

## Union Council Meeting Minutes 9-17-2015

MEMBERS			
		Erin Harper, ASM Representative	X
Juli Aulik, Alumni Rep		Madison Laning, ASM Chair	X
Lori Berquam, Ex- Officio		William Lipske, Academic Staff	X
Jack Comeau, President	X	Peter Lipton, Faculty Representative	
George Cutlip, Alumni Rep (WAA)	X	Mohan Mandali, WUD Representative	X
Susan Dibbell, Ex- Officio	X	Jane Oberdorf, Acting Treasurer	X
Brett Ducharme, ASM Representative	X	Philip Ostrov, VP – Internal Relations	X
Jessica Franco-Morales, ASM Representative	X	Ronnie Pisano, WUD Representative	X
Mark Guthier, Secretary	X	Khea Yashadhana, VP – External Relations	X

Guests: Lori DeMeuse, Director's Office Executive Assistant

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Call to Order</b>	Jack Comeau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Minutes from the April 21, 2015 meeting were approved. Jack Comeau made a <b>Motion to Approve</b> . Brett Ducharme <b>Seconded</b> . <b>None opposed. Motion Passed</b> .	<b>Motion Passed</b>
<b>Union Council Training</b>	<p>Mr. Comeau led a training session for new those new to Union Council. He and other Union Council members highlighted the materials that were in the binder that was distributed.</p> <p>Mohan Mandali, WUD Rep, reviewed the Role of the College Union Statement.</p> <p>The history and organizational structure of the Union was presented by VP for External Relations Khea Yashidhana. She also reviewed the Union's organization chart.</p> <p>Susan Dibbell, Asst. Dir. for Programs and Leadership highlighted key points of the by-laws and constitution.</p> <p>Jack Comeau reviewed student shared governance from Wisconsin state statute 36.09. He also summarized the five Union Council Sub-Committees. Each Union Council member must sit on a sub-committee. Chairs and staff facilitators for 2015-16 are:</p> <p><u>Administration:</u> Jack Comeau, Chair and Jane Oberdorf, Staff</p> <p><u>Dining Services:</u> Philip Ostrov, Chair and Carl Korz, Staff</p> <p><u>Facilities:</u> Khea Yashadhana, Chair and Paul Broadhead, Staff</p> <p><u>Program and Leadership:</u> Ronnie Pisano Chair and Susan Dibbell Staff</p> <p><u>External Relations:</u> Mohan Mandali Chair and Mary Kay Dadisman Staff</p> <p>The sub-committee meetings are where important issues are discussed. They then make recommendations to the full Union Council.</p> <p>Philip Ostrov pointed out the Union Policies Index. All policies are accessible.</p> <p>Jane Oberdorf distributed a snapshot and income statement for fiscal year 2015, which spanned the period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. The Union ended fiscal year 2015 with \$14,482 in net income. Ms. Oberdorf gave a brief explanation of each of the documents, the most</p>	

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<p><b>Officer Suspension</b></p>	<p>recent of which will be provided at each meeting. She walked through the important aspects of each document, explained how to read the statements and gave examples.</p> <p>Mark Guthier indicated that the meetings will follow parliamentary procedure. The name card distributed to each council member has a “cheat sheet” with Robert’s Rules on the reverse.</p> <p>Mark Guthier spoke about the building project and annual report documents. The building project handout contains FAQ’s on the Memorial Union Reinvestment Project. Information may also be found on the Union’s website. The 2015-16 Annual Plan document was submitted to the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration on June 30. Priorities 1 – 3 are VCFA related. The remaining are Wisconsin Union priorities.</p> <p>Jack Comeau read the letter of suspension sent to Vice President for Development Tyler O’Connell. Mr. O’Connell will remain on probation through 10/19/15, which at that time may be lifted providing he meets the conditions outlined in the letter. Ronnie Pisano is serving in an acting capacity while Mr. O’Connell is suspended.</p>	
<p><b>Riding Club Monthly Update</b></p>	<p>Mr. Comeau provide background on the Riding Club and the purpose of the monthly update. Anna Tolle, president of the Riding Club gave her history of involvement with the club. The Riding Club operates on 40 acres with a 40 stall facility. In 2012 the club did not have a stable manager and the club president served in this role. Many items fell through the cracks. Unexpected horse care costs, staff turnover and raising wages all contributed to financial issues. The following items are being done to improve the financial situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A financial committee is being formed to ask what financial success will look like</li> <li>• The club is working on a business plan</li> <li>• A new lesson program is being planned</li> <li>• Improving the quality of the herd</li> <li>• Improving pastures to save on hay costs</li> <li>• Raising boarding prices</li> <li>• Decreased spending on supplies and equipment</li> </ul> <p>There are 110 – 120 active members, 40 – 45 of which are students.</p> <p>Jessica Franco-Morales asked about finding new sources of revenue. Ms. Tolle responded that they will continue to work on fundraising.</p>	
<p><b>Officer Reports</b></p>	<p><u>Jack Comeau, President</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WUD retreat was held at the end of August. All officers participated in planning the retreat.</li> <li>• WUD is meeting weekly.</li> <li>• Sunburst Festival was held on 8/31.</li> <li>• Mr. Comeau attended the Hooper Retreat.</li> </ul> <p><u>Philip Ostrov, Vice President for Internal Relations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He attended the SEAG meeting</li> <li>• Planned a full-day retreat for WUD leaders</li> <li>• He participated on the Sunburst Festival planning committee</li> <li>• Working on trainings and social events for WUD</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Hooper Ski and Snowboard Charge</b></p> <p><b>Renovation Update</b></p> <p><b>Open Forum</b></p>	<p><u>Khea Yashadhana, Vice President for External Relations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is revamping marketing materials</li><li>• Helped with the launch of the new Union website</li><li>• Working on a proposal for marketing to attract new members</li><li>• Working on developing WUD goals</li></ul> <p><u>Mark Guthier, Secretary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Associate Director Hank Walter left his position in mid-June. The position description for his replacement has been completed and recruitment will begin soon. Jack Comeau will appoint a student employee to sit on the selection committee. Union Council members will have an opportunity to meet with the finalists.</li><li>• Recently attend a campus master planning meeting. There is a placeholder for student social space with meeting rooms on the west side of campus.</li><li>• Major fundraising for the building project has been completed. The project was funded with approx. 60% student fees with the balance coming from Union operating funds and gifts.</li><li>• The Memorial Union Building Association is meeting October 1 – 3 at Union South.</li></ul> <p>Will Lipske asked (asking for Brett Ducharme) why there is an increase in dining revenue but not an increase in COG. Mark responded that it is likely a timing issue. There was also a question about program revenue—which is also likely a timing issue.</p> <p>Jack Comeau explained the charge presented to Hoopers in response to the suspension of the Ski and Snowboard club’s RSO status in spring 2015. The Club has been charged to hold an informational presentation during the October 21, 2015 meeting. Hooper Club president Ronnie Pisano requested moving the presentation to the November 19 meeting. Ms. Dibbell asked about planning for the trips during break if the presentation is postponed. Ms. Laning asked if the club can get things done with the RSO restrictions. Mr. Pisano responded that the club is meeting once a week which makes it hard to plan. Ms. Laning also asked about funding for the club. Mr. Comeau responded that the club has their own funds which come from membership and participant fees.</p> <p>Mr. Guthier reported that the renovation of the central and east wings is on schedule. Focus currently is on the loading dock. The wall for the underground loading dock is in. Staff moved out the east and central wings in early September.</p> <p>Madison Laning asked about the Alumni Park Project. Mr. Guthier responded that this project is funded separately but the project is lumped together with the Memorial Union project.</p> <p>Revelry – it was asked how this program will be funded this spring and the Union’s relationship to the program. Mr. Comeau responded that it is still a work in progress. We don’t have the funding that we had last</p>	
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	<p>year. There need to be significant changes this year. Mr. Comeau has talked with ASM about using segregated fee reserves for this year's event. There is also discussion about pursuing a referendum for the future. There is a group of students working on finding sponsorship. Jessica asked where the DOS is on funding for this event. Mr. Comeau responded that the Dean of Students gave \$25,000 the first year and \$5,000 last year. There is no commitment for future funding. Mr. Cutlip asked about the interest from students for this event. Mr. Comeau responded that the students are working on a campus-wide student survey. Attendance at last year's event was not what was expected. There is interest in making this event happen again this year but we don't want it to be smaller.</p> <p>Jack Comeau made a <b>motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. None Opposed.</b> The meeting was <b>Adjourned</b> at 7:33 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Motion Passed</b></p>
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