

**Council on Student Affairs  
Full Council Meeting  
February 6, 2007**

**Welcome:** Singla called meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

**Members Present:** Dodovich, Singla, Knapp, Reed, Gordon, Boley, Vollmar, Mahida , Lee, Mull, Stuck, Stetson, Mrozek

**Members Absent:** Spinrad, Hollingsworth, Thatcher, Summerhill, Dupaix, Smith,

**Speaker and Presentation**

○ **Ohio Union: Tracy Stuck**

- Stuck reported that all Union staff have officially moved from the Ohio Union and into their new spaces across the campus. Offices have been relocated to the Ohio Stadium, Lincoln Tower, Raney Commons, 33 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 15 East 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- The union hosted a number of farewell events for the university community before its official closing, including a smudging ceremony. Stuck also reported that the ticketing office of Explore Columbus has moved to the Ohio Stadium, which has contributed to the number of students visiting the new Ohio Union location
- The Union has allowed Habitat for Humanity to remove unused items from the building to use in its various projects across Columbus.
- Stuck reported that cold office temperature of the new Ohio Stadium location has presented itself as a challenge, and the staff is working with maintenance to get the issue resolved. She also reported that some students have noted a difficulty in finding the new offices, and the Union is currently seeking out ways to promote and advertise the office space while staying within the guidelines for signage as prescribed by Ohio Stadium.
- Stuck noted that the closing of the old Union has resulted in the loss of event space (28 meeting rooms), and students have experienced some difficulty with finding meeting space, as academic classroom scheduling is later than the process used by the Union.
- In order to help meet the needs of student organizations, the Ohio Union created Events to Go, which allows for the portability of Union resources.
- Stuck noted that the Union was considering the creation of a fund to help supplement student organizational costs in an effort to increase options for the groups.

- Stuck noted that the Union was also seeking to speak with CSA in regard to an amendment to the CSA allocations guidelines to allow for a wider range of expenses to be covered.
- Stuck reported that the Union is considering approaching the Department of Athletics in regard to a negotiation for better facility pricing
- In regard to a question posed by Dodovich, Stuck reported that the Ohio Union has not had to reduce its staffing, but they will refrain from hiring as many staff and students when compared to previous years, and will also shift some staff around to better utilize them. She also reported that some professional staff have already left the Ohio Union, and the Union will not replace them in order to stay within its budget.
- In response to Dodovich's question of when academic building space is available for student group reservations, Stuck reported that the rooms are available during the fifth week of the prior quarter in which a student is seeking to make a reservation.
- In response to Dodovich's question of the cost of relocating the Union, Stuck reported that the move from the old Union has cost less than expected.
- In response to a question from Mrozek in regard to the availability of staff in Raney Commons (for student organizations), Stuck reported that she believed the hours of availability to be 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, but noted that she would give a more concrete answer at the next CSA meeting.

○ **RPAC: Mike Dunn**

- Dunn reported that both the RPAC and ARC facilities are busier than last year, and they expect for the rates to remain constant as the year progresses. He also noted that there is no fee for room rental for student organizations, but space is limited as the number of organizations requesting usage has been great due to the closing of the Ohio Union.
- In response to a question in regard to how RPAC charges students for the rental of equipment for meetings and presentations, Dunn noted that RPAC would review how its rental rates in order to address the issue of high rental costs.
- Dunn reported that the RPAC/ARC moratorium is up, and the facilities committee will begin discussing how to proceed with the rental of space to outside companies and organizations.
- Dunn noted that the outside turf fields will open in the spring, and the indoor golf putting greens/golf course should be available for use within the next few weeks. Dunn also noted that the west campus golf course will be ready by Autumn quarter.
- In response to a question concerning the accessibility of RPAC for meetings, Dunn noted that students and organizations can ask for a guest

- list for its visitors in order to avoid the guests being charged for entering the facility.
- In response to a question by Mrozek in regard to the number of graduate students utilizing RPAC and ARC facilities, Dunn reported that nearly 70% of graduate students use the spaces.
  - In response to an inquiry by Gordon in regard to how charges are assessed to students for equipment breakage, Dunn's staff member reported that students are charged in cases where it is not wear and tear that caused breakage, but student's abuse of the equipment. He also noted that equipment is regularly updated and replaced by the facilities in an effort to avoid breakage.
  - In response to a question by Boley in regard to daily numbers of visitors to RPAC, Dunn reported that on Monday through Thursday, rates tend to average around 7,000. On Friday through Sunday, Dunn noted that the rates average around 1,700.
  - Mull suggested that RPAC consider a reduced rate for visitors of approximately \$5.00 for weekend days in order to increase usage, particularly as students have weekend visitors who might wish to use the facility, but are deterred by the \$10 daily rates. Dunn noted that the facility will definitely consider the suggestion in its next round of fee review.
  - In response to a question posed by Stetson in regard to whether the university had considered purchasing the wheat patch of West Campus for use, Dunn reported that the university had been seeking to purchase it, but had been turned down by the owner.
  - In response to a question posed by Singla, Erin (RPAC staff member) reported that student organizations are still unable to charge its guests, as they already pay an RPAC fee, but they are allowed to ask for donations, as long as they have received RPAC approval to do so. She also noted that concessions could be sold for a rate \$100 per day, which needed to be paid to RPAC. In the case that merchandise was to be sold, she noted that the merchandise must be pre-approved by RPAC.
  - Dunn encouraged CSA members to contact him with concerns, as he invested in making sure that RPAC meets the needs of its users.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve minutes from January 23, 2007, with grammatical changes, was made by Reed and seconded by Dodovich. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

- *Resolution to Commend Sportsmanship Council*
  - Motion to approve resolution brought forth by Singla for the commendation of the Sportsmanship Council was made by Stetson and seconded by Mrozek. Grammatical changes were made and accepted by Singla; motion carried.

## Subcommittee Reports

- **Subcommittee A**
  - Dodovich reported that the committee reviewed its new charges as directed by Chair Singla, including IPC benefits, and students with disabilities climate issues. He noted that the committee is looking into the possibility of Student Affairs Assessment conducting a marketing outreach survey, and will discuss the issue with Vice President Hollingsworth.
- **Subcommittee B**
  - Boley reported that the committee discussed the issue of fees for facility and space usage across campus; Boley also reported that the committee is wrapping up its discussion of campus climate for diversity.
- **Allocations**
  - Singla reported that the committee will review spring quarter funding requests at its next meeting, as well as review guidelines in regard to how and where student organizations can use allocated funds, particularly with the recent closing of the Ohio Union.
- **Chair**
  - Singla reported that the student activity review committee meets on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. in the Ohio Union meeting room.
  - Singla reported that faculty cabinet is currently discussing the issue of clinical and research faculty having governance rights.
  - Singla noted the next University Senate meeting (2/8/07) will host a discussion of Senate reform.
- **Student Affairs**
  - None

## New Business

- None

## Student Government Reports

- **IPC**
  - IPC reviewed its winter funding requests and awarded \$5,500 to students for professional development
  - IPC will donate the proceeds from its Spring Paintball Tournament to the international charity "Unite for Sight."

- **CGS**
  - The reaccreditation ad hoc committee has released its first three chapters.
  - CGS will host a residency workshop on February 22, 2007 in the Hale Black Cultural Center.
  - The organization “Graduate Leverage” will be coming to campus soon to discuss student loan options.
  - Members for CGS will be attending the legislative forum in Washington D.C. next week.
  - The Hayes Research Forum has been pushed back one week due to a scheduling conflict with the Science Olympiad.
  - CGS is currently working with Recreational Sports to establish Master’s level club sports teams.
  
- **USG**
  - USG overrode a presidential veto and will proceed with the establishment of a student health line, which they hope to enact in the near future.
  - Senate seats for the Lima, Marion, and Mansfield campuses have been filled.
  - USG is working to shrink its USG Senate.

**Announcements**

- The Ohio State University men’s basketball team will play host to the University of Michigan Wolverines this evening.

**Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:08