



Ohio Union Council Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2012 – Barbie Tootle Room, Ohio Union

Present: Tim Collins (Chair), Matt Couch (Ex-Officio, Ohio Union Director of Student Activities & Orientation), Eve Esch (Ex-Officio, Director of Ohio Union Events), Carrie Miller (Ohio Union Associate Director of Major Campus Events), Katie Dean Williams (Graduate Administrative Associate - Student Employee), Chuck Claibourne (Alumna), Brad Myers (At-Large), Bryan Ashton, Dan Huffman, Rob Siston (Faculty Rep), Evan Sieradski (USG), Richard Felty (USG), Josh Ahart (USG) Jim Tootle (Community Member), Kristen Bachman (Student Org w/out Office), Colette Masterson, Areej Usmani (Student Org w/ Office), Michelle Mudarth (Ex-Officio, President of Ohio Union Activities Board), Gini Curphey (Alumna),

I. Welcome

Introductions and responses to the question – “Favorite OSU memory this year”

II. Directors' Reports

- a. Student Activities & Orientation Director's Report from Matt Couch
 - Large crowd expected for the Commencement Week activities. The Commencement Eve Candlelight Ceremony will take place on the Oval at 9pm on June 9.
 - Summer Orientation sessions will be starting soon.
 - He is very proud of the Ohio Union Activities Board and all of the wonderful events and record-breaking attendance and events. Thank you to Eve and Dan for all of the support for these events.
 - Welcome Week is in the process of being planned.
 - Changes to the week include:
 1. Involvement Fair will take place from 4-8pm on Monday – lower temps in the evening might be nice, staggered groups will help with crowd control
 2. City of Columbus event after Convocation
 3. Buckeye Kick-off – moved to the Saturday after classes start. Partnership with Res Life, Athletics, Block O, and Sportsman Council. Large photo will be taken on the field with the marching band in the shape of a “Block O”
 - Tim reported that for the office space in the Ohio Union there will be 4 new orgs and 21 new lockers.
- b. Ohio Union Events Director's Report from Eve Esch
 - April is the new current most events ever month!
 - This is the time of year for banquets, awards, and inductions with 2600 events for the month of April
 - Average 6,800 through the door each day
 - Many events happening with commencement ceremonies in a 2-day span
 - Three weddings the weekend after commencement
 - Deep cleaning over the summer
 - Fisher College of Business students did a survey and made some recommendations and a final survey will be conducted by Eve
 - In the process of hiring 3 positions – other staff have stepped up to help to fill in
- c. Business & Finance Director's Report from Dan Huffman
 - Budget is the same as last meeting

- This fiscal year, Station 88 brought in \$706,000 in revenue with \$507,000 in expenses and \$200,000 in inventory.

III. Subcommittee Reports

a. Events

- Application will be put into a writable PDF and sent to the student organizations and departments/offices in the next week so that they may work on it over the summer. Applications will have a coversheet and due in early Fall.
- All events for the year will be completed by the end of next week.
- Signature Events Collaborative has had two workshops – they are gearing up for the short summer and ready to get started.

b. Policy

- The council heard the Second Read for new policy for Trash & Recycling
 - Brad motioned and Chuck seconded – motion passed.
- Decoration Policy (Amendment)
 - They may use stickers and/or reusable name badges – with preference going to reusable
 - Brad motioned and Chuck seconded – motion passed
- Changes to the Lease Agreement for Office Space in the Center for Student Leadership & Service.
 - Additional changes were made to protect the Union and for grammar.
 - Katie Dean motioned and Chuck seconded – motion passed

c. Budget & Finance

- No updates

IV. Ohio Union Activities Board Update

- Michelle Mudarth reported an estimated attendance of 1000 students at Anderson Cooper.
- For the year, OUAB has had a total number of 233 events attracting an attendance of 95,000 people.
- OUAB's final events of the year are the Grad Prof Thai Food Cooking and Grad Cap Craft Night.

V. New Business

a. Student Org Meeting Space (Colette and Brad)

- Ohio Union will open spaces before classroom spaces.
- 3 handouts provided
 1. Report on Classroom Spaces over the past 2 years
 2. Student Organization Spaces
 - Rooms at no cost for student orgs
 - Missing smaller meeting rooms in the Center for Student Leadership and Service
 3. Student Organization Classroom Block
 - Spaces over the last few years that have been allocated to the Union scheduling
- Many students want to know why they can't use spaces
 1. Often times classroom spaces are less clean after student use
 2. Spaces might not be ready for classroom use after a student org uses the classroom
 3. Noise level at an org meeting might not work for classroom spaces
 4. Past use of more classrooms (due to the Union being down)
- Struggle with "what's the right balance of space use on campus"
 1. Classrooms have expenses that are absorbed at this time
 2. Independence Hall is free for students – they might want to use the Union but choose Independence Hall because of the costs.

3. Ideal – classrooms close to the Union
 4. Classrooms aren't always prepared for student requests (weight lifting)
 5. Cannot cater in classroom spaces (clean-up can be fined)
- b. Potential OUC Structural Changes (Presented by Bryan Ashton)
- These recommendations have gone before a number of University committees
 - OUC and University Rec Sports Committee have been a dotted line in the past – proposed a direct reporting line
 - Membership changes
 - From 33 members to 18
 - From 14 student members to 10
 - From 7 staff members to 1
 - From 2 alumni to 1
 - From 2 at large members to 4
 - Faculty will remain – 2
 - Many of the staff members moved to ex-officio/non-voting members
 1. Directors
 2. Business Office representative
 3. Secretary
 4. OUAB moved to ex-officio/non-voting members
 - Any person can attend the OUC meetings as a non-voting member
- c. Chair and Vice Chair nominations and elections (Presented by Tim and Matt)
- Chair leads the meeting and Vice-Chair fills in when chair is absent
 - Nominations
 - Tim will serve interim basis due to the lack of Grad/Prof representation for voting at this meeting.
 - Proposed to table the nominations until the Fall/Autumn
 - Chuck moved to table, Tim seconded – motion passed
 - Katie Dean nominated Tim as interim chair for Summer Term, Brad Seconded – nomination passed

VI. Future Meetings

This was the last meeting of the year.

VII. Announcements

Matt will notify everyone the results of the changes to the structure.

Matt thanked everyone for their work on the OUC.

Eve and Matt will work with Tim to set summer meeting times.

Tim thanked everyone for their work and support over the past year.