

Ohio Union Council
October 16th, 2014



Attendance:

Undergraduate Student Government:

Rachel Cohen
Cody Vermillion
Gerard Basalla
Davonti Hayes

Council of Graduate Students:

Lauren Paluta

Inter-Professional Council:

Kelly Brookbank

Ohio Union Student Employees:

Emma Hunko-Haynack
Matthew Altendorf

Ohio Union Activities Board:

Matt Kolena
Hali Buck

Council on Student Affairs:

Michelle Bennett

Alumni:

Jim Atkinson

At-Large:

MA Wimbush

OU/SA Staff:

Eve Esch
Matt Couch
Dan Huffman
Nick Stefanik

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Ohio Union Catering Presentation
 - a. Larry Moore, Assistant Director, Dining Services
No formal presentation – just a discussion

Some changes in regards to menus at the Ohio Union

First open in 2010 – 3 menus (101 for students, 1870, specific wedding menu)

After first few years, focus was shifted to what is working best

Combine Catering 101 + Catering 1870, as 101 was simply a minimized version

There was a focus over past Summer on pricing structure

Now, 30% discount on nearly all catering costs (alcohol, sheet cake exceptions)

and no 20% service charge for student organizations

Labor charges only in larger groups or plated meals

101 had many international selections, but weren't heavily used

These do not appear on new menu, but can be custom made

Call for feedback

Q: How are you soliciting feedback?

A: Feedback from student governments always appreciated. Software tracks what is being ordered frequently. Have only heard positive feedback on new variety and size of menu.

III. Ohio Union Activities Board Update

a. Matt Kolena, President

53 events in September

James Franco, Pentatonix, Karaoke, Flicks for Free

Grad/Prof – Academic Job Search Series reached 1000 students, IK, Quiz Night

October – Key and Peele, Karaoke, Flicks for Free.

Forward – Hypnotist on Monday, Josh Fox on Thursday

Big ticket release for Chance the Rapper

47 events in October

Q: Wellness attendance?

Q: Partner with CGS to combine funding for a larger audience?

Will follow up directly.

V. Director Updates

a. Matt Couch, Director

102nd Annual Homecoming Parade

Grand Marshal is the Men of Park 10

Parade steps off at 6:00, ends at Ohio Union

Student-Alumni Council will be sponsoring Pep Rally

Next major event is Beat Michigan Pep Rally

Fall Deadline for Student Organization Registration is Wednesday

November should have final count for Student Organizations

Cohorts – not student org.

MCEC

SLA – 27 new Advocates

Service –

Access 88 – outreach to Middle Schools

Buck-I-Serv

More than twice as many advisor applications than needed – great success from previous years

Dtix – Ticket lottery going well

Running reports now for more data – grad v undergrad, oncampus v off-campus

Union and Student Activities Directors Conference – more to come from Eve/Dan

b. Eve Esch, Director

Conference was a big highlight

Other recent events – OUAB, Homecoming Week, Grad School Expo, P&FW, GE Middle Market Event. 1100 estimated attendees, including Mitt Romney as guest speaker

Student Employment – focus on learning outcomes, all student manager trainings, all staff for “Ohio Union Team” meetings – formerly tenant meetings

Ohio Union Events Blog started today. Giveaways, hoping to improve communication and planning

Number of events on printout

c. Dan Huffman, Business Manager

Goal is to look at budgeting info monthly

This should help focus marketing plan

Increase expenses due to GEM cars, a few other unique expenses

Recently undergone an audit – all signs point to a great report

Q: Non-University Events year-round or skewed towards non-Academic Term?

A: Constant throughout the year – highest month is May. Lower during Term, higher during Breaks

VI. Subcommittee Updates

a. Events

Emma Hunko-Haynack is Chair

Homecoming, Beat Michigan Pep Rally, Thanksgiving Dinner, Block-O Watch Parties

Homecoming – 100 total entries in Homecoming parade

Pep Rally – no major concerns. Contacts with some major sponsors were slow, but not a major concern

Thanksgiving Dinner – Hosting on Thursday Nov 27 in Ballroom. Hope to go more green (feedback on tablets instead of paper), purchasing turkey suit, concern about price of parking. Open to suggestions on price of parking.

Block-O Watch Parties – 10/4 and so on. 10/4 went well

Next meeting – Light up the Lake

b. Policy

Davonti Hayes is chair

Following items for review:

i. 2014-15 Building Hours

See attachment

Approved as attached

Discussion in subcommittee about extending building hours. Currently in benchmarking phase.

ii. After Hour Access Forms, Staff & Students

See attachment

Approved

iii. Alcohol Policy Form

See attachment. No changes, just being added to Ohio Union policy binder.

Q: No indication of "Student Organization."

Eve: We can add to title.

Q: Advisor name field?

D: Yes, #9.

Q: Co-sponsorship with alcohol?

Eve: Not allowed. Co-sponsorship is to prevent student organizations from being taken advantage of.

Suggestion to clean up language in co-sponsorship section as it pertains to alcohol.

Approved

iv. Incident Report Form

See attachment. No changes, just being added to Ohio Union policy binder.

Q: What is purpose of section 3, summary data?

Eve: Data aggregation – reporting at end of year with Student Life

Q: Concern about objectivity/subjectivity?

Eve: Training for student managers. Incident reports only go to supervisors. "Building Manager Report" goes out to all Union Staff

Approved

Next meeting in two weeks (discuss cosponsorship form)

VII. Future Meetings

a. Dates

- i. November 6, 5:30pm - Barbie Tootle Room

- ii. December 4, 5:30pm - Barbie Tootle Room
- iii. January 22, 5:30pm - Barbie Tootle Room
- iv. February 12, 5:30pm - Barbie Tootle Room
- v. March 12, 5:30pm - Barbie Tootle Room
- vi. April 16th, 5:30pm - Barbie Tootle Room

VIII. Announcements