



University Auxiliary Services at Albany, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, February 10, 2023 11:00AM Campus Center Board Room

Michael Christakis convened the meeting at 11:02 AM. The following Directors were present:

Taylor Chambers (via Zoom)
Michael N. Christakis
Todd Foreman (via Zoom)
Jermaine Harris
Indu

Mary Beth Murnan
Stephen Pearse
Carol Perrin
Fardin Sana
Lee Serravillo

Latonia Spencer
Naishaly Velez Galan
Enid Walker
Cara White
Jeremy Zheng

ABSENT: Mashaal Bhatti; Ousmane Diallo; and Billy Swindler

UAS STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Bowen; Randy Simmons; Michelle (MO) Schifley; Roxanne Welch; and Nancy Harrigan.

Guests: Rob White, Envision Strategies

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5, 2022 BOARD MINUTES

Cara White made a motion to approve the December 5, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Naishaly Velez Galan. The motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Old Business

Dining RFP -The Board moved into Executive Session to discuss the Dining RFP. At 11:04 AM. Naishaly Velez Galan made a motion to move into Executive Session seconded by Fardin Sanai and the motion was approved. At 11:50 AM Carol Perrin made a motion to move out of executive session, seconded by Jermaine Harris. The Board moved out of executive session.

2023-2024 Meal Plans – Stephen Pearse reviewed meal plan price increases for 2023-2024 and the implications different levels of increases would have on the annual budget and cost of attendance.

First Day Complete -MO Schifley reported that the process for getting the First Day Complete program initiated was going to take longer than anticipated and the new expected launch date would be fall of 2024.

New Business

Fish Fry Friday – Stephen Pearse reported that dining had started a Fish Fry Friday program at Tres Habaneros for the spring semester and that it was proving to have some success.

Recent Events – Stephen Pearse reported on several recent dining events:

- Black History Month events
- Lunar New Year in the Quads
- Lunar New Year Dumpling Making with Provost Kim

- Great Dane Game Den Grand Opening
- Winter Mingle

Committees

Governance - Michael Christakis reported that the committee had not met.

Program - Jermaine Harris reported that the Program Committee would be meeting in April to review Round I applications for 2023-2024 and that there was \$9,288 remaining in the budget for 2022-2023 to allocate through supplemental applications.

Services- Carol Perrin thanked everyone and especially students for their help with the RFP process and on-site dining tours. Jeremy Zheng advised the group of an occurrence of expired product that was on sale at the 518 Market. Stephen Pearse reported that he was aware of the occurrence and that it had already been addressed and measures put in place to prevent it from happening again.

Finance and Audit- Todd Foreman reported that the Finance and Audit Committee reviewed different budget scenarios based on a meal plan price increase of 3%, 3.5% and 4% and asked the Board to provide approval for a meal plan rate increase for 2023-2024. Carol Perrin noted that it was important to be able to provide the quality and service that students expect and both she and Indu suggested giving approval to a range to allow for negotiation. Mr. Serravillo noted that the Board has been able to be responsive to student needs and that we need to provide a rate that allows us to continue to do that. Indu made a motion to provide a range of no less than a 3% meal plan price increase and no more than a 5% meal plan price increase for 2023-2024. Lee Serravillo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Public Comment

None at this time.

Adjournment

Carol Perrin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Latonia Spencer. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.