

University Memorial Center Board Minutes

Tuesday October 1st, 2013

UMC 245- 5:30 pm

Attendance: Tyler R. (v), Danielle V. (v), Ginni M. (v), Mel .P (voting proxy for Ben P.), Kelsey C. (v), Vincent M. (v), Isra S. (ex-o), Desiree W. (ex-o), Javier G, (ex-o), Joseph S. (ex-o), Kellie L. (ex-o), Shane H. (ex-o CUNR), Matt R. (ex-o E-CNTR), Marco D. (ex-o CUSG), Will S. (ex-o FinBrd), Robin M. (ex-o), Carlos G. (ex-o), Chris Schaeffbauer (guest), Caitlin Pratt (guest), Andrea Zelinko (guest), Jimmie Baker (guest).

I. Call to Order – 5:37 PM

II. Approvals

- a. Tuesday September 24th, 2013 Minutes
- b. Tuesday October 1st, 2013 Agenda
Motion to approve bundle of minutes & agenda – Shane
Call to Question - Marco
Acclimation – Danielle

III. Open Hearing - none

IV. Chair's Report

- a. Voting on vacant Voting Member seat
Isra, Javier, and Joseph are willing to take this voting member position.
** Isra= Sophomore. Transferred from a community college. She has been on the UMC Board for one semester now. She contributes a lot and would like to be considered for a voting member.*
** Joseph = See's voting member position as adding an "extra weight". Voting member position helps to shape the board and direct it toward good policy.*
** Javier = eager to learn and eager to contribute.*

Subcommittee: The rest of the people of the UMC Board.

Vote for Isra: 7

Vote for Joseph: 0

Vote for Javier: 0

Abstaining: 1

Motion to approve subcommittee recommendation –Danielle

Call to question -Ginni

Acclimation - Danielle

**** The Board welcomes Isra as our new voting member! (will need to be ratified by Leg Council before officially becoming a voting member)*

- b. Gender Neutral Bathrooms Discussion (Introduce Caitlin Pratt, Director of Safety and Inclusion CUSG)

Tyler: We have been talking about the inclusion of the gender neutral bathroom. We are talking about the cost and who will be benefiting from it.

Caitlin: Our hope is to install a multi-stall gender-inclusive bathroom similar to those already in the C4C. It is to help people feel that they are comfortable to use restroom facilities. The 2030 Flagship Goals of CU to be an inclusive campus environment. Transgender individuals should also feel that they can use the same bathroom range as everyone else. It allows for an “equal amount of access”.

Gender neutral bathrooms are currently on the cutting edge of LGBT rights. It also helps to lessen discrimination and violence against transgender people; helps to include them in society. Gender-inclusive bathrooms do not challenge gender. It creates greater accommodation (i.e. a mother wanting to go into a bathroom with her young son, family bathroom accommodation) as well. In terms of basic human rights, it benefits everyone.

Because the transgender community is a smaller community (even smaller than the gay and lesbian community), it is harder for them to voice their opinions, wants, and needs. It is difficult to get statistics on the gay and lesbian community, even more difficult to get from the transgender community.

** Carlos: We estimate that the survey will cost about \$10,000. The actual modification could be \$75-100K.*

** Kellie: What about the people who are uncomfortable with the gender neutral restrooms? They will also be marginalized because of this installment. What would we be doing to make sure that ALL the students are comfortable with these restrooms.*

Caitlin: It’s just one bathroom out of many in the UMC that will undergo changes. There are many other stalls to use for those students with different cultural norms and religious beliefs that are against the gender neutral restroom installation. There is a difference between verbal abuse and discomfort.

** Mel: Are there increases in sexual assault in the gender-neutral bathrooms?*

** Caitlin: They can seek out resources such as security guards or police officers if this was to happen. The probability of a sexual assault happening is very low. There is barely a difference between rates of sexual assaults between gender-neutral and regular bathrooms.*

** Ginni: Is this something that the general CU population wants?*

** Caitlin: No, the majority is not asking for this. The transgender community does matter though and other GLBTQ communities overwhelmingly want this space.*

** Chris: A lot of people who use this type of restroom facility actually wish that there were more of them because it is a positive space. The campus is moving towards more gender-inclusive multi-stall*

restrooms. The C4C has this and the rec-center will also have this and other gender-neutral spaces.

* Marco: Encourages people to go to the C4C to check out what these bathrooms actually look like. The concerns that people have do not match up with his experiences at these restrooms.

* Kellie: A huge concern is the cost of these bathrooms to be changed or installed. We are looking at over \$80,000 to transform the bathroom and it will cost us (students) a lot of money for bathrooms. Is it an efficient use of student money?

*Marco: Having access to a bathroom is important for everyone and also to feel comfortable about using the bathroom facility.

*Shane: We could use the SOR money for other projects for the UMC. The C4C gender neutral bathroom has little traffic running through it. The UMC proposed gender-neutral bathroom will also be out of the way of traffic.

*Will, Finance Board rep: This wouldn't go directly to the UMC budget, it will come from the SOR account. Right now the SOR account is sitting pretty flush, we have about \$1.7 million in it, SOR standard is \$1 million. It will not come out of UMC capital budget. It will be a one-time allocation.

*Kelsey: It comes out to about \$2.66 per student to fund this bathroom facility. It will look pretty bad if the faculty and staff is for this but the students are not for this. He was not aware of the questions of crimes of opportunity that were raised but feels that we should not feel afraid about it happening.

* Shane: Thinks this is a great piece of legislation but feels that we could still use our money towards something more beneficial to all population.

*Kellie: (Adding on to Shane's statement): The second level floor has little traffic. Wouldn't it be more conducive to access these transgender people (targeting these people will become easier).

*Caitlin: These are gender-inclusive bathrooms. This does not mean that it will only be used by the transgender community. It will not be designated as a transgender bathroom; everyone can use this bathroom.

* Mel: Most people don't know about these bathrooms. We should put them in a high-traffic area. How can we get this information circulated?

*Carlos: We don't have any other space to do it in other than near 247. It will also be less expensive to put it somewhere that already has plumbing and exhaust.

c. Flood Relief and Recovery update

Carlos talked to Suzan Stafford (who was in charge of these flood relief efforts for campus). Tyler: If there is any organization that could give out kits, they would not go through a middle man to distribute these kits. There is little need for these kits now. We still want to raise

awareness of what to do and what to have during emergencies. We are looking at options more towards awareness.

d. Veterans Day update

- i.** Both Senators invited as well as Jared Polis

We have gone through the government liaison office who also invited Jared Polis.

- ii.** Working on Veteran's Day program

We usually have UMC Board volunteers who hand out programs for the Veterans Day event. It takes about an hour. We are looking for volunteers for this.

- e.** 60th Anniversary (Nov. 4th – 8th)

A week-long event. Look for an invite from Tyler.

V. Director's Report

- a.** ATM's report

Elevations Credit Union is no longer interested in this outdoor ATM space. We will now look to Chase Bank. We are still working with Wells Fargo, and we are waiting for them to return the signed contract.

SUSPEND REPORTS UNTIL NEXT MEETING *because of Board training and building tours.*

VI. Program Council

VII. CU NightRide

VIII. Student Veteran's Association

IX. Food Service

X. CU Gold

XI. Environmental Center

XII. CUSG

XIII. Feedback

XIV. Old Business

XV. New Business

XVI. Adjournment –6:27 PM

Motion to Adjourn – Shane

2nd - Kelsey

Call to Question- Danielle

Robert's Rules

Motion (to approve...)

2nd

Call to Question

Acclimation (All in favor)

Any Objections?

No (Motion Passed)

Yes