

University Center Policy Board
Friday, December 9, 2011
University Center - Bayou City Room

Members Present: Jared Gogets, Jessica Grono, Mike Harding, Daray Olaleye, Dr. Richard Olenchak, Sieda Omar, Donna Pattison and Roman Perez

Members Absent: Sebastian Blankson, Sandy Coltharp, Rymonda Davis, Daniella Garcia, Ann McFarland and Jeff Syptak

Support Staff: Keith T. Kowalka, Cheryl Grew-Gillen, Lawrence Daniel, Micah Kenfield, Marcella Leung and Linda Jauregui

I. Call to Order

- Chair Gogets called the meeting to order at 11:10AM

II. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda was approved

III. Approval of November 18, 2011 Minutes

- November 18, 2011 minutes were approved

IV. Guest Speakers – Dance On

- Mr. Selby Lo, Dance On advisor, introduced Ms. Natalie Patton, Overall Chair, Annie Pally, Development Chair and Jessica Ha, Family & Hospital Relations Chair and presented an overview of Dance On.
- After presenting the organizational chart the three ladies took turns explaining the Mission and Purpose of the organization along with a little of the background, past achievements and plans for the future Dance On event.
- Ms. Patton informed the members that Dance On that gone before the SFAC committee and requested funding for operations and travel expenses to enable members to attend a conference. This request was denied due to the fact that Dance On is not a student fee funded organization. The group went over the list of expenses submitted to SFAC and asked if the University Center could help fund approximately \$2,000.00 to support their members participating in the upcoming conference.
- Chair Gogets thanked the group for coming and let them know that their request would be discussed later in the meeting. They would be advised on what decision was made.

V. Chairperson's Report – Jared Gogets

- Chair Gogets did not have a report but did remind everyone to try and attend the Big East Celebration that was to take place at 1:00PM today at Moore's School of Music.

VI. UCPB Committee Reports

Facilities Use and Policy Committee – Jessica Grono

- No report at this time

Lease Operations Committee – Roman Perez

- At the last UCPB meeting in November Ms. Esmeralda Valdez arranged with a vendor to provide lunch so UCPB members could sample their food. This company is one being considered to be added to the food court after the new transformation.
- Everyone enjoyed the meal, and Mr. Perez will be drafting a MOU to recommend the addition of this company.

Long Term/Current Projects Committee – Roman Perez

- No report at this time

CSI Office and Carrel Space Committee – Daray Olaleye

- No report at this time

VII. Staff Reports

Report from Assistant Director for Student Development – Keith T. Kowalka

UC Transformation Update

- Office area situation still being addressed.
- After going over some of the changes being proposed Mr. Kowalka stated that the design drawings are due today and will be brought to a meeting to be held next Monday for review and discussion.
- Should receive options for the removal and relocation of the Cougar Den mural in early January. An art conversation company will do an on-site visit in the next two weeks to review the mural and then have a consultation with the UC Transformation committee to explore the options.

Lynn Eusan Park Upgrades

- Mr. Kowalka had Mr. Kenfield show members a map of Lynn Eusan Park with restoration ideas presented to Dr. Walker and F&P members during a walk-through of the area.
- Funding for the cost to make the proposed changes is available in a fund equality account but the final decisions and approvals are still pending.

Report from Director – Cheryl Grew-Gillen

UC Arbor Fountain Update

- No update at this time

Pigeon Update

- Still working on getting the pigeons out and the Arbor cleaned up.
- Ms. Grew-Gillen spoke with Mr. Roger Warner, Physical Plant Manager, Landscape and Grounds, and he is to bring in a pest control company to work on removing the pigeon nests out of the Arbor on the ground floor. Once this is done the Arbor and the signs for Shasta's Cones & More and the UC Games Room will be cleaned up.
- Hope to have all of this completed by the end of the holiday break

Report from Director – Lawrence Daniel

UC Events Update

- Mr. Daniel announced that all events for this semester were done. He wanted to thank all of those involved in making all of the events a success.
- He has been having conversations with Mr. Rommel Abad, CSI, on changes that need to occur with UCC. They are working on putting together a group of students to talk about these changes.
- They both have some ideas and think it's time to bring the students in and talk about the ideas more realistically and what actually works more for the benefit of the events.
- Several of you will be invited to join that task force, we are looking at having the meetings in the Spring semester so that whatever changes are decided on can be implemented in the fall.

Report from Director – Marcella Leung

Blaffer Gallery Update

- Ms. Leung reported that she had three different meetings with persons from the Blaffer Gallery to discuss the potential of having student art displayed at the UC.
- All of the persons she dealt with were very excited about the possibility of having student art displayed at the UC. The question arose if the UC would like to begin this project after the renovation or if maybe it should be started slowly with just a few pieces displayed now.
- It will take some time to do logistical planning. Ms. Leung has a meeting scheduled again in early January to try and work out some of the details concerning the placement of art in the UC and also the probability of having students research to determine how students will provide feedback on the art that is being displayed.

VIII. Old Business

UC 45th Anniversary Brainstorm

- Mr. Kenfield stated that he had only received a couple of suggestions for ways to celebrate the UC's 45th anniversary coming up on February 14, 2012.
- He asked that everyone please continue to brainstorm and send him suggestions.

IX. New Business

Dance On Funding

- After reviewing the budget funding request made and a discussion the UCPB members approved funding for operations expenses and part of the travel expenses for the conference. Dance On will be advised to go to AFB for part of the travel expenses, if they do not receive any funds UCPB will provide the total amount needed for travel.
- Mr. Gogets will inform Mr. Lo and Ms. Patton of the approval and the amount of funds that will be provided once a decision is made.

Lynn Eusan Park Upgrades

- A vote was taken to approve the site itself. The site map was approved. The map will be referred to the Facilities Use & Planning committee for review and make any changes they deem necessary.

X. Announcements

- Mr. Harding reminded everyone again of the Big East Celebration taking place today.

XI. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned by Chair Gogets at 12:05PM
- Next Meeting Date(s)
 - Friday, January 20, 2012 – UC Bayou City Room
 - Friday, February 10th, 2012 – UC Palo Duro Room
 - Friday, March 2nd, 2012 – UC Bayou City Room
 - Friday, March 23rd, 2012 – UC Bayou City Room
 - Friday, April 13th, 2012 – UC Bayou City Room
 - Friday, May 4th, 2012 – UC Bayou City Room