

Student Centers Policy Board

January 23, 2015

SC S 223, Skyline Room

Members Present: Troy Christensen, Richard Guajardo, Leo Mata, Tiara Parks, Raresh Pascali, Lauren Potter, Isaiah Ross, Erica Tat, Jeng Tcheung, Ryan Smith, Dozie Nzeogu

Members Absent: Princess Ephriam, Sebastian Troitino

Support Staff Present: Keith Kowalka, Cheryl Grew-Gillen, Lawrence Daniel, Whitley Denson, Matthew Sebby, Renee Cleare

Support Staff Absent: None

I. Call to Order

- Chair Tat called the meeting to order at 12:06PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

- Approved.

III. Approval of December 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- Approved.

IV. Chairperson's Report (Tat)

- Student Center smoking location recommendation, which was approved at the last meeting, has been emailed to Floyd Robinson, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs – Health and Wellness, to be presented to the Tobacco-Free Campus Committee. Tat will be awaiting a response.

V. Committee Reports

Facilities Use and Policy Committee (Ross)

- Study Room policies are posted. Students will reserve rooms at the Information Center.

Lease Operations Committee (Christensen)

- None.

Long Term/Current Projects Committee (Mata)

- None.

Office and Carrel Space Committee (Potter)

- None.

VI. Student Centers Staff Reports

Report from Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs – Student Life (Kowalka)

- Grand Opening of the Student Center went well, with positive feedback from departments and students. Novelty activities were well received. Cat's Back was congested in the Houston Room but

successful. Mata, Parks, Potter and Tcheung remarked that the activities were popular and attracted many students to participate, and although Cat's Back might have been better advertised, the ribbon-cutting ceremony was great and the day was an overall success. Christensen heard students commenting on how much they liked getting a free t-shirt, and getting a small size shirt was appreciated.

- Commemorative Grand Opening keychains are available for free at the Information Center.
- Starbucks is redoing the Saturday pilot, with better advertising. Starbucks will be open from 9AM-1PM on Saturday for the next 4 weeks. Food Service Advisory Committee is encouraged to highlight the pilot in meetings to help with marketing. Guajardo suggested that if the pilot is repeated, it should be done during football season for alumni. Seby noted that Shasta's is to be open on Saturdays also, and Shasta's also has a coffee machine.

Report from Director, Student Centers (Grew-Gillen)

- Art is now installed in all Student Center Meeting Rooms, with photographs of different Houston neighborhoods in relationship to UH and text discussing the historical narrative of each area.
- Student Center website has been revamped with UH branding.
View it at <http://www.uh.edu/studentcenters/>.
- Directory signage is up in both North and South buildings of the Student Center, with corrections underway. Student Center South has temporary signage on first floor columns which will be replaced by signage further west. Smaller directories are to be located near entrances in SC N.
- Legacy Lounge is open, and signage to be installed on either end near entrances about how the space can be reserved. Only registered student organizations and campus departments can reserve it for after 7PM, and all events must be open to the entire UH community.
- Seby announced that the Study Rooms signage on reserving those rooms are currently posted and one group has already used a Study Room. Facilities & Operations are waiting on copies of the room keys to begin reservations, but are unlocking rooms per students' request to use them.
- Grew-Gillen answered Christensen's question about new signage in the Student Center Satellite: New sign is to replace "UC" with planning in progress to renovate the facility.
- Pascali asked about side doors being locked to Student Center buildings. Seby said most doors will be accessible, but some doors are emergency exits only, and signage will be posted of which doors aren't entrances. Grew-Gillen said part of the reason for this is the campus-wide policy toward card access for security reasons.

Report from Director, Student Affairs IT Services & Special Programs (Daniel)

- Carrel space computers signage is up, and furniture is to be delivered and installed hopefully by March 1.
- Thank-you for attending and volunteering for Grand Opening event.

VII. Old Business

- None.

VIII. New Business

- None.

IX. Announcements

- Valentine's Day Event – 2/12/15, tentatively in Circle Drive, 11:30-1:30PM. Activities to include karaoke, speed dating, gift mart, bake sales and possibly a cougar-beanie-making activity.
- Safe Spring Break – 3/11/15, Circle Drive, 11:30-1:30PM. More info to come.
- Stress Free Finals – 4/27/15-5/5/15, Week of events hosted by various departments and student organizations to relieve student stress during finals.
- Cougar Casino – 3/26/15-3/29/15, Tent featured in Frontier Fiesta.

X. Adjournment

Chair Tat adjourned the meeting at 12:32PM.

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, February 13, 2015 – Student Center South 223 (Skyline Room), 11:30AM – lunch, 12PM – meeting.