I. CALL TO ORDER
Nathan Vontz called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.


ABSENT: Vedant Kulkarni, Haden Botkin, Lauren Chard
RECORER: Medina Roynon
PROXIES: None
GUESTS: Kelli Farris, Suman Wang, Catherine Cowell

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Ryan Urban moved and Lily Hurt seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 29th. Unanimous approval.

IV. OPEN PERIOD
1. SGA/CSI Presentation by Kelli Farris
Farris shared a PowerPoint on the Center for Student Involvement which included:
   • CSI’s Mission Statement
   • Three Programmatic Areas:
     ▪ Student Organizations
     ▪ Leadership Development
     ▪ Programs & Services
   • Reasons to become involved include building social capital, giving back to the community, to gain valuable experience and to have fun!
Williamson expressed his appreciation to Kelli for taking the time to present to UGB.
2. Vontz welcomed Suman Wang and Catherine Cowell, potential new members of UGB.

V. UPC PRESIDENT REPORT
Urban shared recent UPC events:
   • Virtual Drag Bingo was co-hosted by After Hours and the LGBT Resource Center on January 29th
   • The annual CEF Event, Neon Trees featuring 30H!3 performed live in concert on February 5th – 328 registered for the event with the average view time being 35 minutes
Urban announced upcoming UPC events:
   • Open Mic Night on February 17th
• *Cupcake Decorating* (in-person event), is scheduled for February 17th and 18th
• The film, *Bill and Ted Face the Music* will show on February 19th
• “Name that Tune” Gameshow event will be on February 23rd

VI. UNION AMBASSADOR REPORT
Hurt indicated some of the ambassador communities have begun recording short videos to highlight different aspects of the Union. She said they are hoping to release three videos by the second or third week in February. Hurt announced ambassador applications are open until 5:00pm today. After that, applications will be screened and candidates will be interviewed. Hurt said they are in the early stages of planning a game/trivia night at Union Station by JP’s for early April. She added they are also beginning to identify ways to participate in the virtual All University Open House in April.

VII. UGB PRESIDENT REPORT
1. UGB Presentation to SGA
Vontz indicated he and Sara Wallace gave a presentation regarding Union Governing Board to SGA at their meeting last week with the hopes of raising awareness for the upcoming election period.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. Union Policy Advisory Committee – Matt Swords
Swords said the Union Policy Advisory Committee met last week and continued the discussion on focus groups who could assess the equity of Union policies. They created a list of sixteen possible multicultural and underserved groups that frequently utilize the Union facilities. Swords added an email was sent to the groups asking for participants with responses due by February 19th. The focus groups are scheduled to meet at 11:30 on Thursday, February 25th in the Bluemont Room.

2. Union Facility Operations and Safety Review Committee – Nathan Vontz
Vontz reported the Facility Operations and Safety Review Committee reviewed the updated Union Emergency Procedure Manual for changes and/or corrections. The group then developed questions to be used as a quiz or refresher for Union employees, to ensure they are aware of the procedures.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
1. Study Spaces Available Within the Union
Williamson reminded UGB members the Union has study space available on a first come; first served basis. Rooms must be reserved so they can be cleaned and sanitized in between groups. He asked UGB members to share this information with anyone who is looking for a quiet place to engage in their online classes or a place to study.

2. Esports Update
Williamson said at the last meeting, Jeff Clark gave an overview of a potential Esports Program at the Union. After meeting with representatives from the Esports Club, they were able to gather more information:
• There are approximately 250 active gaming students on campus
There are 70 registered students who pay dues to their Esports organization. Students are very enthusiastic about the possibility of having a community space. Esports members are currently trying to identify any spaces they can on campus to be able to gather safely as a community. Student representatives think an Esports program would create an attractive opportunity for prospective students.

Williamson indicated the next step will be to create a task force, led by Ethan Schmidt, Bowling Center Manager. The task force would also include the Union’s IT team member and representatives from the Esports club. He mentioned Sara volunteered to be a part of the group and asked if anyone else was interested. Williamson said he would like to have more students and a faculty/staff member participate on the task force. Once the task force is formed, a consultant group would be hired to create a strategic plan and to complete an assessment of campus to see if there is a broader interest.

3. Ballroom Renovation Review – Craig Johnson

Williamson asked Craig Johnson, Associate Director/Director of Operations, to give an update on the Ballroom renovation project. He said he wanted to make the committee aware of the scope of work and to discuss potential funding sources.

Johnson said almost every room in the Union has been updated between the renovation in 2000 and the most recent renovation in 2017. The only room in the Union that has not been upgraded in any way is the largest room in the facility, the Grand Ballroom. He shared pictures of the ballroom and said the ballroom ceiling has not changed in over 65 years. He explained some of the challenges with the project:

- Ballroom ceiling has a great deal of asbestos – very costly to remove
- Ceiling has started to deteriorate and is very fragile
- Many enhancements are needed such as technology, lighting system, acoustical panels and paint

Johnson added the entire project is estimated to be 1.1 million. He said there is approximately $210,000 left over from the 2017 renovation as well as $200,000 from the current Repair and Replacement Fund which is held back for this project. The Union will go before the SGA Privilege Fee Committee for the next cycle and part of that proposition will be to ask that a portion of those funds be for this project as well. Additionally, there is $250,000 from the Repair, Replacement and Reserve Fund. Student Senate is aware of this and understands how important the ballroom renovation is. Johnson added we definitely need their support as we go before the Student Privilege Fee Committee next year.

Williamson said this topic will be added to a future agenda so more discussion can take place and more questions can be answered.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS


Vontz asked for a vote to accept Suman Wang and Cathleen Cowell as new members on Union Governing Board, filling the vacant positions left by graduating seniors last semester.
UGB members voted to accept Suman Wang and Cathleen Cowell as new members. Unanimous approval.

XII. DISCUSSION, CONCERNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Williamson announced Jodi Kaus, Powercat Financial, will give a presentation at the next UGB meeting on February 26th. She will talk about financial development and other resources Powercat Financial provides for students and how they give students direction on how they can best manage their finances.

XIII. ADJOURN

Ryan Urban moved Lily Hurt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 pm. Unanimous approval.