classroom and making a connection with professors in a casual setting. Students may take a favorite professor out to lunch or coffee at any of the University Unions dining spots using a voucher system. Initial funding from University Unions for this program is \$1,000.00. Over the next two weeks, there will be a test launch with members of the E+E cabinet and student employees. Board members are encouraged to help spread the word about the new program, and there will be outreach to faculty, student leaders, student government, social media and the Daily Texan. Many thanks to Mr. Jackson Clifford, Ms. Claudette Campbell, Mr. Henry Jackson, Mr. Blake Justice, and Mr. Nick Parras for their work in getting this program off the ground.

#### B. Replacement Vendor for Texas Union Convenience Store - Diana Padilla

This conversation was brought up at the November Board meeting and members were encouraged to generate and submit options and ideas, some of which included pursuing Walgreens and the new Amazon Go stores. No consensus was reached at this meeting.

**Motion:** Dr. John Doggett made the motion to approach Walgreens unless the Board brings forth alternative recommendations at the February meeting,

**Second:** Mr. Mannie

**Motion Carried,** with a recommendation to approach Walgreens if no other alternatives are brought before the Board.

#### C. Increase traffic to Union Underground - Helen Yang

A general update was given regarding the Union Underground. Promotional events proposed include table tennis for the multi-purpose room and continued outreach to the community such as daycare centers, after school programs, and camps. Austin Community College has reached out to the Underground about holding bowling classes in our facility. Their need would be three (3) hours of lane use on Friday afternoons, with ½ hour in the multi-purpose space for classroom instruction. A partnership with ACC would be beneficial to both schools.

### IV. ITEM FOR ACTION

#### A. Skyspace Operating Hours - Diana Padilla

At the November meeting, a proposal was brought to the Board to adjust the hours of accessibility to the Turrell Skyspace exhibit due to safety concerns on campus. The Board requested more information regarding actual numbers of visitors in relation to the hours the exhibit was open (see Attachment A). The Board concluded the drop in number of visitors in the late evening hours justifies approving the request.

**MOTION:** Dr. Doggett made the motion to approve the request.

**Second:** Dr. Celena Mondie-Milner

**Motion Carried,** and passed to approve the request to adjust the hours of accessibility to the Turrell Skyspace.

## V. SUBCOMMITTEES

### A. Budget Allocation - Diana Padilla

The budget presentation will be in early March. Ms. Padilla will contact members with more details regarding meetings and to discuss packets and the creation of rubric for presentations.

### B. Election - Diana Padilla

Our Board has three (3) elected positions – President of Campus E+E and two (2) At-Large positions. The filing period began January 17, 2017 and runs through February 14, 2017, with elections to be held on March 1 and 2, 2017. Members were encouraged to spread the word about the upcoming election and encourage others to learn about the Board and run for the positions.

## VI. REPORTS

### A. University Unions Board Chair - Diana Padilla

Dine with a Prof Program is almost ready to launch and Board members were asked to help promote it among their colleagues, friends, and students.

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

Campus E+E events have been very successful this year, with attendance exceeding 22,000 to date. Events include movie screenings and premieres, some with Director Q&A such as “Tower” and “Moonlight” at Hogg Auditorium, and “Get Out” at the Texas Union theater. Blockbuster Series, Late Night film series, cult classic and sneak previews are very popular and are always free for students and staff.

The lecture series this semester includes an evening with Eric Schmidt, former CEO of Google. These events are free and open to the public. E+E is also proud to be teaming with Student Government and a coalition of campus organizations to host a sexual assault awareness week, with a screening on the main mall in front of the Tower.

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

The remodel of Wendy’s in Jester is complete and the space has been refreshed and has an overall improvement in appearance and line movement. The contract for this space expires in 2018, at which time it will be available for vendors to bid through the Requests for Proposal (RFP) process.

University Unions staff are currently coordinating food trucks for six (6) events around campus and working to add new vendors to the Approved Food Truck Vendor list. The Speedway Mall Pedestrian area is scheduled for completion in Fall, 2017 and we will have food trucks in these permanent locations on a regular basis.

The preliminary building assessment report for the Student Services Building has been completed and shows the building to be in good shape. When the bond for SSB retires, the bond payment may be repurposed to University Unions for much needed Hogg Memorial Auditorium renovations. There are meetings in the works to evaluate this possibility and I will keep the board informed on the progress.

Aramark will be launching a new app, Tapingo, in the coming weeks. This app allows students to pre-order and pay for their purchase at any Aramark food vendor in the Texas Union and SAC. The student then picks up their order when it is ready with no standing in line or waiting. We are excited to have this option for the students.

Finally, thank you to Ms. Padilla for job well done as our Interim Chairperson.

## **VII. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Kevin Helgren wanted to give a special thanks to the Board and especially Mr. Nick Parras and his team at the Student Activity Center for their work on the MindBody Lab. This has been a very successful venture, averaging over 30 users a day. Because of this success, FAC and Gregory Gym are being considered for additional MindBody Lab locations.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

*Please note that the next meeting of the Board of Directors' will be held on February 24, 2017 in the Board of Directors' room, UNB 4.118 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

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## UNIVERSITY UNIONS

### 2016 Fall Semester TRAF-SYS VisiCOUNT Data: Guest Usage of SAC Terrace (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

	August	September	October	November	December
<b>6p-7p</b>	3-6 guests	7-13 guests	11-22 guests	11-22 guests	8-16 guests
<b>7p-8p</b>	3-5 guests	7-15 guests	14-28 guests	8-16 guests	7-14 guests
<b>8p-9p</b>	5-9 guests	9-19 guests	10-21 guests	6-12 guests	3-6 guests
<b>9p-10p</b>	4-8 guests	5-10 guests	5-10 guests	5-9 guests	4-7 guests
<b>10p-11p</b>	2-4 guests	3-7 guests	4-7 guests	4-7 guests	2-4 guest
<b>11p-12a</b>	1-2 guests	3-5 guests	3-6 guests	3-6 guests	2-3 guests