

V.J. and Angela Skutt Student Center Advisory Board
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present: Students – Kayla Hathcote, David Gant, Melissa Hottovy, Karen Vanderzaden; Non-Students – LeeAnn Crist, Dr. Katie Hatfield

Non-Voting Members Present: Ryan Lahne and Christina Ramirez

Guests Present: Tami Thibodeau (Skutt and Harper Business Manager), Ashton Page (Art Coordinator, Skutt and Harper Centers)

Voting Members Absent: Students - Susan Fontana, Makinzie Vowels, Ryan Crnkovich; Non-Students - Matt Hill, Eric Immel

Non-Voting Members Absent: Sara Carter

Welcome: Ryan Lahne called the meeting to order at 3:34pm. Lahne gave a review of the agenda.

Old Business:

Review of Minutes

Decision made to unofficially approve minutes from the March 22, 2011 meeting.

Art/Marketing Update

Ashton Page was present to talk about the Creighton Student Art Exhibit on display and the summer art project he will be working on. This is typically where we get our art in our collection. Board members took a walk to look over art in the exhibit. One piece was for sale. Discussion was held and vote was made not to purchase this piece for the Skutt/Harper collection.

Ashton has been asked to create a permanent collection for the drawing room near the Skutt Ballroom. This will be an oil paint mural that contains 10 pieces. The theme is the process of rebirth. Panels will anywhere from three feet to six feet in size.

Skutt Project Update

Changes suggested by LeeAnn were presented to Michele Starzyk and Dr. Cernich. More than likely we are moving forward with these changes around July 1. We are replacing the blinds in the building with nicer looking, higher quality wood blinds.

3rd Quarter Summary

These totals were through the end of February 2011. Catering business continues to grow a bit and events held in the buildings are rising. Student events were decreasing previously, but seem to be turning around now. The number of public events being held has decreased slightly.

Overall catering revenue is on the rise in both buildings. Retail revenue is up in Skutt and slightly down in Harper.

Sodexo Update

The Regional Director for Retail Sales with Sodexo visited the campus to review overall retail opportunities on site. There will be another assessment in the fall. She will be presenting a formal proposal to Creighton about these opportunities. One of these opportunities was bringing in a branded Asian cuisine type concept to Wareham Court called Mein Bowl.

Board Membership

Discussion about how students are appointed to the board. CSU sends out an email to the student body so they may choose their interests and then they are appointed for a 1-year commitment. Ryan will work with Doug McAcy if current board members are interested in remaining on the board.

LeeAnn Crist and Eric Immel will not be returning to the board.

Board Recap/Thank You

All members on the board received a Creighton University snuggie as a thank you for their time and input while participating on the board.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.