UNIVERSITY UNIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Friday, March 30, 2012  

The University Unions Board of Directors met on Friday, March 30, 2012 in the Executive Conference room of The Student Activity Center, SAC 3.114.

Members Present:  
Dr. Brian Roberts  
Mr. Wm. Andrew Smith, Jr.  
Mr. Cody Johnson, vice chair  
Mr. Cameron Allison  
Mr. Givens Miller  
Dr. Karrol Kitt  
Ms. Natalie Butler  
Mr. Jesse Hernandez  
Ms. Sarah Lee, Chair  
Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly  
Dr. John Ruszkiewicz

Members Absent:  
None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the University Unions Board of Directors was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A quorum was called. Ms. Sarah Lee asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2012.

MOTION Mr. Cody Johnson - That the minutes be approved as submitted.  
Second Mr. Jesse Hernandez  
Motion carried, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Room Reservations

Mr. Givens Miller informed the Board that the Texas Union staff and Executive Director, Mr. Andy Smith had answered the committee’s questions about policies and provided the committee with a draft of six policies to be considered by the Board. Mr. Miller said that this document (Attachment A) is concise and is an improvement of the previous policies. Mr. Jesse Hernandez expressed appreciation to the staff and Mr. Smith for their quick response to questions put forward by the committee. Mr. Hernandez stated that one of his concerns had been the method of disciplining student organizations for rule violations that occur during the course of building use. Mr. Hernandez stated that in his opinion, discipline coming from another student peer would be more well accepted that discipline from a staff member. Mr. Hernandez suggested a committee of staff...
and students to determine and deliver disciplinary actions. Mr. Andy Smith said he would like to work with University Unions staff to draft a proposal for the April Board meeting. Mr. Smith stated his concern is there are some issues that must be addressed on a timely basis, which would require a commitment from the committee to meet as needed.

B. University Unions Election Code

Mr. Cody Johnson distributed copies of the 2011 University Unions Election Code. He reminded the Board that this election code was passed by the Board in 2010 through an email vote, but was not introduced in to the minutes of the following month’s Board meeting, and was therefore not approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Mr. Johnson asked the Board to review the document. Mr. Johnson will be attending a work group meeting to discuss the Common Election Code implemented this year. Dr. Brian Roberts asked if the University Unions Election Code 2011 had some parts of the Common Code in it. Mr. Johnson answered that the Common Election Code was drafted using this Election code as well as election codes from other entities. Dr. Roberts said he was trying to figure out what parts of the code are unique to the University Unions, and what parts are more generic. He would like to see a code that does not require a Board vote every time there is a change in the more generic parts, but no change to the University Unions specific part. Dr. Soncina Reagins-Lilly suggested that the Board bring and show all the documents regarding election code and drafts of all evolutions of the University Unions 2011 Election Code. She would like the Board to take a look at where the Union election code started, what it was edited to, and the final version so that the Board can see the process. Mr. Andy Smith stated that his understanding is that the Common Code was agreed upon by all five organizations that participate in the election. Then there are election codes that are specific to each organization. What the Board passed with the electronic vote was an election code constructed to be like the Student Government election code, including the part that addresses candidate association. Mr. Smith’s understanding is that the section of the election code addressing candidate association is to be reviewed by the university legal department. Since the University Unions has the association section in the 2011 University Unions Election Code, Mr. Smith would suggest that the Board would wait until legal reviews that section before voting on an election code. Dr. Lilly confirmed that the no association provision will need to be clarified. Mr. Cody Johnson suggested a work group or small subcommittee to review the election code documents and work to simplify and clarify the University Unions election code.

MOTION
Mr. Cody Johnson—To create a subcommittee to review election code.
Second
Mr. Jesse Hernandez
Motion Carried, and an election subcommittee will be created.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. SEC Budget Allocations

Ms. Sarah Lee reported SEC committee presentations to the Budget Allocations Committee had taken place during the week, and asked Mr. Cameron Allison to comment on the process. Mr. Allison distributed a document titled SEC 12-13 Proposed Allocations (Attachment B) to Board members. Mr. Allison told the Board that after the committee presentations, the Budget Allocations subcommittee convened to determine equitable allocations for each SEC committee. Decisions were based on committee background information, membership, programs, and presentations. One goal of the process is to create greater accountability for the SEC, providing
a foundation on which to grow. Committee chairs will be provided a detailed account of how funding amounts for their committees were determined.

**MOTION**  
Mr. Cody Johnson—To approve the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget Allocations.  
**Second**  
Mr. Givens Miller  
**Motion Carried,** and the 2012-2013 SEC Budget Allocations were unanimously approved.

**B. 2012-2013 Faculty Appointments**  
Ms. Sarah Lee said proposed new faculty Board member John Doggett has agreed to serve a three-year appointment for 2012-2015, and asked for a motion to approve.

**Motion**  
Mr. Cody Johnson—To appoint Professor John Dogget to the University Unions Board of Directors for the 2012-2015 term.  
**Second**  
Mr. Jesse Hernandez  
**Motion Carried,** and Mr. John Dogget received Board approval as the faculty appointment for 2012-2015.

**V. REPORTS**

**A. Chair, University Unions Board**  
Ms. Sarah Lee expressed her appreciation to Mr. Cody Johnson for conducting Board business on her behalf while she was completing an internship. She reminded Board members that the spring Board dinner is Friday, April 27, 2012 at III Forks Restaurant.

**B. President, Student Event Center**  
Mr. Cameron Allison reported on recent SEC events including a lecture by Salvatore Giunta, Medal of Honor Recipient for the United States Army; the third annual University Unions Film Festival; the Masquerade in the Park, which created a Mardi-Gras type atmosphere featuring creole food, soul music, and poetry; and a lecture on their philanthropic work in Haiti by Grammy award-winning band, Arcade Fire.  
Mr. Allison said that he and Mr. Cody Johnson continue work on an SEC survey and focus group to gather information from SEC users that will be helpful in the assessment. New chairs and vice-presidents have been chosen for next year's committees. They will be in attendance at the April University Unions Board meeting, and have worked with Mr. Allison to create a new SEC mission statement.

**C. Executive Director, University Unions**  
Mr. Andy Smith told the Board that the installation of the Turrell art piece has begun, and is expected to be a year process culminating in a grand opening during the summer of 2013. There will be a lot of activity on the rooftop as construction gets underway. On Friday, April 13 there will be a ceremony to celebrate the naming of the SAC Atrium for Dr. Margaret C. Berry. The Longhorn band will play and guests will honor Dr. Berry for her service to the University of Texas.
The Texas Union is on schedule to re-open the first week of August 2012, completing the fire sprinkler installation, the north end remodel of the exterior of the building, new floors in the Quadrangle Room and Ballroom, and a new lock/key system throughout the building. The University Unions has been presented with the opportunity to manage and program Hogg Auditorium. In the mid-eighties, the Texas Union was scheduling Hogg, but for the past twenty years the Performing Arts Center has been managing the facility. The PAC had hoped to implement at thirty-two million dollar renovation, but failed to raise the funds required. It has been very expensive for student organizations to use Hogg Auditorium, because of the need to contract with outside vendors to bring in lights, sound systems, and related equipment. The Department of Fine Arts has now indicated that they would like to pass the management of this building back to the University Unions. We are working to establish what would be required for the University Unions to use this space for student organization programming. The problem is that the building has a number of code issues relating to life safety that will have to be addressed. We will have to be creative in finding ways to fund the changes required.

VI. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

Ms. Sarah Lee reminded the Board that the group Board photo will be taken prior to the beginning of the April 27 Board meeting, and asked member to please arrive 20 minutes early.

Mr. Jesse Hernandez informed the Board that the Through Our Eyes selection committee will be working to choose photographs for the fall 2012 display.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Lee asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Mr. Cody Johnsson - That the meeting be adjourned.
Second Dr. Karrol Kitt
Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Texas Union Event and Meeting Use Policies

Please note the use of the Texas Union is also governed by a number of other University policies, procedures and practices that may effect your reservation. Please consult with Texas Union Hospitality Services should you have questions.

Texas Union Policies:

1. Staff will determine appropriate sound levels.

2. Late cancellations and "no-shows" in certain University Unions rooms will result in substantial fines. Smaller rooms will incur lesser fines. For more information please see: http://www.utexas.edu/universityunions/student-activity-center/space/room-cancellations.

3. To ensure that your event is successful, requests for events in the Ballroom, Theater, Santa Rita and the Quadrangle require a pre-event meeting with Hospitality Staff.

4. All catering in the Texas Union is provided by Texas Union Dining Services. All exceptions must be approved by Texas Union Hospitality Services via a Texas Union Food Waiver. For more information please see: http://www.utexas.edu/universityunions/texas-union/space/food-policy/food-waiver.

5. Texas Union staff must approve placement of promotional materials outside of meeting rooms.

6. Please refrain from the following in Texas Union building:
   o Taping flyers, notices or decorations to restricted surfaces.
   o Use of aerosols, glitter and confetti.
   o Switching reservations with another group.
   o Painting or constructing anything inside the building.
   o Moving any furnishings inside the Governor's Room, Sinclair Suite, African-American Culture Room or Boardroom.
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