

**Kansas State University**  
K-State Student Union  
Union Governing Board Minutes 2024-2025  
**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
William Muir Room at 12:30-1:30 pm

**Attendance:** Carson Cuesta, Vivian Griffith, Samantha Suchanek, Marcus Kidd, Amanda Tian, Alondra Alvarez, Alexa Heseltine, Bently Taulbert, Delaney Michel, Avery Hafliger, Brian Blood, Clint Hafliger, Anthony Warnick, Kathleen Hatch, William (Bill) Muir, Brent Freeman, Craig Johnson and Audrey Taggart-Kagdis

**Guests:** Commerce Bank Team and John Kessler (Union Retail & Liaison Manager)

**Recorder:** Marissa Fitts

**Absences:** Anuththara Karunarathn, Avery Hafliger, Carter Warta and Evelyn Ediger

**I. CALLED TO ORDER**

- a. Carson Cuesta called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

**II. OPEN PERIOD**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of minutes from November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Brian Blood motioned, and Alexa Heseltine seconded the motion.
  - i. All opposed: 0
  - ii. All abstention: 0
  - iii. Passed: 11-0-0

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Brent Freeman**

- a. Farwell
    1. It has been a pleasure working with you all.
    2. For the semester, we've accomplished a lot in this group and should take pride in what we've accomplished in such little time.
  - ii. What's Next?
    1. Discussions are happening with Derek Jackson in the coming days.
    2. Derek Jackson and Thomas Lane are currently at a conference in Indianapolis.
    3. Once there is a decision made, information will be made available to the public.
  - iii. POC for UGB items
    1. Craig Johnson and Marissa Fitts will be the main points of contact.
- b. Follett
- i. Meeting with General Counsel in the coming days to try and come to a decision before winter break.
  - ii. A minimum guarantee for the current fiscal year that we are in and

there's some additional contract language that we're hoping would be amenable to doing that and would allow us to settle FY 2023, 2024, 2025 now and moving forward FY 2026.

- iii. Beyond that, there are still some items that still need to be worked out.
- iv. The future of textbooks on campus and immediate access programs will come to fruition, and the spring will help drive those contract negotiations.
- v. Will follow the lead of General Counsel provides for the Union.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Commerce Bank – Team
  - i. A PowerPoint Presentation was provided to the group that showed the difference between COVID-19 and life after COVID-19
    - 1. Choosing an App like approach
      - a. Improved customer success rate is now at 98%
      - b. Over 20,000 users and climbing
    - ii. While students and faculty still used banking, they turned to online applications, such as...
      - 1. Commerce Connect App
        - a. Where you can pick a banker of your choosing, read their bio and they can personally assist you through chat.
        - b. You can notify them of travel notifications, lost/stolen credit cards, moving to a new place, growing your family, graduating soon, or something else.
    - iii. January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Commerce Bank will be opening
      - 1. From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., clerks will be walking around to assist anyone who needs additional help.
    - iv. Special Events
      - 1. Any time for those events who would like a member of Commerce Bank to be present, reach out to Jill Hanson at least 2 weeks ahead of your event; to make the necessary adjustments to the schedule.
  - b. Food Court Task Force – Brian Blood and John Kessler
    - i. As previously discussed, focused on local vendors
      - 1. Working on short-term solutions with the available space.
        - a. The Dobro, TDB BBQ, Globe Indian Cuisine, Pinoy Eagle, and Grill on the Go.
      - 2. Went through several vendors
        - a. Have not reached out yet, waiting on the General Counsel to come out with legal contracts first so the Union knows how to approach the individual vendors.
    - ii. Agreements
      - 1. Seeking 30-60-90 MOU Vendor Contracts from General Counsel
      - 2. Adapting the food truck vendor
    - iii. Next Steps
      - 1. Meeting with the counsel to finalize agreements, then approaching selected vendors to gauge interest. The goal is to provide more variety for students while determining long-term plans for space. Implementations would be testing the setup for the Spring 2025 semester, adjusting based on vendor interest and student feedback.
      - 2. Initial 30-day contract period from January 21<sup>st</sup> to February 21<sup>st</sup>,

2025, with potential for rotation among vendors/

- ii. Concerns/Hold Ups
  - 1. There needs to be clear legal agreements set up before presenting this to any vendors to avoid misunderstandings.
  - 2. Vendors will need to offer Pepsi products for beverages only.
  - 3. Long plan term, get Chick-fil-A with a mobile app service window to reduce foot traffic and improve efficiency.

b. Committees – Carson Cuesta

- i. Retail Service Advisory Committee – John Kessler
  - 1. Avery Hafliger
  - 2. Alexa Heseltine
- ii. Facilities Operations & Safety Committee – Audrey Taggart-Kagdis
  - 1. Vivian Griffith
  - 2. Anuththara Karunarathn
- iii. Building Policy Advisory Committee – Craig Johnson
  - 1. Bently Taulbert
  - 2. Brian Blood

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Senior Team members, who serve as the points of contact, were informed about the UGB members on their board, along with their contact information.

**I. DISCUSSION, CONCERNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Spring 2025 Semester
  - i. The next meeting will be on January 31, 2025 (Friday).
- b. Proxy
  - i. If you are not coming to a meeting, inform the UGB president and let Carson Cuesta know who your proxy will be for the meeting in advance.

**II. ADJORN**

- a. Carson Cuesta called the meeting to adjourn at 1:13 pm, Marcus Kidd motioned and Alexa Heseltine seconded the motion.
  - i. All opposed: 0
  - ii. All abstention: 0
  - iii. Passed: 11-0-0