

University Memorial Center Board Minutes

Tuesday October 15th, 2013

UMC 245- 5:30 pm

Attendance: Tyler R. (v), Danielle V. (v), Matt R. (v), Ginni M. (v), Lily A. (v), Ben P. (v), Debbie C. (v), Joseph S. (proxy vote for Isra S.), Javier G. (proxy vote for Danielle when she left), Matt R. (proxy vote for Vincent M. & E-Cntr. ex-o), Mel P. (proxy vote for Kelsey C. & SVA ex-o), Kellie L. (ex-o), Shane H. (CUNR ex-o), Marco D. (CUSG ex-o), Robin M. (ex-o), Carlos G. (ex-o), Andrea Zelinko (guest)

I. Call to Order - 5:40pm

II. Approvals

- a. Tuesday September 8th, 2013 Minutes
- b. Tuesday October 15th, 2013 Agenda
 - i. Minutes and agenda bundled and approved by acclimation

III. Open Hearing - none

IV. Chair's Report

- a. Isra Ratified on October 10th – congratulations to Isra
- b. Space Allocation - members of the space allocations committee are: Danielle, Ben, Kellie, Lily, Javier, Joseph and Jimmie Baker and Sue Dangel (UMC staff reps). The subcommittee will begin meeting the last week of October once the final office check tabulations are complete.
- c. Retreat Feedback – Feedback on the retreat was mixed with some members feeling the games (exercises) were not explained well enough and some believed they did not serve an adequate purpose. Some believed the retreat was too short or rushed.
- d. Retreat Goals – Tyler requested feedback on 3 goals for the Board:
 - i. Naming of rooms in UMC was one and an example was to name the WiFi lounge after someone like alumni and Astronaut Scott Carpenter. There was also a comment about using naming opportunities as a way of fundraising for the UMC. Carlos mentioned that there is also a campus process for naming of rooms.
 - ii. Coming to a comfortable decision on Gender Neutral Restrooms in the UMC. Making sure it is not rushed but well informed. Making sure we hear all sided of the issue.
 - iii. Being able to serve a broader community beyond the walls of the UMC. UMC Board should play a larger role in community presence. The possibility of sponsoring a run. Aid in awareness of UMC, both in the community and campus awareness.

e. Gender Neutral Bathrooms - *Plan: make a pros and cons list to aid discussion: “Is location an issue”*

One thing we haven’t looked at was maybe just doing the survey

- *Move away from strict yes or no decision*
 - *Costly architectural survey*

Gender Neutral may not be the right word- serves many other purposes such as making families as well as disabled people comfortable

- *Name is too limited- suggestion to name it “all inclusive restroom”*
 - *Different name may aid in having more people accept the restroom*
 - *Name really does affect use so therefore all inclusive has no judgments or pre conceived notions*

On the note of safety

- *Kellie did some research and stated that no reported sexual assaults has happened in the UMC in 8 years.*
 - *However some incidents still have occurred with students, homeless people, etc.*
 - *So important to put safety as a side note with this topic because UMC is a rather safe place*

Problem to solve: Help the community that cannot use either bathroom because of personal issues

- *Want to hear about someone who actually feels uncomfortable using a gender specific restroom. Because personally there has been more complaints that are uncomfortable with the gender neutral!*
- *Important to get feedback from student views*
 - *Want support of students*

Location of GNR

- *Very low population traffic area but there is already plumbing there so the cost would be cheaper than if we created our own plumbing system elsewhere*
- *There are options for additional locations:*
 - *By the connection*
 - *Remove the males restroom to create GNR- could also raise some concerns*
 - *3rd Floor by the elevator*

Will the cost of the GNR be worth it, if the location is hidden?

- *It is clear that this construction of the GNR will happen just depends on when and where*
- *If we are going to do it we should have pride in our decision- If we are going to do it we must do it right*
- *This construction is not going to affect any of us it will impact students years from now so if possible may want to put it off until a major construction occurs*
- *We are making progress, this does not need to happen right now!*
 - *7 years away from another major construction might happen*

- *Do it properly once- let it happen when it needs to- no need to rush*

Important points

- *Cost and efficiency*
- *Location*
- *Pride in our actions*
- *Now the road there may be additional subgroups of people that feel left out so it is important to make the restroom all inclusive*
 - *Muslim pray sink*
- *Survey is very important to get feedback- this should be our first step in making a decision*
- *It is very difficult to come up with a yes or no decision when there are so many things to take into account*
 - *Important to take our time with this costly and influential decision to produce the best results.*

Cons

- Unattended children could lock themselves in the restroom stalls*
- Misuse of bathrooms- talked to students in Hallett where there are GNR- they are used as a “late night meeting spot”*
 - *Still in an issue in gender specific bathrooms*
- Homeless issue in the UMC could complicate use of GNRs*
- Safety concerns with the stall set-up – would we know if someone was in stall and not okay*
- Visibility – current proposed location could be problematic – utilization-wise and cost effective-wise.*

Pros

- Increased comfort for those visiting the UMC and do not currently feel comfortable using traditional men’s and women’s restrooms.*
- More cost efficient to pursue now (verses 5 – 10 years from now when construction costs would be hire)*

Action - *Board requested that Carlos work with his staff to survey the campus about this issue. Tyler will also try to invite a transgendered person to next board meeting and encouraged the Board to attend a transgendered speaker program in the UMC this week.*

V. Director’s Report

- Glenn Miller Ballroom update – No update. The project will be reviewed by the CU DRB (Design Review Board) on Thursday. We will know more after that meeting.*
- Subway and Dominos contracts – Subway contract will be up June 2014 and Dominos will be up October 2014. I will need direction from the UMC Board soon on whether we want to renew their leases, or do we want to bid out the space.*
- ATMs update – Chase Bank is becoming difficult to get a response from. In the event that we can’t get anything resolved with Chase, what other*

bank would you like me to look into? – 1st Bank was the consensus response from the Board.

- VI. Program Council** – *Just homecoming concert next week was reported by Carlos.*
- VII. CU NightRide** – *report provided by Shane*
- VIII. Student Veteran’s Association** – *report provided by Mel*
- IX. Food Service** – *report provided by Robin*
- X. CU Gold** - *report provided by Kellie about Leadership Conference on November 9th.*
- XI. Environmental Center** - *report provided by Matt.*
- XII. CUSG** - *report provided by Marco*
- XIII. Feedback** - *none*
- XIV. Old Business** - *none*
- XV. New Business** - *none*
- XVI. Adjournment** 7:04pm

Robert’s Rules

Motion (to approve...)

2nd

Call to Question

Acclimation (All in favor)

Any Objections?

No (Motion Passed)

Yes