

UNIVERSITY AUXILIARY SERVICES AT ALBANY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
EMPIRE COMMONS CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 11, 2008

President Murphy convened the meeting at 9:15 A.M. The following Directors were present:

Ms. Carol Anderson	Mr. Jonathan Teich
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: Dr. Richard Z. Goldstein, Mr. William McCann, 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; Ms. DiDonna, UAS Associate Executive Director; Ms. Lamica, UAS System Administrator; Ms. Frenz, UAS Manager for Marketing; Ms. McConville, UAS Director of Dining Services; Ms. Kettlewell, UAS Assistant Executive Director; Ms. Faviccho, Chartwells Marketing Representative; Mr. Lembo, Chartwells Resident District Manager; and Ms. Mathis Peterson, Chartwells Director of Operations.

Before proceeding, President Murphy introduced the new student representative on the Board, Jonthan Teich.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Hayes, Chris Phillip, and Lee Francis Sweet from Students for Workers Rights were present to speak during public comment. Discussion ensued regarding the beverage bid. The students expressed their opinions regarding Coca-Cola on the UAlbany campus. They urged the Board to not choose Coca-Cola as the beverage provider because of alleged human rights violations, as they have stated at previous meetings. After all parties wishing to speak had done so, the Public Comment section of the meeting was closed.

MINUTES

A change was noted to the February 2, 2008 minutes, to add Mr. Tom Bessette to the list of attendees. A motion was made to approve the February 2, 2008 Board minutes by Mr. Schlegel. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ebel and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Filippone first introduced Maureen Obie, as UAS' new Administrative Assistant.

Proposed Meal Plan rates for 2008-2009

As was decided at the previous Board meeting, Dr. Filippone reported the outcome of discussions with the University and with students at the Town Hall meeting, regarding the proposed rate increases for the 2008-2009 Meal Plans. In accordance with the recommendation of the Board at the previous meeting regarding the upcoming Indian and State renovation projects, Dr. Filippone brought the Board's recommendation of a rate increase no greater than 6.5% to the University for consultation. The University understood the Board's concern with rising construction, materials and transportation costs, and agreed with a 6.5% proposed rate increase. This 6.5% is inclusive of a 5% increase specifically in support of the dining service program.

A Town Hall Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 6th and was attended by approximately 25 students, ranging in class year and campus involvement. UAS staff discussed the implications of board rate increases of 5%, 5.75%, and 6.5%. A positive response was received from the students, as they understood the importance of putting funds aside to cover construction costs. The students present were fairly equally divided between the 5.75% and 6.5% increase.

With the students' input, the proposal on the table calls for an increase of 6.5%. The difference between 5.75% and 6.5% amounts to approximately \$13.00 per student, per semester.

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cassidy to approve the 6.5% Board rate increase for the 2008-2009 Meal Plans. This motion was seconded by Mr. Tregerman and unanimously approved by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Students from Students for Workers Rights questioned items regarding the beverage bid. It is unknown as of now which vendor has submitted a lower bid. It was asked whether there would be recycling machines on campus. This item was indeed included in the request for proposal. 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. Schlegel. Seconded by Mr. Cassidy and unanimously adjourned at 11:14 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexandra Angel
Board Secretary