

## **Union Council Meeting**

**April 18, 2017**

### **Minutes**

In Attendance: Susan Dibbell, Heidi Lang, George Cutlip, Juli Aulik, Sam Park, Carmen Gosey, Adan Abu-Hakmeh, Mark Guthier, Deshawn McKinney, Omar Jandal, Chris Verhaeghe, Peter Lipton, Lily Hansen, Lori Berquam

Guests: Mason Muerhoff, Edie Block, Lucas Finnel, Folarin Ajibade, Ralph Russo, Brooke Evans, Nick Munce, Joe Webb, Iffat Bhuiyan, Courtney Medick, Mara Matovich

Absent: Jessica Franco-Morales

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Deshawn motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Mark seconded, and the minutes were approved.

### **Budget Presentations**

Lucas Finnel, Hooper Council VP for Finance, presented a summary of the six Hooper Budgets including Hooper Council. He walked through each Hooper Club's budget, and answered questions on the sailing clubs' private donations. Adan motioned to approve the club's budgets, Carmen seconded, and the budgets passed unanimously.

Folarin Ajibade, Performing Arts Committee Director, outlined the goals for the WUD Performing Arts committee and then presented the 2017-18 Theater Season. Mark asked about what the various Theater endowments and Peter asked how they work. Folarin and Ralph explained that the Theater has a variety of gift funds that are used to help support performer fees as well as provide a ticket discount for students. Mark motioned to approve the Theater budget, Carmen seconded, and the budget passed unanimously.

### **Financial Snapshot**

Susan presented the February snapshot, which indicated a slip in revenue, but she reminded the Council about the strong start to the year. Retail dining in Memorial Union has not yet hit the numbers they set, and Program revenue is below because of timing. The new budget year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **External Relations**

### **WU Patron Code of Conduct**

Susan asked the Council to approve the Union Patron Code of Conduct. She explained that this is a new policy and the result of the noose incident at the stadium. Union staff and students met throughout the year to develop. This policy has been reviewed and approved by UW Legal.

Carmen expressed concern that UW Athletics defined a noose as a weapon, and debated that the Union should follow suit and add it to the list of weapons that are not permitted. Susan responded that all weapons are banned and that the Building Managers are provided extensive training. They use their best judgement.

Madison asked whether UWPD is required to abide by a policy when they are on UW grounds. Mark reported that they do need a policy to point to when police choose to take action against a patron.

Adan said it would not do harm by adding noose to the list of weapons, and Madison agreed.

Omar suggested that if UWPD is involved, the highest level Union employee should be notified. Susan informed the group that a leadership team member is on call each weekend and building managers are aware of who they are. It was then suggested that UWPD be informed of the on-call list.

Juli reiterated the importance of listing a noose, explaining that “best judgment isn’t enough,” and expressed concern regarding who is in charge once UWPD is involved. Lori supported the addition of a noose, but added that it could require adding all other weapons.

Carmen explained that it should be common sense to add noose to a list of weapons, and Susan stated that it can be added to the policy.

MOTION: Omar moved to add noose to the items prohibited from Union facilities and grounds. Deshawn seconded Omar’s amendment, and the motion passed unanimously. There was discussion regarding the policy itself, but ultimately Peter motioned to approve the policy with the amendment. Deshawn seconded Peter’s motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **WU3-8 Membership discipline process**

Susan presented the revised Union Member Discipline Process. This Policy was revised as part of the process to develop the Patron Code of Conduct. Lori raised concern that the gap between a 24 hour ban and a three month to one year suspension was too large. Adan motioned to amend the policy to read “an immediate ban of appropriate length.” Madison seconded to motion. Mark motioned to adjust Adan’s amendment to read “an immediate ban for a minimum of 24 hours.” With Mark’s adjustment, the amendment passed unanimously. Deshawn then moved to approve the policy as a whole. Chris made the motion, Adan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **ER9-3 Non-Governmental and Non-Campus Co-Sponsorship Support**

Omar and Susan noted that student opinion was incorporated into the policy based on feedback from last year’s Council. Adan motioned to approve the policy, and Lily seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **WU1-1 Wisconsin Union Bylaws (Council Composition)**

Deshawn described the work that has gone into researching how to adjust the composition of Union Council. Deshawn and Susan met with the Student Employee Advisory Group and based on that meeting Deshawn does not believe SEAG represents student employees. This is not the purpose of SEAG. They plan social events and trainings for employees. The group was interested in serving on Council but had many questions about how to best represent student employees.

Deshawn proposed adding a student representative as an ex-officio for the upcoming year.

Discussion opened, and Madison expressed her concern that the Council lacked a representative from the University staff, and expressed concern about the Chancellor's influence on the body. Madison proposed inviting University staff to an Administration Committee next fall. Madison moved to postpone making a decision and instead charge the Administration Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of who sits on Union Council. All positions should be evaluated and the Council should be as representative as possible. A recommendation should come to the Council by the third meeting in the fall. The Council agreed that changing the body’s composition by adding another member, without fully understanding what each position contributes, may be problematic. Sam seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Wiscard Policy**

Background on the Wiscard Policy was provided as the Council was unclear about its purpose. Members of ASM would like all stakeholders to have a voice in decisions made about Wiscard. Questions arose about references to the Wiscard Office and it was clarified that the purpose of the policy was to expand representation on issues related to the card only—not the office.

Susan and Mark explained the various uses of the Wiscard including transactional (make purchases), security including campus access and identification. It was also clarified that there is a campus-wide group that makes decisions about Wiscard. The Union has one representative on the Committee and is not the sole decision maker. The Wiscard office is housed in the Union and staffed by the Union but supplies are covered centrally.

Madison motioned to approve the Wiscard Policy as is. Due to the confusion surrounding the proposed Wiscard policy, Adan motioned to table the motion until next meeting, and Caleb seconded. Deshawn took a vote, and the motion failed. Sam then motioned for a brief recess, Deshawn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After the break Sam motioned to amend the policy to take out all references to the Wiscard office and to send this policy to the IML group (Identity Management Leadership Group) stating that the Union Council endorses this policy. Peter seconded, and the amendment passed unanimously. Deshawn then called for a vote on the policy. The motion passed unanimously and the policy was adopted.

## **FM3-4 Event Policy**

Regarding gender neutral bathrooms in Union South, Madison recommended that a facility should exist at all times, instead of only upon prior request. Peter mentioned the Council should strike out “logical” from the first paragraph of the policy, and instead add “logistical” in its place. Susan made a motion for Peter’s change, and Sam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Commitment to Pursue SNAP Benefit Acceptance**

Caleb briefed the Council about the April 6th meeting and presented a proposal for the Union to commit to pursue SNAP benefits.

Heidi wanted a more clear statement of purpose of the committee. Mark motioned to change “can” to “shall” and “its” to “this’ purpose as stated above and.” Sam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Madison motioned to add “members and guests” to the language, instead of just “students.” Sam seconded Madison’s motion and it passed unanimously. Caleb then motioned to approve the legislation as a whole. Sam seconded the motion, and the legislation was approved.

### **Council Business Updates:**

- Courtney reported the Alt Breaks Director resigned, need a new one.
- The Opt Out Letter is being sent out, and the Council will receive a copy.
- WUD Year End Report: 16 clubs and committees, 85 leaders, 250 members

### **Updates**

- Program and Leadership told the Council about the addition of trip leaders for the Alt Breaks program, and Omar highlighted the benefits of having the leaders in terms of safety and organization.
- Cuisine Committee was new this year. Space is an issue but was a great first year.
- Caleb expressed his desire for a policy that allows the Hooper Council President to attend WUD Committee Leader meetings less often. The Council noted that it was something to look into in the future.
- Alternative Breaks Director resigned but a search to replace this Director is underway.
- Artist Compensation:
  - Lily talked about the survey sent to 44 other schools regarding how they compensate artists, and said that a \$500 stipend is being considered per exhibit, to be split between the artists. The Council expressed concern for compensating artists that are already selling their work. Lily told the Council that the feedback would go back to the Program and Leadership committee.

### **General Updates**

- Everyone thanked Peter and Juli for their service, as the 4/18 meeting was their last on the Council.
- Deshawn thanked everyone for sitting through the long meeting.
- Peter expressed his love for everyone

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Lily seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.