University Union Meeting Minutes for April 8th, 2010

I. Call to Order: Chair Tafoya calls meeting to order at 4:08pm.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Joe Tafoya, Stephanie Spearman, Pritesh Rajvaidya, Kapish Joshi, Sumit Sharma, Robert Lara

Absent Members: Bob Williams (ex-officio), Shahid Beig (ex-officio), Emily Wirt (ex-officio)

Guests: Chris Caldwell

* Kapish Joshi was present at 4:13pm.

III. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion: (Spearman) to approve the Agenda.

Motion carries.

B. Approval of Minutes for March 5th, 2010.

Motion: (Spearman) to approve the Minutes of 3/5/2010

Amendment I: to change Mice to Mic under New Business Diversity Center Program Support.

Amendment II: to change 8pm to 6pm, under Item four New Committee Meeting Times for Spring Quarter regarding Pritesh Rajvaidya.

Amendment I and II Carry.

Motion carries as Amended.

IV. Special Presentation:

V. Public Discussion: None

VI. Action Calendar

A. Unfinished Business

1. Action Item: Laptop Computer Stations

   Motion: (Spearman) to take a 5 minute recess.
Motion Carries.
Chair Tafoya states that the committee has to draw out a plan for this item. Also along with him, committee members have to vote on the plan, if not let this item go.
The Committee discusses plug options for the Laptop Computer station:
- Start with one or two tables
- Rectangular shaped tables

Chair Tafoya states the committee is proposing to place the Laptop Table locations on the second floor of the Old University Union in the South Lounge in the southeast corner and in the south-west corner.

Motion: (Spearman) to provide two tables on the south-east corner and south-west corner of the South Lounge in the Old University Union on the second floor and to provide power for Laptop Usage without worrying about internet access.

Motion Carries.

2. Information Item: University Union Programming
Chair Tafoya states that he committed the committee to holding an event or two before the month is up. He states that he spoke with Garvin regarding the Marketing for the events; it will take about two and half to three weeks to market an event. Thursday would be ideal. An event that would be held soon is an Open Mic Night. He opens the floor for a discussion of events for the Month of April 2010:

Spearman suggests that the committee plans another meeting since there’s no meeting before the events or make the final decisions on the events.
Chair Tafoya states that a task force was appointed at the last committee meeting and really wants assignments to be provided so events can be ready soon, also states that the committee has to decide on a specific marketing strategy. The Task force will consist of Kapish, Pritesh, Summit and Stephanie as an optional member. There is a general consensus from the committee that there will be an Open Mic Night. Also for the marketing the committee will have to go around campus and post flyers. The committee proposes different times that the Open Mic Night should be held.

Lara states that the evening crowd most likely will not interact due to other factors, such as forming study groups and preparing for class.
B. New Business

1. Action Item- Food Service Renovation

Chair Tafoya states that this item occurred at the 1st BOD Meeting of the quarter. There was a presentation presented to the Board by Directors from Aramark. The presentation has results from the survey that was conducted by Aramark during Fall Quarter 2009. There were 854 students and faculty that were surveyed, with the scale being from 1 to 7. Chair Tafoya goes over the results of the survey and renovation project.

- Starbucks location in the Library
- Juice Bar in the Rec/Wellness Center
- Burger Studio
- Topio Pizza Place
- Bagel location near Science Building
- Entire Project will cost $820,000
- Looking to have ASI fund the renovation

Spearman states that she feels that the survey results are actually worse than what was in the actual presentation and also is against the renovation project.

Joshi suggests that there is no need to install a Burger Studio due to the decreases of the budget and also the salad bar was the only healthy food choice on campus.

Rajvaidya states that Aramark has poor quality food and the customer service is not really up to par.

Chair Tafoya states that with the decision being made these should be the reasons given to Aramark why the committee decline the renovation project.

Lara states that when Aramark was first brought in they were leasing the space in the Union and invested $1.9 million. States that there is $5 million in reserves, and $3 million is going to be used for the opening of the Rec/Wellness Center.

Dr. Lara goes over the Budget with the Committee for the University Union:

Chair Tafoya states that a draft of the University Union Committee decision of the Food Service Renovation has to be formed for the Board.

- No Money to Aramark
- Work on Staff Service
- New Menu (Vegetarian Options)
- Food Quality
- Improvements at Aramark’s Expense
• Encourages Project for Aramark Expenses

Motion: (Rajvaidya) proposal to the ASI Board of Directors from the UU Committee will be recommending not to proceed as the project is proposed, encourages the project at Aramark’s own expense also the building is not the problem. The issue lies in staff services, limited menu selections, quality of food, and limited vegetarian options.

Motion Carries.

2. Action Item- Election of Vice Chair

Chair Tafoya states that unfortunately Kenry Allen Hutchinson has resigned due to some personal issues. This forces the committee to elect someone as the Vice Chair for the University Union Committee. He now opens the floor to committee members who would like to nominate themselves or others.

Kapish Joshi nominates himself for Vice Chair.

Motion: to appoint Kapish Joshi as Vice Chair of the University Union Committee

Motion Carries.

VI. Round Table Remarks:

Chair Tafoya: states that the reason that the Open Mic Night is not fairly soon because there is actual marketing needed for the event.

Rajvaidya: states that the overall discussion for the meeting was really good and is looking forward to the Laptop tables and Aramark services.

Spearman: states that there have been two meetings in a row and that’s really good, the committee has to discuss Sober Fest.

Lara: states that the Cesar Chavez Commemoration was inspiring. The staff has been working on Diversity Week in early May. Met with a few organizations and they are looking to coordinate a Cinco de Mayo festival. The panel in the University Union is going to be something that is in hopes of being replaced within the next month. Also there was a discussion with the maintenance guy and he is suggesting that the roof should be repaired.

Chair Tafoya: states Chess XV is coming and is looking to take three committee members along but its fine if all committee members would like to attend. For the next committee meeting the committee will be going over next year’s University Union Budget, Aramark discussion, and establish three usage hours for the game room.
* Pritesh Rajvaidya stepped out of the meeting at 5:58pm

VII. Adjournment

Motion: (Spearman) to adjourn the University Union Committee Meeting at 6:08 pm.
Motion Carries.

Minutes Reviewed by:
University Union Committee Chair
Name: Joe Tafoya
4/8/10
Date

Minutes Approved On:
4/23/10
Date