

University Memorial Center Board Minutes
Tuesday, February 28th, 2017
UMC 245-5:45pm

Attending Members: Andrea Zelinko (UMC Dir.), Emily Breidt (v), Emma Rae Langdon (Nightride Rep), Hannah Velte (v), Minuri Gamage (CSI Board Rep), Jason Potter (v), Austin Rugh (v), Debbie Cook (v), Anissha Raju (v), Joshua Fader (v), Luis Chavez (v), Jack Davis (v), Marcus Fotenos (Tri-Exec), Skyler Kopit (ex-off)

I. Call to Order

5:49

II. Approvals

- a. Tuesday, February 14th Minutes Approved
- b. Tuesday, February 28th Agenda Approved

II. Open Hearing

Cultural Events Board will have 17 total members next year, 14 members will make regular use of the space weekly; sharp left on way to CSI. The space is serving them well so far, but if there is an opening for a larger space, let them know. The Board sets up meetings with individual groups to discuss how funding works; these meetings are difficult to hold in the small present office space. More space would also allow for archives/memorabilia, which the board maintains going back to 1971. CEB brings speakers and funds student organization events. Purpose is to enhance campus with events not available through other funding channels.

Emily: Because CEB is a cost center, not a student org, space allocation for its needs will be handled through a process separate from that used to decide about allocation of space to student orgs.

Andrea: CEB could use meeting spaces in SECA areas. Two of the larger rooms have monitors/projectors. This might be a solution.

IV. Chair's Report

- a. Scholarship Committee Update

Hannah: all applications for the two scholarships are in (there's 51 applications!). The files are being compiled. There will be packets available to members of the committee in the UMC 305, on March 3. Return by March 9 in time for compiling the results. March 15th 5:30-8:30 pm we will have the committee meet to decide on whom to choose as ultimate recipients. Let the applicants get the results before spring break.

- b. Election Commissioner Statement

Aaron (election commissioner): my job is to make UMC Board aware of the rules that will apply to the upcoming elections. (Aaron read a statement that will be sent to Board).

Upshot: pursue getting signatures if hoping to run for office, don't pursue these during business hours or meeting times of those performing UMC-related meetings.

Permissible in public areas including cost centers. No Cost Center employees may use their status as such to promote the candidacy of anyone running for any of the offices associated with the election upcoming. (see actual statement).

New position opening on the Election Commission. Part-time position as assistant to Aaron. Emily will have access to this information for anyone interested in this *paid* work and opportunity to help officiate and run the largest approval system of voting in the state.

Emily: do you have a goal for the percentage of students voting in the upcoming election?

Aaron: I am more focused in making sure the election is fair and inclusive. I would be happy even if only 1,000 students actually vote if it is a fair and inclusive process. There is a lot my commission can do to make sure the candidates approach their candidacy fairly/inclusively, and that the election is well-run.

c. Interview

Brandon Speer, 5th year senior, heavily involved in clubs across campus and schools. Psych major, business and leadership minors.

Why interested in board?: Likes a lot of clubs, has helped start clubs. Started an epilepsy club. Also a club meant to help people from different clubs unite. I spoke to some UMC board members at the club fair and they said the organization might be a good group to have a relationship with in attempting to facilitate that objective.

How would contribute: From what I can see of the board, part of what you want to do is to show the diversity of the school and to promote the UMC and its services. I notice that you have lots of A&S students getting involved, but not many from Leeds. I would like to act as liaison between the board and the Leeds students. There still seems to be animosity between UMC, CSI and CUSG. Would like to work to improve these relationship.

What do you hope to learn from the board?: This is a leadership-oriented organization, and so I hope to improve my leadership skills. I only have a single semester left, but I hope to contribute

Animal: Lion (due to Leo)

How handle disagreements: Disagreements I have experienced in the past were best handled by letting the other person speak first, stay calm, find out what is bothering them, look for common ground from which one can then work on where the disagreement arises.

How can UMC help students/underrepresented students on campus?: There just needs to be more awareness of what the UMC does, what it can offer to specific student groups. Students who are underrepresented seek more contact with leadership on campus, and to participate in leadership themselves on campus.

How would you bring student voice to the board?: Since end of last semester I have been working with various students groups, e.g., Design for America in Engineering. I have spoken to Leeds clubs. They are all interested in working more broadly across campus. We need a more powerful medium to facilitate relations between these groups and the wider campus.

What does M in UMC mean to you?: It is well represented in the UMC ballroom and the veterans center. It's good to have both of those centers as it shows both respect for people who have been at CU, and that we look toward the future of existing students.

Any questions for us?: Probably.... What is your working relationship with student groups outside of room assignments, locker assignments? Do you have a program to facilitate student group interaction?

Emily: We don't handle the locker allocation. Our open hearing segment of each meeting allows for student feedback.

Brandon: I know lots of groups that find it difficult to know how to learn about when UMC board meetings are held, how to approach the board, etc.

Debbie: When you say the groups want to get involved, what does that mean?

Brandon: The organization I am working on is to get the groups involved with each other. What I have emphasized is that you have to be more involved with the legislation associated with each group.

Anissha: What are you trying to achieve with this increased mutual involvement of student groups?

Brandon: One example is, I would like them to start to be able to do joint events together. CU Dems and CU Republicans doing an event together, for example. If they held such an event, you would get more both Dems, Republicans, and Independents and this would facilitate a conversation that many on campus want to have but which are harder to find venues where they are encouraged and made possible.

Jack: The UMC is a memorial center specifically for veterans. How do you think that your engagement, brief as it will be, with the Board make a bigger impact than just continuing with your work with student groups?

Brandon: I agree I won't be able to network 350 student groups in two months. In part because not all of them want to be connected to other groups. I want to be able to set up an infrastructure for this purpose that will initiate a basis for relationships among groups to develop in the future.

Jack: Following up. You said the UMC Board has a strong brand name, but then you also said that people don't seem to know who we are. This seems to be a contradiction.

Brandon: CSI is known to be useful for students interested in leadership. Program Council is part of the UMC (Chair's correction: Program Council is a part of CSI). But not all these items are known about even though UMC has a brand visibility.

Skyler: Why aren't these groups coming to us in an open hearing segment of UMC Board meetings?

Brandon: Student groups don't seem to communicate or work with each other. Many of them don't see the value in such connections. I think this is one reason they don't come to the Board to make things happen. I see this as a way to push them.

Skyler: You mentioned that the Super Smash Student Org doesn't want to pursue this kind of connection with other groups.

Brandon: Some groups seem more prone to pursuing interactions of the kind that the Smash group seems unlikely to pursue.

Minuri: Sounds like you have a lot of outreach experience. What could you contribute with respect to other functions associated with the board (e.g., honoring veterans, dealing with financing decisions, etc.)?

Brandon: I am not familiar with the other functions the board must perform. I think I could learn about the other functions, but given the short time I would be on the board I would

not likely learn enough to be very useful in pursuing the other functions, but I have some time to learn.

Jason: Are you thinking of the Board's contribution would be to stimulate these groups to work together more?

Brandon: No. I just think the groups need a bit of a push to start in that direction.

Austin: A lot of what you are talking about seems to align more with the Center for Student Involvement, and its board, than this board. My question: your student group ... what are you doing?

Brandon: What we were hoping to do at the beginning was to create a network for student groups so they could more quickly/easily put on joint events. This would broad the network they would have available to them for future organization.

Emily: Thanks, Brandon. We will email you with our decision this evening.

Board: Discussion regarding his interest in his focus area of bringing student orgs together is stronger than his interest in supporting the work of the UMC Board. Motion to not offer Brandon a position on the board, seconded, acclamation.

d. Mission Statement

Emily: If any student interested in working on considering changes to this statement, please let me know. Jack volunteers.

e. CDAB

Emily: I have some notes from the CDAB meeting. They are hoping to put in a greenhouse at the Village Center that'll be up and running in August and have a new dining center, Village Center that is tasty and a beautiful building. You can go in there if you are student and have \$7 in campus cash.

Jack: Worth checking out.

Austin: They have hash browns all day.

Emily: They will give us a presentation in mid-April.

Hannah: The chicken nuggets are back at the Grill and as they should be!

Jack: In lunch period there is a different station for the chicken tenders.

f. Policy Committee

Emily: We have our third meeting after this one ends. Hopefully, we'll present the results of that meeting at our next Board meeting.

g. Bylaws Committee

Emily: Meeting next Tuesday...going over the bylaws.

h. Goal Teams

Emily: Going through our goals and getting dates laid out, see which goals have been already met, and if not, where they are presently.

V. Director's Report

a. Annual Budget

Andrea: Finance Board did approve approved our 0% plus unduckables and all enhancements but one. The UMC Programming Manager enhancement was passed as a Grad Student position with operating budget for programming and travel budget for staff to attend ACUI. We will present this budget to Leg Council over two readings in March.

b. **Building Updates**

Off-Campus Housing and E-Center are in their new spaces and happy with them. Bank of America machines will be in soon. ACUI bulletin showcased our SECA lounge, VML, and CSI office space! Amazon: no new information, but we are still in conversations with them and they are still interested. Brian Groves will come back to speak with us when we have a more firm proposal to consider. South Terrace Project update: we have some flexibility in what changes we make. The original architects don't want to continue. We are reaching out to other architects, but are also considering other options. We want this upgrade needs to last another 30 years and that is a good use of money. If this requires waiting longer, we will consider doing that. Original architect wanted to bring up to 100 lbs per sq. ft., and getting 85 lbs. per sq. ft. was approved by project and campus engineers. Re: pedestal system, we may be backing away from that. The project probably will be delayed from what we originally thought. Better to do this properly, than to rush it. Another update won't be likely until our next meeting in two weeks.

VI. CU NightRide

Emma Rae: We are still HIRING!!!! We are slowing down to the desired staff count we've been shooting for since Fall. We did have some difficulties associated with Amazon's web service platform that made the Tap Ride app malfunction earlier tonight. As of 6 pm we're back on and it's now working smoothly.

VII. Student Veterans' Association

VIII. Center for Student Involvement

Minuri: We are also dealing with budgets. Have lots of new members. Training coming up.

IX. Environmental Center

Anissha: We had on 2/19 a Woman's Basketball Day and we gave out Family Housing tickets.

X. CUSG

I. Executive

Marcus: Last Friday was the first interview for the Chief Environment Officer. In addition, as mentioned previously, we are engaging more directly with the state legislature. We are working with various student orgs to promote student buy-in on these efforts. There is a House Bill that will allow victims of sexual assault to break their leases. Working with various depts. In the University to arrange bike dismount zones instituted in various parts of campus. I think it is crucial for students to be involved before any decisions are made. We are hiring a new Rec Ctr Director. 150 applications so far received. We are in the final stages of the audit. The First Friday Buff Club....student gov't is sponsoring it. Free Root Beer floats. Hoping for a good turnout.

III. Legislative

Austin: One bill, three resolutions. Bill involved changes to the election code (he noticed some things about the last election that needed fixes). Two resolutions directed at promoting the House Bill to provide legal basis for sexual assault victims to break their leases. Resolution aimed to support a multi-faith cultural events and learning center. First 2 mentioned resolutions passed. We are in budget season. Our first budget meeting is tomorrow. UMC will be presenting first reading tomorrow, plus Rec Ctr, campus radio,

III. Freshman Council

XI. Feedback

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

Hannah: in addition to the scholarship committee, there's also the space allocation committee. Also, I sent new members an email about new members orientation. Please check your email and let me know if you didn't get any.

XIV. Adjournment

7:16pm