



## Ohio Union Council January 9th, 2014

### Attendance:

#### **Undergraduate Student Government**

*Rachel Cohen (Ohio Union Council Vice-Chair)*

*Moriah Locklear*

*Evan Sieradzki (Ohio Union Council Chair)*

#### **Council of Graduate Students**

*Adithya Jayakumar*

*Russell Stech*

#### **Inter-Professional Council**

*Brittani Jones*

#### **Ohio Union Student Employees**

*Sarah Mangia*

*Adnane Rhazzal (Events Subcommittee Chair)*

#### **Ohio Union Activities Board**

*Thomas Shepherd for MacGregor Obergfell (ex-officio)*

*Hali Buck (ex-officio)*

#### **Council on Student Affairs**

*(NONE)*

#### **Faculty**

*Scott Jones*

#### **USAC**

*Richard Wofford*

#### **Alumni**

*Chuck Claibourne*

*Jody Jordan*

#### **At-Large**

*Ann Kneidinger-Flaherty*

*Brad Myers*

#### **Ohio Union Events/Student Activities**

*Matt Couch (ex-officio)*

*Dan Huffman (ex-officio)*

I. Welcome

## II. Ohio Union Activities Board Update

- a. Thomas Shepherd for MacGregor Obergfell; Vice-President, OUAB
  - On Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – OUAB released tickets for two upcoming events:
    - o Piper Kerman (Orange is the New Black) – speaking at the Ohio Union on January 13, 2014
    - o Lee Daniels (Director of the film, The Butler) – speaking at the Ohio Union on January 16, 2014
  - OUAB participated in the Spring Involvement Fair on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - There are 15 OUAB events (including Grad/Prof events) planned for January.
  - Applications for the 2014-2015 executive board are currently available and will be due on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be held the final week of January.
  - Applications are also currently available to attend the 2014 national conference for the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) which will take place in February in Boston, MA. This is a great opportunity for OUAB to network with programming boards from colleges and universities across the country. Participants will also attend educational workshops and network with a variety of agencies/vendors.

## III. Director Updates

- a. Eve Esch, Director – On Maternity Leave (Updates from Dan Huffman)
  - i. Welcome Emma Violet Esch! Eve had a little girl. Mom and baby are doing well. Eve's anticipated return is late February/early March.
  - ii. Ohio Union Project Updates:
    - 1. Restrooms – New sealant placed on the floors.
    - 2. Ablution Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> faucet was added.  
This Improvement was made based on student feedback.
  - iii. Ballroom Floors were re-sealed
  - iv. Progress is being made on replacing the terrazzo floors. This project will be a complete replacement of the floors and work is expected to begin during the summer in hopes of completing the project by fall. The vendor has been selected but has yet to be announced. Potentially 200 days needed to complete the project

and night shifts may be needed in order to complete the project on time.

v. During the University closure (weather) on January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, there were still several employees at the Union actively working to prepare for upcoming events as well as needed staffing essential operations.

b. Matt Couch, Director

- Buck-I-SERV

- 358 students participated in Buck-I-SERV trips during the winter break.
- On January 10<sup>th</sup>, Buck-I-SERV will offer a reorientation experience for students who participated in winter service trips. The reorientation will provide an opportunity to reflect on their experiences as well as connect their experiences with social justice concepts.
- From March 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Buck-I-SERV will offer 32 trips during Spring Break (a record number of trips for this break). The increase in the number of trips has also created a need for additional trip advisors. There will also be one International trip to South Africa.

- Events

- The Spring Student Involvement Fair (SIF)
  - Event was originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> but was postponed until Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> due to the University's closure/weather.
  - The event was rescheduled with minimal compromises in part due to the hard work of many Ohio Union staff members.
  - More than 270 student groups and organizations were represented.
  - It is estimated that over 2000 students attended the event.
  - The Spring SIF featured live penguins from the Columbus Zoo and a snow leopard as well as staff members and students who dressed in penguin costumes – contributed to the winter theme of the event.

- Student attendees were given ‘punch-cards’ upon entering the event and sought out the staff (dressed as penguins) positioned throughout various areas of the involvement fair for additional marks on their punch cards. If students filled their punch cards, they could eat at a taco bar stationed in the lower level of the Union. This activity encouraged students to visit all areas of the involvement fair.
    - MLK Day of Service – January 20, 2014 (Next Major Event)
      - 44 different service sites
      - There are spots for 700 students to perform a few hours of community service. This is an increase of 180 spots compared to last year
      - If needed, overflow projects are planned that will take place in the Union. These projects are more indirect in nature but in an attempt to not turn anyone away, will provide an opportunity for students to be involved.
  - A number of cohorts are in the midst of recruitment with applications out for groups/cohorts including the Major Campus Events Committee (MCEC), Buck-I-SERV, Pay It Forward, OUAB, etc.
    - Improvements are being made to training programs for some of these groups including the development of some 7-week courses.
  - Staffing Updates
    - Megan Lyon – new Coordinator of the Discount Ticket Program (D-Tix) – replacing Katie Sprague
    - During Katie Sprague’s maternity leave, Megan served as the student interim replacement.
    - Her first day was January 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - Taneisha Arnold begins – new Coordinator of Student Organizations, replacing Adam Burden
      - Monday, January 13, 2014
      - Coming from the University of Memphis
- c. Dan Huffman, Business Manager

- i. Will be hiring a new staff member to oversee procurement and student org funding. Will be replacing Deb Cunningham (12-13 years with OSU).
- ii. Budget Season – Budgets must be submitted by next Friday, January 17, 2014.
- iii. Projecting a \$500,000 net income to put toward reserves. Funds will be used for Union improvements, (carpeting, A/V, etc.)
- iv. Every year the goal is to add at least \$250k to reserves.

#### IV. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Events: Adnane Rhazzal, Subcommittee Chairman
  - i. Last Meeting was in November
    1. Heard progress reports from the Student Involvement Fair, MLK Day of Service, & BuckeyeThon
    2. The sub-committee has caught up with progress reports and on track for reviews during the Spring semester.
- b. Policy: Joe Mancinotti, Subcommittee Chairman (Updates provided by Dan Huffman)
  - i. Dan Huffman is assisting with this committee in place of Eve Esch
  - ii. Policy committee did not meet due to holidays
  - iii. Upcoming Meetings
    1. February 4th @ 5PM in Hayes Cape Room
    2. March 5th @ 5PM (Room TBD)
    3. April 1 @ 5PM – Founders Room
  - iv. Dan/Joe will send information on topics to be discussed at those meetings.

#### V. Future Meetings & Topics

- a. Dates
  - i. February 6th, 5:30pm - Barbie Tootle Room
  - ii. March 6th, 5:30pm - Barbie Tootle Room
  - iii. April 3rd, 5:30pm - Barbie Tootle Room
- b. Topics
  - i. New topics to be discussed during meetings