The University Unions Board of Directors met on Friday, January 25, 2013 in the Texas Union Board of Directors’ room UNB 4.118.

Members Present:

Mr. Wm. Andrew Smith, Jr.
Mr. Jesse Hernandez, chair
Dr. Karrol Kitt
Mr. Seth Snyder
Ms. Carissa Kelley
Dr. John Ruszkiewicz
Dr. John Doggett
Mr. John Walker
Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly
Mr. Thor Lund

Members Absent:

Ms. Tess McKenna

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the University Unions Board of Directors was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A quorum was called. Mr. Jesse Hernandez asked for any amendments or corrections to the November 16, 2012 minutes as submitted to the board.

MOTION

Mr. Seth Snyder – That the minutes be approved as submitted
Second Mr. John Walker
Motion carried – The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Student Event Center self-study recommendations

Mr. Jesse Hernandez referred board members to the SEC self-study recommendations from the last board meeting. Ms. Jennifer Zamora prepared charts (attachment A) showing the new organization of the Student Event Center. Ms. Zamora asked if the board had questions concerning the recommendations.

MOTION

Mr. John Walker—That the recommendations in the SEC self-study be adopted as submitted.
Second Mr. Seth Snyder

Motion carried—The Student Event Center Self-Study recommendations were approved

B. 2013 University Unions Election Code

Mr. Jesse Hernandez reminded the board of previous rules and regulations in place for elections. In 2010-2011, the election rules and regulations were expanded to increase clarity. However, at that time, they did not get approved because of a cancelled board meeting. The following year, the entities participating in university wide elections came together to create a common election code.

Mr. Jesse Hernandez distributed the proposed 2013 University Unions election code (attachment B). He noted that Title 1 and 2 apply to all entities participating in campus elections. Title 3 applies only to the University Unions.

Based on last year’s elections, the entities came together to determine if any changes should be made to the current code. Any changes must be approved by all the entities. Title 1 and 2 were changed. Student Government has already approved, the University Unions is next to approve.

Mr. Seth Snyder outlined the major changes made to Title 1 and 2. One of the changes clarifies the definition of polling stations vs. polling locations. The other change implements a financial bar system, holding the candidates responsible for fines or debts they acquire during their campaign.

Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly expressed concern regarding the ability of a member of the appellate to also serve on the Election Supervisory Board. She noted that rules in section 5.6 of the common code have been changed to address this.

Mr. Seth Snyder asked about the language of ‘association’ with regard to campaigning. Dr. Lilly informed the board that she had worked closely with students and Legal Affairs to define “association” because in the past the language was too broad (review section 7.16). Ms. Carissa Kelley inquired about the definition of the word ‘endorse’ or the ‘endorsement clause’ for the current election code. Dr. Lilly said that the clause is in Student Government election code, but not in the University Unions election code.

Mr. Jesse Hernandez explained that the word ‘article’ was changed to ‘chapter’ and that the title ‘University Unions Election Rules and Regulations’ was changed to ‘University Unions Election Code’.

Mr. Andy Smith commented that if changes were desired to the election code for future elections, those changes should come before the board in the fall semester, prior to spring semester elections. Mr. Seth Snyder asked the board to consider an increase in the amount candidates are allowed to spend for campaigns. Mr. Andy Smith said that should be something for next year’s board to consider.

MOTION Mr. Seth Snyder—That the new election code be adopted as presented
Second  Mr. John Ruszkiewicz
Motion carried—The 2013 University Unions election code is approved

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Through Our Eyes
Mr. Jesse Hernandez noted that Mr. John Walker and Ms. Tess McKenna will continue to serve on the committee for the Through Our Eyes contest.

V. REPORTS

A. Chair, University Unions Board
Mr. Jesse Hernandez reported that the budget allocation process is moving forward. There will be presentations by subcommittees on March 21, 2013 and March 22, 2013. A budget will be presented to the board at the meeting on March 29, 2013.

B. Vice-Chair, University Unions Board
Mr. Seth Snyder gave the board an update for the Election Supervisory Board selection committee. He acknowledged Dr. Lilly for the $1000 on successful completion of service on the ESB. Applicants have been screened and narrowed down to nine members with three alternates. Mr. Snyder thanked Dr. Lilly for making a $1000 stipend available to members at the successful completion of their task.

C. President, Student Events Center
Ms. Carissa Kelley reported that the committee chair selection process will begin within a few weeks. The first cabinet meeting was a success. Many upcoming events for the SEC were discussed at the cabinet meeting.

D. “Through Our Eyes” Fall ’12 Report
Mr. John Walker informed the board that the submission process has been reopened to allow more applicants for their theme “longhorns around the world”. The new deadline is February 15, and the committee will have a selection the following week, with the chosen photos exhibited by spring break.

E. Executive Director, University Unions
Mr. Andy Smith reported Assistant Director of Business Services, Angela McCarter, has resigned to move to the UT Office of Internal Audit. There is a search to fill her position, with Mr. Jesse Hernandez representing the board on the search committee.

Three small projects recently completed in the Texas Union are the addition of can lights in the Texas Union Ballroom; repair of the fourth level corridor roof, and installing doors on the loading dock.

Mr. Andy Smith mentioned that Hogg Auditorium’s report for renovations would be coming. An update will be given at the following board meeting on February 22, 2013.
He also noted that traffic in the buildings is up, and food services are performing well. Reports that more people are here during the night, especially in the union.

Mr. Thor Lund asked if the Student Activity Center is experiencing more lunch traffic due to the new Liberal Arts building. Mr. Andy Smith said yes, however there will be a more definite answer as the semester moves on.

**F. Associate Executive Director, University Unions**

Ms. Crystal King reported that two University Unions staff members retired this month: Marcy Hernandez with the SSB, and Richard Quinones, with twenty-nine years of service in the Texas Union building.

A search has begun for an Assistant Director for the Centers for Student Life facilities. The posted position will close early February and the four candidates will be interviewed starting next week.

The Chancellors of the university chose to hold their winter meeting in the Student Activity Center and the Texas Union building. Ms. King thanked the staff members of both buildings for their hard work and excellent job in hosting this event.

**VI. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly announced that Dr. Karrol Kitt has agreed to chair the selection committee for the Executive Director search. The position has been posted and a search has commenced. Updates will be given periodically.

Mr. Jesse Hernandez commented that the election code voted on at this board meeting will be made available to candidates through campus email, and at the candidate seminar on February 12.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

As there were no further comments or questions, Mr. Jesse Hernandez asked for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION**  Mr. Seth Snyder—That the meeting be adjourned
**Second**  Mr. John Walker
Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.