

October 23, 2019
Union Council Meeting
Minutes

Alison Hovind-VP External Relations
Gretchen Trast-VP Internal Relations
Tanvi Tilloo- President
Susan Dibbell- Deputy Director and Treasurer
Mark Guthier- Director and Secretary
Heidi Lang- Assoc. Director Program & Leadership Development, non voting
Amanda Fenton- WUD Rep, Hooper Council President
Erin Hallbauer- Alumni Rep (WAA)
Christina Olstad- Dean of Students, non voting
Grace D'Souza- ASM Rep (SSFC Secretary)
Nicholas Santas - ASM L&S Rep - absent
Yogev Ben-Yitschak- ASM Vice Chair
Kevin Jacobson- ASM Rep- absent
Lily Miller- WUD Rep, Art Committee Director

Guests: Kendall Newman, Social Justice Hub Intern
Isabella Marquetti, Minute Taker
Jacob McInnis, Society & Politics Director
Carlo Romagnolo, Publications Director
Liam Granlund, Film Director

5:30 pm Dinner

6:00 Meeting Called to Order- Tilloo

- Land Acknowledgment

- Approval of Minutes
 - Amanda Fenton moved and Gretchen Trast seconded the approval of 9-25-29 meeting minutes
 - Minutes approved

6:10 pm Understanding the Social Justice Hub- Kendall Newman

- Social Justice Intern Kendall Newman provided an overview of the Social

Hub and gave a tour of the space.

- Action teams focused on a specific social justice issues
- New logo from Wisconsin Union Marketing
- Selected two voting interns in collaboration with The League of Women Voters of Dane County
- Starting a social justice artistic comic series

6:35pm WUD Committee and Hooper Club Goals- Tilloo, Fenton

(PowerPoint on file in Box)

Jacob McInnis (Director of WUD Society and Politics) goals: create a community of dialogue, boost discussion attendance by 10%, and have 100 listeners within the first two weeks of releasing the SoPo podcast SPARK, increase collaborations with organizations like PSSA

- Carlo Romagnolo (Director of WUD Publications) goals: have at least 3 collaborations this semester with at least two different organizations that represent different realities on campus, have an average of 60 attendees for smaller events and 150 attendees for larger events, distribute all copies of the December print issues by mid-April
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- Liam Granlund (Director of WUD Film) goals: increase cultural programming to span more countries and communities like the LGBTQ Film Festival (Nov 7-10). Use the point system as a reward system in order to keep maintain committee members.
- Lily Miller (Director of WUD Art) goals: grow the committee with the aim of having 20 recurring and involved members by the end of spring semester, Engage in accessibility assessment activities this year to evaluate the climate, and layout of our galleries, Diversify the artists that are submitted and the medium of art shown in the galleries to test the limits of our spaces, pop up galleries

7:00pm Officer Updates

- President- Tilloo
- WUD discussing repercussion of Homecoming Video

- VP Internal- Trast

- Received most of the budget requests for Human Rights Awareness Week and looking for funding and program spaces; every committee and Hooper Club have submitted travel funding requests; starting transition for new officers

- VP External -Hovind

- Still in the midst of recruitment campaign and getting committee members, and figuring out what makes a committee member a committee member; developing the marketing for Human Rights Week, planning to create a video of all the Directors reading a human right

- Secretary- Guthier

- Union Trustees met in early October and approved additional funding for the Social Justice Hub. They also talked about the nature of membership. Membership has hired a firm to study membership and sent out a survey to recently graduated students to ask why they didn't become members. Will recognize Veteran's Day with a new flag pole at Memorial Union. Still struggling with labor shortage-- down 17 full time staff. UW Housing is also impacted--they are down 30 staff

- Treasurer- Dibbell

- In an effort to feed the campus community piloting a program with Buraka. They will come to Union South Monday-Friday, 11am-2pm (or until food runs out). They will work out of Harvest Grains space. Also pursuing a relationship with Batch Bakery to come two days a week. Met with the Director of the Office of Sustainability Missy Nergard about the Union and creating a position for the Union. Union is doing well financially

- Hooper Council President- Fenton

- Fenton provided an overview of Rail Jam and asked for Council's support in moving the event to Bascom Hill. Hoopers will need the Chancellor to approve use of Bascom for this event. Council support the request.

7:20pm Advisory Board Updates

- Administration- Tilloo
 - Regarding the employment shortage the board will examine, minimum wage, work- study program and working with the Financial Aid Office
- Dining and Hospitality- Hovind
 - Dining's meeting is tomorrow,so no updates
- Program and Leadership- Trast
 - Trast reported high turnout for their first meeting and good energy. Board is interested in student supervisor training and e- sports
- Facilities- Fenton
 - First meeting focused on sustainability, including how to educate the community about composting. They have a student who will review policies. Also want to examine how to make spaces more comfortable for people

7:06 **Meeting Adjourned**