Highlander Union Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 4th 2018
4:00pm-5:00pm
HUB 355

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

A. Members Present
   1. Kaitlyn Lara, Chair
   2. Adam Gutierrez
   3. Diana Trannam
   4. Alondra Duenas
   5. Leandra Doan
   6. Stephanie King
   7. Siddharth Agarwal
   8. Tommaso Menara
   9. Shawn Ragan

B. Members Absent
   1. Semi Cole
   2. Sawanee Zadey

C. Guests
   1. Cedric Martin
   2. Josh Witbeck
   3. Ta'Neill Hope
   4. Marissa Torres

III. Approval of Minutes
    A. Motion to approve minutes for November by Alex, second by Adam
       1. In favor  8  Oppose  0  Abstain  1

IV. Approval of Agenda
    A. Motion to approve the agenda by Leandra, second by Alex
       1. In favor  8  Oppose  0  Abstain  1

V. Chair's Report: Kaitlyn Lara, HUB Chair
   A. Kaitlyn only had one question regarding the structure of the doodle polls for
      winter quarters meetings. The board decided that one poll would suffice if it had
      all of the dates for each month.

VI. HUB Report: Brendan O'Brien, Director
A. UC Path Issues. There have been issues with the UC Path website and Denise Cisneros is aware of the issue and is working to resolve the issue. This has been a campus wide issue affecting more than just the HUB Governing Board. Brendan emphasized that if you are not getting payed, feel free to reach out to Denise because as employees we should be getting paid on time.

B. New HUB Electric Meter Update. The company came the week prior to meeting and was finally able to capture every source of electricity in the HUB and Brendan is expecting a report by the beginning of January. Brendan was not sure if the report would be ready to present by the January meeting, but definitely by the February meeting. It will be an expensive cost, but the board will review the different scenarios when that time comes.

C. AVC/DOS Position Posting Soon. According to Dr. Haynes the posting should be up by the end of the week for the available position.

D. Title IX Proposed Rule Changes. Brendan handed out the proposed amendments to the Title IX program. He fears that if these changes are enacted that it would be more difficult for victims of sexual assault/violence to come forward as victims. The CARE Office is highly concerned of the effects that these proposals could have not only on students of UCR but to all students nationwide. Brendan encouraged the board to review the proposal and offered a link with further information for review. The board members were encouraged to present their opinions to the board for the next meeting.

E. Election 2018 Recap/Election 2020 Prep (Josh Witbeck, Residence Life). In November's meeting the board was concerned with voting stations and students availability to voting stations. Josh Witbeck came before the board to recap the 2018 election and hear our concerns firsthand. He began first with educating us on the fact that all polling locations are based off of residential locations and that UCR's polling station is specific to students who happen to live on campus specifically: Pentland Hills, Lothian, Aberdeen and Inverness, and GlenMor. The issue with wait times was brought upon us because approximately 1 in 30 members were at the right polling stations. Josh Witbeck explained that education would be key to reducing wait times. If students went to their proper polling location then they would be able to be in and out much sooner than going to the UCR location for convenience. Another issue that arose was that students aren't registered to vote in Riverside county so their provisional ballot won't count either way. Riverside County also allows for same day voting registration, so students need to be notified of this. Witbeck also said that UCR was not prepared for the amount of students that arrived and actually ran out of ballots, so there was a delay in the time when they ran out and brought back more.

VII. Food Service Report
A. Dining is still on track with MOD Pizza and he is offering extended house for Feed Your Brain. Alex inquired about weekend dining hours and Cedric explained that restaurant would not generate enough profit to make it beneficial to be open. However, Habit is open on Saturday and Subway is open on Sunday. Stephanie asked about a dining truck schedule, but Cedric explained how the schedule varies since food truck vendors are not making the amount of profit that they may receive at another location outside of UCR.

VIII. Public Forum

A. The president of the Middle Eastern Student Center came before the board to express his concerns about Halal options on campus. He claimed that UCR took a step forward with offering a few in the HUB, but has since removed those options taking a step backwards. He said that the HUB has worked with him from time to time doing food tastings, but that since then we have regressed. He also went on to critique UCR saying that we are such a diverse school but we are not accommodating to the preference of Middle Eastern students. Cedric went on to explain that some of the franchises are not willing to change their recipes to accommodate for Halal options, but that he is working with Chronic Tacos since they seem to be the most willing to work with UCR. However, the structure of Chronic Tacos is not very corporate and he has had trouble working with them thus far. He did offer places on campus where he can get Halal such as GlenMor as well as the campus dining halls which rotate and said that we do have Kosher foods appealing to the Jewish community.

IX. Subcommittee Reports

A. Kaitlyn did not have anything to report on, but is waiting for the doodle poll to be completed so that she can schedule subcommittee meetings from that availability.

X. New Business

A. Planned Parenthood Generation Action presentation: Sexual Health Vending Machine. The main goals for this presentation were to: 1. increase student access to reproductive health and wellness items and 2. help reduce unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections and diseases, and may reduce the stigma of buying or embarrassment of buying them off of campus. The first point would be satisfied by reducing the barrier of transportation of the products, providing affordable items at a reduced price, and reducing the possibility of being denied purchasing such items. The second item would, of course, be satisfied by availability of these products. The vending machines being in the HUB would centralize availability and allow students to find the products easily and readily. The disbursement of the profit has not yet been finalized, however maintenance would be a priority. Their goal is to have it ready and up by spring quarter.
1. Motion to Approve by Stephanie, second by Alex
2. In Favor 9  Oppose 0  Abstain 1
3. Leandra Doan left.
B. Fee Waivers/Early Reservation Requests
   1. Motion to approve by Alex, second by Diana
   2. In Favor 8  Oppose 0  Abstain 1
C. Finals Week Request: Iranian Graduate Student Association
   1. Motion to approve by Alex, second by Diana
   2. In Favor 8  Oppose 0  Abstain 1
D. Latitude Fifty-Five Updates (Ta'Neill Hope, Programming and Operations Officer). The hour changed and Ta'Neill had to leave, so she will give her updates in the January meeting.

XI. Old Business
   A. HUB Fee Review (In Progress). This will be ready in February.

XII. Announcements
   A. HUB Board Social: Wednesday (Tommorrow!), December 5th, 5-6pm in HUB 355.

XIII. Adjourn
   A. Motion to adjourn by Adam, second by Tommaso
      1. In Favor 8  Oppose 0  Abstain 1