

UNIVERSITY AUXILIARY SERVICES AT ALBANY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ROOM 437
FEBRUARY 1, 2008

President Murphy convened the meeting at 9:40 A.M. The following Directors were present:

Mr. Richard Z. Goldstein	Mr. William McCann
Ms. Sophia Hammett-Turner	Mr. Brian Tregerman
Mr. Colin Ebel	Mr. Karl Schlegel
Mr. Kevin Wilcox	Mr. John Murphy
Ms. Laurie Garafola	Mr. Michael Cassidy
Ms. Kristen Barret	Mr. Tom Bessette

Absent: Ms. Carol Anderson and Ms. Karen Acosta McNeill

Also in attendance: Dr. Filippone, UAS Executive Director; Dr. Rota, UAS Associate Executive Director; Mr. Gorgas, UAS Director of Finance; Ms. Angel, Board Secretary; Mr. Lembo, Chartwells Resident District Manager; Ms. Mathis Peterson, Chartwells Director of Operations.

Before proceeding, President Murphy announces the resignation of Mr. Simon Afeworki from the Board of Directors. The Student Association will appoint a new student representative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Hayes and Kirk from Students for Workers Rights are present to speak during public comment. They inquired about the status of the beverage bid. Dr. Filippone advised Ms. Hayes that despite contacting and/or sending the RFP to Poland Beverages, Polar Beverages, Cadbury-Schweppes, Canteen, All-Seasons Vending, Coca Cola and Pepsi, only Coca Cola and Pepsi responded. The executive committee will soon meet to review the submitted RFP information.

A motion was made by Mr. Cassidy to close public comment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Schlegel. After all parties wishing to speak had done so, the Public Comment section of the meeting was closed.

MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the December 10, 2007 Board minutes by Mr. Schlegel. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ebel and approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Two general committee meetings were convened on January 29 and 30 for all Board members to view proposed Meal Plan Rates for 2008-2009. Committees have nothing to report individually at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Meal Plan rates for 2008-2009

Dr. Filippone and Mr. Lembo presented projected changes for academic year 2008-2009. Dr. Filippone indicated that although the 5% increase she presented at the general committee meetings would be sufficient to support the dining service program, including several enhancements, she is concerned the additional .5% included in the 5% increase will not be sufficient to address upcoming construction costs for Indian and State Quad renovations, especially when coupled with the need to pay interest rates for bonds and/or loans. She asked the Board to consider a rate of 6%. The difference per meal plan between a 5% rate increase and 6% increase would be approximately \$12 per semester per student.

Discussion ensued, with the Board recommending unanimously to Dr. Filippone that she discuss with the University and with students at the upcoming Town Hall meetings a maximum rate increase of 6.5%. This rate would increase the rate per meal plan by approximately \$25 more per student than the 5% increase.

At the next Board meeting on Monday, February 11, Dr. Filippone will inform the Board about her discussions with the University and regarding student feedback from the Town Hall meetings. At that time, the Board will further discuss and vote on proposed changes.

Suggestion was made to send mass e-mail to students with the changes when they occur.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Students for Workers Rights (Ms. Hayes and Kirk) commented they are not Pepsi advocates, but encourage the Board to make a socially responsible decision in regard to Coke on campus. After all parties wishing to speak had done so, the Public Comment section of the meeting was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn made by Mr. Tregerman. Seconded by Mr. Cassidy and unanimously adjourned at 10:34 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexandra Angel
Board Secretary