**Union Council Meeting**
Minutes
November 29, 2022

**Present:**

Lauren Damgaard

Saehin Kim

Jasmine Machhi

Brady Palzkill

Susan Dibbell

Mark Guthier

Heidi Lang

Jason Stephens

Christina Olstad

Reilly Coon

Sophie Salewske

Kevin Jacobson

Marie Tuchscherer

Reez Bailey

**Guests:**

Danielle Brzezinski

Ed Janairo

Olivia Ligman

Jesse Frolik

Dawry Ruiz

Olivia Rossman

Kaden Buck

Lily Chavez

Nathan Baker

Monica Perez

Absent:

Steve Schaffer
Jenny Faust
Paul Peppard

Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Motion: Jasmine moved approval of the October 25, 2022, meeting minutes. Kevin seconded the motion. October Meeting Minutes were approved.

Land Acknowledgement read by Lauren

Introductions

**Open Forum**

* **Open Forum-** no speakers.

**New Business**

* **Wisconsin Union Directorate Director Visit and Goals Presentation- Lauren & Marie**

Lauren shared the Directorate committee goals via PowerPoint.

* + Alt Breaks- increase presence on campus, use on campus events to further reach campus community.
	+ Art- develop both leadership style and interpersonal skills.
	+ Cuisine- explore and learn with the community and share her passion about food.
	+ Distinguished Lecture Series- develop the ability to be decisive and make quick and difficult decisions.
	+ Games- create inclusive, accessible programs to provide unique experiences on campus.
	+ Film- push new and progressive film making and continue to make the space welcoming to all.
	+ Global Connections- create, enhance and foster a greater sense of community and connection between international and domestic students on campus.
	+ Music- reintegrate WUD music into the Madison community.
	+ Performing Arts- provide international and diverse programming that more accurately represents the student bodies that have been underrepresented.
	+ Publications- explore different aspects of potential committee programming.
	+ Society and Politics- increase attendance in our meetings and create international programming for underrepresented communities.
	+ Marie presented Hoofer Club Leadership & Club Goals via PowerPoint.
		- Mountaineering- increase accessibility in climbing and to ensure programming is more inclusive.
		- Outing- increase training and professional development opportunities for all.
		- Sailing- increase female inclusion and voices within the club and improve equipment and facility maintenance.
		- Ski & Snowboard- increase engagement and retention through initiatives such as providing more events at Tyrol Basin.
		- Scuba- increase recruitment and retention of general members and increase the number of advanced and rescue courses.
		- Riding- increase recruitment and retention of general members, as well as build community within the club.

**Officer Reports**

* President- Lauren- just wrapped with their big marketing project. Held a Thanksgiving social. Working on getting things ready for spring semester.
* VP of Internal Relations- Jasmine- they had a social for Thanksgiving. Jasmine is working on planning two winter retreats.
* VP of External Relations- Saehin- wrapped up their travel marketing campaign. They have several events coming up, including an art exhibit at US.
* VP of Resources and Operations- Brady – starting the end of year push. Games Committee has an event this Friday/Saturday. Working on finalizing the WUD budget request for FY’24. $8269 worth of grant money has been given out so far.
* Secretary Update- Mark shared the Union has finished its organizational integration work and presented it to the staff. ALPs will now report to Rec Well. This change will take place starting in January.
* Treasurer Update- Susan shared the Union is currently below the budget; over in expenses and under in revenue. The University Club will open in January, there will be some sneak peeks prior to opening on January 23. There will be study rooms available during finals week at Memorial Union and Union South. The Unions have been a place to watch the World Cup matches.

**Union Advisory Boards- Administration -**

* **Admin-** Jasmine shared her presentation on the FY24 preliminary Budget. She explained that Administration advisory board met 2 weeks ago to discuss the recommendation for two new RSO support staff. They have 2 recommendations.
	+ **Recommendation 1:** increase seg fee expense to support 1 new RSO Advisor position, to $7.16 increase
	+ **Recommendation 2:** increase the seg fee expense to support the second RSO advisor position, to $7.96 increase.
	+ Background on advising staff and RSOs was provided. There are over 900 RSOs, 6500 active users in WIN, 4 current full-time staff, and 20 student staff. There are 329 groups that don’t currently have an advisor.
	+ These positions would provide support to finance, technology, officer transitions, student education and training and conflict management.
	+ **Motion**: Mark moved to approve the first recommendation. Jasmine seconded the motion. The group discussed. Susan called to question. The vote: 9 yes, 3 no, 0 abstained. Recommendation passed.
	+ **Motion:** to approve the second recommendation. Reez moved to approve the second recommendation. Jasmine seconded. Group discussed. Lauren called to question. Vote: 0 yes, 11 no, 1 abstained. Recommendation not passed.
	+ **Motion:** Reez motioned to have this body recommend to CfLI & ASM to be proactive about the second recommendation and conduct a survey of RSO leaders on their need for an additional staff member. The position description should indicate that the advisor swill be proactive in reaching out to RSOs in providing assistance. Mark seconded the motion. Group discussed. Heidi mentioned that this could go to Social Ed board to help direct this motion.
		- **Amendment:** Reez recommended Social Education Advisory Board & CfLI to conduct the survey of RSO leaders on the second advisor’s position. Heidi mentioned that late second semester might be the best timeline for this survey. Reez approved this addition to the recommendation, adding the timeline of second semester for thesurvey.
			* Reez called to question**. The Vote:** 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained. The motion passed.
* **Dining & Hospitality- Saehin-** theydid some research on dining and labor shortages. They discussed moving more offering online. They are working on policies.
* **Facilities- Brady**- they are meeting this Thursday to finalize their recommendations on the Reflection Room. They did a survey on the use of the room. They came up with 10 different recommendations that will come to the next meeting.
* **Social Education- Lauren-** They reviewed the purpose statement for Outdoor UW. There weren’t many changes to the core message of the policy. It was more changes to the language and formatting of the document. The document is in box to review.
	+ **Motion:** to accept the changes to the Outdoor UW purpose statement. Reez motioned to approve. Saehin second. Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained. Motion passed.
		- Recommendation, adding the timeline of second semester for the timeline.
			* Reez called to question**. The Vote:** 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained. The motion passed.

**Updates**

* ASM Update- Reez shared that they will be meeting tomorrow. They are in the process of figuring out their relationship to the initiative to form a united group over the entire UW System. They are recommending students to the Provost search and screen group. Selecting students to attend the ABTS conference.
* SSFC Update- Kevin shared that they are in processes of going through budgets.
* Dean of Students – Christina shared that they partnered with the Union/Housing to swipe out hunger. $960 was collected by the Union. This will be giving to students who are having trouble paying for food. They are seeing record breaking trends with outreach with students needing help with mental health. They saw increase in biased reports. They are prepping for Winter Welcome.

Adjourned at 7:20pm