

University Memorial Center Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 4th, 2016
UMC 245-5:30pm

Attending Members: Andrea Z (UMC Dir.), Emily Breidt (v), Minuri Gamage (CSI Board Rep), Jason Potter (v), Austin Rugh (v), Debbie Cook (v), Marcus Fotenos (Tri-Exec), Luke Brazil (SVA); Ayushma Thapa (v), Josh Fader (ex)

I. Call to Order

5:36 pm

Emily: first interview tonight at 5:50. Let's have a motion to table things when 5:50 arrives, and resume after interviews are over. Motion

Approved

II. Approvals

I. Tuesday, September 20, 2016 Minutes Approved

II. Tuesday, October 4, 2016 Agenda Approved

III. Open Hearing

Lucas Larson: Proposal to start a comedy club. CSI is going to make a decision about the suggestion later this week. Working with The Connection to have Open Mic there. The setting is the right size, beer works with comedy, etc. Have not heard back from head of The Connection about this. André has not responded to email to arrange the Open Mic Comedy sessions at Connection. Asks the board thru Emily to show support for this idea. Club 156 was suggested but he thinks that place is too big. Wants to start small.

Andrea: we don't usually micromanage what different spaces do in their areas. We could show support, but this exceeds our usual role in respect to such things.

Jimmy: Not sure why you didn't hear back from André, but this should go through him.

Lucas: don't want the next point of contact with André to come from the board. They have video game contests on some Fridays and we hoped to have the Open Mic Comedy things on alternate Fridays.

(Note: After speaking with Jimmie, it was found that Lucas had incorrect email for André.)

IV. Chair's Report

Emily: want to welcome MacKenzie from SOAC, and Josh, new member.

a. Diversity Training (needs to be accomplished by Nov. 1)

b. 4th Quarter Reports at Finance Board

c. Advisory Board Volunteers – Sustainability Committee Tues Oct 18th
1:30-2:30

Emily: Heather Winner is here to speak about this committee.

Heather: Focus of committee is on what can we do to be proactive about sustainability within the UMC. Meet once a month, next time October 18 from 1:30-2:30.

Josh: I would love to but I have a class on Tuesdays 2-3:15.

Heather: I can put you into the loop and we can arrange a time that works with your schedule.

d. Board Applications

Emily: we have four open voting positions. We have Josh and three applicants. We need both voting and ex officio members, so is it ok to keep the positions open?

Group: Yes.

Emily: let's have the applicants come in now.

First applicant: Anissha Raju

Minuri: what would you contribute to the UMC Board?

Anissha: Can you give me an example of the kinds of things the board deals with?

Emily: we oversee the UMC, renovations, try to make student experience.

Anissha: chipmunk. Small like me, but very efficient.

Jason: they're busy.

Anissha: like me.

Ayushma: How would you handle a disagreement with a member on the board?

Anissha: Look at the perspective the other person is operating from.

Austin: how can the UMC help students feel welcome on campus?

Anissha: you have been doing a good job, especially with the advent of CSI. If you ask me for additional improvements, I would suggest more events for those groups.

Debbie: How would you bring a student voice to the board?

Anissha: UMC means to represent all student groups. I would contact these groups and find out what they want to see offered by the board.

Luke: Do you know what UMC stands for?

Anissha: University Memorial Center.

Luke: what does the M mean to you?

Anissha: signals the importance of memory.

Luke: M stands for remembering the contributions of our veterans. So what does 'memorial of veterans' mean to you?

Anissha: refers to the sacrifices that veterans have made.

Emily: what made you interested in the board work?

Anissha: I wanted to see how a large organization like this one functions and learn how to help it function well.

Maria Walisch

Maria: I am involved with the Volunteer Resource Center and am interested in improving volunteer activities promoting social justice on campus.

Austin: if animal, which one question.

Maria: I think I would probably be some kind of dog since I'm obsessed with dogs. Probably an Australian shepherd since they are so loyal. If not a dog, a horse since they run free.

Minuri: board conflict question.

Maria: the volunteer center I work with involves these sorts of conflicts and I find them to be great learning experiences. Talk head on in these cases, not to others, just to the person involved.

Debbie: UMC make students welcome question

Maria: a lot of the resource centers in the UMC help under-represented students to find their place at CU. We need to continue, in particular, the Women's Resource Center. Continuing those activities.

Emily: how to seek input from students question.

Maria: I think surveys are a good way to estimate what students are thinking, wanting. As a student involved in a lot of different groups on campus, being able to make personal connections with students is a great way to learn what students are thinking and wanting from CU.

Luke: what does M stand for question.

Maria: I think it's great that there is the veterans memorial area in the UMC. It makes me think of remembering important people in our community, and students as well.

Emily: why interested in board?

Maria: I would like to be broader. This is my last year and hope to make it as good as possible, contributing more than I have so far.

Emily: questions for us?

Maria: what are your meetings like typically?

Emily: last about an hour (went over the things we cover in a typical meeting)

Maria: cool. Thank you.

Alba Gonzalez

Alba: I brought ten resumes if you want to see them.

Emily: no, that's ok.

Alba: I'm doing a degree in science of business administration, emphasis on accounting.

Ayushma: how would you contribute question.

Alba: I would contribute ... I am originally from Puerto Rico, not Colorado, so my unique perspective would add to the breadth of the board.

Austin: animal?

Alba: a gazelle. I see them on TV and they run peacefully until attacked. I think I'm peaceful but am sometimes attacked (by class work!).

Miniuri: conflict Q

Alba: It depends, but usually what I do in general is, first of all, assess the situation, what they want, what they are thinking, why they are saying what they say. I will try to understand and work out a compromise. If that doesn't work, I would seek help from someone with more authority than I have.

Debbie: students welcome question.

Alba: When I came here my first semester, I actually felt that people like myself were not the target of the orientation. The UMC helped me to feel welcome.

Emily: student voice on board question.

Alba: I consider myself a good listener, I try to understand people, I do a lot of networking, so since I know lots of students, and I realize there are lots of different cultures, I would be open to speak to any student about what they want, think, and so on.

Luke: M Q.

Alba: I think 'memorial' means a way to remember something or someone. I know that the UMC is devoted to remembering veterans that fought in war. It is about remembering them.

Josh: why interest in board Q.

Alba: The reason I became interested is that when I came to Boulder, when I first saw the UMC, I came to realize that it is CU in microcosm. This would allow me to influence the wider community, and the experience of students.

Emily: any Qs?

Alba: How would you describe the culture of the board itself?

Minuri: we have a casual but effective group. Open and inviting, welcoming to the expression of opinions.

Alba: what is your favorite thing about being on the board?

Jason: the meal tickets.

Emily: I like the influence and the ability to make visions come to life.

Marcus: Seeing how much impact students on the board have on campus life.

Alba: what do you find the most challenging?

Minuri: there are a lot of students that come to ask the board for ...

Alba: How do you define success on the board?

Luke: coming together as a group and see problems solved, things accomplished.

Alba: nice to meet you all.

All: thank you.

Emily: we have to decide who gets voting and who gets ex officio positions. Josh...do you want to be a voting member?

Josh: yes.

Emily: ok, then we have to ask you to leave now.

Josh: ok.

Jason: move to bundle them all as voting members.

(motion passes)

V. Director's Report

a. ATMs

Bank of the West that provides an ATMs at the UMC does not want to continue at the end of its current contract. Bank of American is interested.

Andrea: we ask for scholarships from the company that provides ATMs. Do we want to seek other interested companies?

Josh: I am from Maryland and they have lots of ATMs out there.

Andrea: we have students from lots of regions and the more banks they recognize, the better.

Luke: how much do they charge if you're not a member of their bank?

Andrea: I don't know. I can ask.

Marcus: Is there a benefit in asking more than one bank?

Andrea: We have to take the lowest bidder if we do that. We can't decide which one we want in such a case.

Minuri: What company us leaving?

Andrea: Bank of the West.

Minuri: what are the other ATM banks?

Andrea: Wells Fargo, Elevations, Chase, US Bank

Andrea: I need to know if I should proceed with seeking a contract with Bank of America.

Debbie: I like it.

All: Agreed.

Andrea: If I have your approval to go forward in the minutes, I'll get to work on it.

Luke: We will learn in this process what they charge for nonbank members. We don't want the students being harmed.

b. South Terrace Repair

Andrea: We are going to get a better cost estimate by next week. Bids are high...closer to 1.9 million. We want to really fix the problem. We don't know where Finance Board sits about this. We'll give you an update. We don't know if there are funds to support what we planned. We are moving forward with a change to the entryway so it is ADA accessible.

VI. CU NightRide

Update from Emma Rae: they are still seeking applications for drivers for NightRide.

VII. Student Veterans' Association

Luke: Nothing new.

VIII. Center for Student Involvement

Minuri: CSI is hosting the ACUI region conference, hosting the debate watch party.

IX. Environmental Center

X. CUSG

I. Executive

- i. Marcus: freshman council rep will be here next time. The current contract with Pepsi is going to be renegotiated shortly. It is a campus-wide contract and effects all students. Homecoming is next week. There is a FB page plus a website. Sexual Misconduct ... we are making efforts to address that. Going to screen a movie and have a panel from the Office of Victims Assistance.

II. Legislative

- i. Austin: busy two weeks. Our new election code has been finalized and is nearly official. Minor editing left. One important thing: we've moved our elections back a week, they will begin October 31st. The packets will be due end of this week (Oct. 7). We passed a bill (Sexual Misconduct Legislation) that mandates CUSG to do several things. To work with Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance so our messages are aligned. If you have any questions about that, Marcus can answer them.
- ii. Emily: were there competing messages between OIEC and CUSG?
- iii. Marcus: Yes, there were some differences and we are working with professionals to make sure we all are on the same page campus wide.
- iv. Austin: we have an Election Commissioner approved and ratified (Aaron Chesler). He is really passionate about running the next two elections. Very exciting. The Vax 12 initiative is being supported directly by CUSG now.
- v. Emily: is this for the PAC 12?
- vi. Austin: Yes. That's all I have.

III. Freshman Council

XI. Feedback

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

Andrea: The UMC nominated Peggy Tucker Ortega, Associate Director of Budget and Finance, for the 2016 Chancellor's Employee of the Year award.

XIV. Adjournment
6:40 pm

Robert's Rules

1. Motion (to approve...)
2. 2nd
3. Call to Question
4. Acclimation (all in favor)
5. Any Objections?