

## **Student Union Advisory Committee Minutes**

Monday, November 3, 2008  
1:00 pm

Bowen-Thompson Student Union  
Room 307

Present: Robin Bruning, Jill Carr, Lessie Cochran, Michael Ginsburg, Kim Jacobs, Terrell Johnson, Sarah Lafferty, Johnnie Lewis, Scott Loehrke, Kenneth Thompson, Bob Wu

Absent: Deborah Tell and an Alumni Association representative

### Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Kim Jacobs

Kim welcomed the members and introductions were made. A membership listing and the agenda were distributed.

### Charge of the committee

Kim read the charge of the committee, as stated on the agenda. Membership of the committee is clearly defined by Faculty Senate.

### Election of a Chair

Ken Thompson agreed to serve as chair of this committee for 2008-2009.

### Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2008

The committee reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved, with one abstention.

### Director's Report

- Kim informed the committee of the art and photography pieces that were purchased since last April for the Student Union.
- Maintenance items that have been accomplished in the Student Union include: the installation of new carpeting in the Greenery; the replacement of bathroom stalls on the first and second floors; the re-tiling of the paint and poster room floor; and the painting of accent walls in meeting rooms on the third floor.
- The Falcon's Nest is now open for breakfast and Mac and Founders students can use meal plan funds for breakfast in the Nest.
- Wendy's also has a new breakfast menu now. Flex funds are the only way residential students can purchase breakfast, not with their meal plan dollars.
- The outside steps on the west side, near the Pub entrance, have been replaced, at no cost to the Student Union.

- A steel Falcon's head has been mounted on a wall in the Student Union lobby area on first floor.
- A new clock has been installed in the Falcon's Nest.
- The chiller motor in the Student Union has broken down and will be replaced at a cost of approximately \$20,000+.
- Staffing: The Student Union Director position is currently being filled by Gale Swanka, Senior Associate Director for Operations, and Kim Jacobs, Associate Director for Programs and Services. A nationwide search will be done next Spring for the Director's position. There are also 1 ½ custodial positions vacant at this time in the Student Union which will not be filled because of the hiring freeze.
- Because of the budget situation on campus, the Student Union is looking for ways to generate revenue. Any ideas are appreciated.
- The annual ACUI (Association of College Unions International) conference will take place on Nov. 7-9, 2008. The Student Union will be sending four undergraduates, two graduates, and five staff members to the conference.
- The Student Union's annual orientation of student employees took place in August. The orientation included the customer service video and a presentation by the Humanities Troupe.
- Auxiliary Improvement Projects (AIP's) for 2008-09:
  - Security gates by Starbucks will be replaced.
  - The Ballroom floor will be replaced in December 2009 (cost: \$120,000). This is the original floor from the old Student Union.
  - Carpeting will be replaced in the TV Lounge on first floor, and on the ramp and steps leading from the mezzanine.

### UAO Report

- Scott reported that a UAO delegation just recently returned from the National Association of Campus Activities conference in Peoria and that it was a very good and worthwhile conference.
- UAO has gone through a re-structuring to reach a more diverse range of students. It is now more of a hierarchical structure, and has increased its membership from 30 to 70. There are now seven different program teams, which will be more effective than the past structure.
- Upcoming programs include a comedian (Alexandra McHale), the continuing Pub series, and Tunes at Noon (in various residence halls). UAO movies are now themed, with other events planned. Sibs 'N Kids Weekend was planned and implemented by UAO.

### Other

Kim talked about election day and the fact that the Student Union is a polling location. Polls will be open 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Eighteen booths will be set up in Room 228 of the Student Union. BGSU police will provide security. It has been announced to student groups that no campaigning activity can be done within 100 ft. of the building.

The Student Union is now offering a dry cleaning service, which appears to be doing well.

The cost of painting a ceiling tile in the Black Swamp Pub has been reduced: the cost for student groups is now \$25; for departments, \$40.

Ken suggested marketing pieces of the Ballroom floor as a way to increase revenue. Kim will check further into that idea.

The question was asked about the length of Wendy's contract. Their contract expires in 2011; bids will then be re-opened.

There were concerns about the Pub, service there, and the marketing of it. It was reported that prices are comparable there, and the two-drink limit is a myth.

Schedules of committee members will be collected by Diana. It is hoped that another meeting will be scheduled this semester, before Thanksgiving, and then two more meetings during the Spring Semester.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m.