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**UNIVERSITY AUXILIARY SERVICES AT ALBANY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Thursday, March 14, 2013  
Life Science Conference Room 1143  
2:30 PM**

President Christakis convened the meeting at 2:35 PM. The following Directors were present:

Dr. Michael Christakis  
Ms. Carol Anderson  
Mr. Marc Cohen  
Ms. Laurie Garafola  
Ms. Sophia Hammett Turner

Mr. Matthew Krush  
Mr. William McCann  
Ms. Candace Merbler  
Ms. Imani Whitfield  
Mr. Kevin Wilcox

Absent: Mr. Greg Albert; Mr. Tom Bessette; Mr. Arthur Rushforth; Mr. Fardin Sanai; and Mr. Ryan Witte

Also in attendance: Mr. Steve Pearse, UAS Executive Director; Ms. Karen Kettlewell, UAS Associate Executive Director; Ms. Cynthia Calautti, UAS Director of Communications; Ms. Michelle DiDonna, UAS Associate Executive Director; Ms. Michelle Bowen, UAS Director of Marketing; Ms. Nancy Harrigan, UAS Administrative Assistant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Six University at Albany students, several of whom are members of the Students Revolutionary Coalition, provided public comment. The students expressed opposition to the exclusive contract with Coca-Cola for alleged human rights violations, discriminatory practices, and anti-unionization policies. The students cited a recent UAlbany Student Senate Resolution recommending termination of the Coca-Cola contract due to these allegations. The students also expressed opposition to a possible dining services contract with the Sodexo Corporation, alleging human rights violations, discriminatory practices, anti-unionization policies, and funding labor services within private prisons. The students expressed their opinion that doing business with either corporation is providing support to practices that are in opposition to the stated purpose of the University. The students demanded that a public statement be made by either the UAS Board of Directors or the University President by no later than the last week of April affirming their intent to terminate the Coca-Cola contract and not engage in a contract with the Sodexo and to, at a minimum, not contract with Coca-Cola to provide beverages in the newly renovated Campus Center dining locations.

Mr. Wilcox informed the students that at the time of the Beverage RFP process, the UAS Board of Directors actively sought bid responses from several local vendors , however, Coca-Cola and Pepsi were the only two bidders who responded since no local vendor was able to handle the volume of beverage requirements for the University at Albany. Mr. Wilcox also informed the students that the UN report of human rights violations by Coca-Cola was investigated at that time and no basis for complaint was found.

The students asked the Board: if they identified a local beverage company that could accommodate the beverage needs for UAlbany, would the Board be willing to meet with the company? The Board expressed their willingness to meet.

Dr. Christakis thanked the students for expressing their concerns.

### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 2013 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the February 28, 2013 minutes by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Anderson. The motion was approved with one abstention.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION - FOOD SERVICES PROVIDER RFP**

Ms. Anderson moved that the Board move into Executive Session in order to hear an update from the Dining RFP Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Hammett Turner seconded the motion. The motion was approved. All non-board members left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Pearse and Ms. Kettlewell were asked to rejoin the meeting at the end of the Executive Session to answer specific questions relating to the bid proposals.

The Board exited Executive Session at 4:35 PM.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Christakis asked if there was any other new business. Seeing none, Mr. Wilcox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Krush. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM