

# **Union Council Meeting Minutes**

## **March 14, 2018**

### **Memorial Union**

Present: Dan Grabois, Heidi Lang, Mark Guthier, Iffat Bhuiyan, Courtney Medick, Omar Jandal, Nick Munce, Susan Dibbell, Forrest Koslowski, Sam Park, Lori Berquam, Jordan Pasbrig, Sydney Weiser, Chris Verhaeghe, George Cutlip

Absent: Liz Preston, Max Goldfarb

Guests: Mills Botham, Farhat Bhuiyan, Shauna Breneman, Mary Russell, Zonghao Zou, Natalie Tri, Katie Morrison

### **Jones Leadership Center**

The Jones Leadership Center interns Zonghao Zou and Natalie Tri gave a presentation regarding their work as Jones Leadership Center Interns. This included their goals, mission, and what they accomplished consisting of various workshops and lectures. They explained that 83 students have attended workshops and gave an overview on upcoming events, retreats and conferences. They also provided information on their experience at the 2018 Impact Conference.

### **Porchlight Internship**

Katie Morrison then provided a summary about her work in the Jones Leadership Center. As the Porchlight Intern, including hosting a chef tasting event where they raised \$40,000 and had 250 people in attendance. She has been working at Porchlight on various projects.

### **Action Items**

#### **Minutes**

Nick moved to approve the February 7th and 21st meeting minutes. Omar seconded and the motion passed.

#### **Directorate Budget**

Everyone walked through the highlights of the line by line WUD budgets. Nick reminded everyone of the major changes including adding money to the Art Committee to pay artists.

Jordan moved to approve the Directorate Budget. Forrest seconded and the motion passed.

### Open Forum

Iffat opened the floor for an open forum.

Omar raised the question of the student employee survey and what the results looked like. Susan explained that the survey closed at the beginning of the week and that Jacob Hahn is now compiling the data. She provided a brief summary including that the responses are favorable and students who currently work at the Union enjoy it.

Sydney asked if it would be possible to send the survey out to people who have previously worked at the Union. Susan said that it is more complicated but she can look into it and get back to the Council.

### **Officer Team 2018-19 Director Presentation**

2018-19 Union Council President Mills Botham and Vice President of Internal Affairs Farhat Bhuiyan gave a presentation on the applicants for Director and Summer Coordinator positions 2018-19. They went over the various demographics of the applicant pool including age, gender, race and major.

Jordan asked what the outreach and recruitment process looked like for this and Courtney responded that she utilized all-campus emails, social media, student org fairs and advertised at committee events.

Dan asked if there was a good number of applicants. Farhat said that she and Mills were excited about the number, but would have liked to see more for certain committees.

George asked if the applicant pool was missing any particular demographic and Farhat explained that only one African American student applied.

Iffat asked if there was a correlation between international students and people who were previously involved and Farhat explained that some were probably involved in Global Connections.

The Council then moved into a closed session.

The 2018-19 Union Directorate was decided as follows:

Alternative Breaks Director: Shelby Herring

Art Director: Brandon Phouybanhdyt

Cuisine Director: Lucy McNeil

Distinguished Lecture Series Director: Gretchen Trast

Film Director: Nimish Sarin

Global Connections Director: Pedro Henrique Koeler Goulart

Music Director: Arielle Bordow

Performing Arts Director: Amanda Venske

Publications Director: Fernanda Martinez Rodriguez

Society and Politics Director: Tanvi Tilloo

Summer Art Coordinator: Lily Miller

Summer Film Coordinator: Clare Ostroski

Mark moved to approve the 2018-19 Union Directorate. Nick seconded and the motion passed.

### **Named Spaces Discussion**

Iffat explained that she would like to address the issue regarding the naming of the Porter Butts Gallery and Frederic March Play Circle this year. Mark provided background information about the history of the two men and the problem at hand. Iffat then opened the floor for discussion.

Nick asserted that the Council should not push this off for fear that once they do, it will not be addressed for a long time. George agreed that the Council must open a line of inquiry no matter what.

People debated whether to push the deadline for a decision back, but Nick asserted that if the date is moved back people will not work on it until that date. It was decided that they would not push the issue back and would instead add another Union Council meeting to go over the issues.

Iffat then presented her motion on the issue and the Council walked through it with her to make edits.

Lori moved to approve the policy with the appropriate edits. Jordan seconded and the motion passed.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

## Facilities

Forrest explained that there was a request that the Union make more inclusive restrooms in Union South and that the Committee is working on the request.

## Program and Leadership

Nick explained that they finished the Publications study and are now gathering and compiling the information. They will give updates next at the meeting.

## Dining

Sydney explained that they are working on writing a policy that allows for a new demonstration kitchen to be used. She added that the only thing that is being finalized is where the kitchen will officially take place.

Iffat asked when the policy would expire and Sydney responded that it would be good for five years.

## External Relations

Courtney updated that the Committee reviewed various Union studies.

## **Reports**

### Director

Mark updated that in the upcoming weeks the kitchen will return to Memorial Union.

### WUD

Five students attended South by Southwest and had a great time, The Shape of Water and The Greatest Showman are playing in the Marquee. Lit Fest is coming up.

### ASM

Jordan updated that they recently had a Town Hall and that Student Council elections ended. He also added that the Union Budget was approved by SSFC.

### Hoofers

Forrest explained that for spring break many Hoofers members will be traveling all over the country and that they are working on their new websites. He also added that elections are ending on Monday for the various leadership positions.

Sam motioned to adjourn the meeting. Omar seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.