

**WYOMING UNION BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
Monday, April 13, 2015**

**PRESENT:** DeTienne, Zafft, Axelson, Collins, Brown, Krysl, Lind-Gonzalez, Boland, Kearns, Graham

**NOT PRESENT:** Kerbs

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jennifer Kirk, Eric Webb, Marta Givens, Cole Janzen, Hazlett

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Boland called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Boland asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 30 meeting. Krysl **made a motion.** Graham **seconded the motion.** The **motion carried by a show of hands.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** DeTienne reported that she, Axelson, Webb and Christina Macki will meet this Wednesday to discuss Union visioning, and that she had met once with the architect from Fort Collins to discuss a master plan for the Union. Because Erin Olsen was not in attendance, DeTienne reported that SLCE has been researching locations for the next winter break trip. At this time one location is Bolivia. Planning is underway for the next Big Event.

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S (OPERATIONS) REPORT:** Zafft said she, along with Jennifer Kirk, Erin Olsen, and Danee Hunzie, had been at the ACUI Conference in San Antonio last week. They had all returned with fun ideas and shared best practices. She mentioned that Union 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary items were a big hit at the ACUI auction. Priority Scheduling this week includes departments on campus. Brown asked if the carillon was out of order again. Zafft said she wasn't sure, since she had been out of town, but that old, corroded wiring could be the cause.

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS):** Kirk mentioned the Brett Eldredge concert on Tuesday night (tomorrow) and said ticket sales were low. She said students from the CAC would be attending a NACA regional conference in Madison, Wisconsin. Lead Student Programmers have been hired. Programmers are working on summer and fall calendars. Leaders of the Safe Zone program will visit CSU in May. The RSO orientation sessions will be combined into a ½ day session in the future.

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (SLCE):** Olsen was not in attendance. DeTienne covered this in her report.

**FOOD SERVICE REPORT:** Givens reported that a company had removed old oil barrels and left a new receptacle for recycling oil. It looks much better and fits into the space much better. She explained that so far food service is not too affected by changes in the loading dock. The new Half Acre entrance location has created problems for dock traffic. Zafft said she is trying to arrange a meeting with Facilities Engineering. Givens said the position of night senior cook had been filled.

**TENANT REPORTS:**

University Store – Misty Eaton was not in attendance.

First Interstate Bank – Julie Bromley was not in attendance.

ASUW – Lind-Gonzalez said he had eight or nine days left as ASUW Vice President and as Union Board member. He announced the President/Vice President debate tonight at 6:00 in the West Ballroom and an

upcoming candidates “meet and greet”. The General Election will be Monday through Wednesday of next week. Thursday an ASUW final awards banquet will be held. Tuesday through Thursday will be “Random Words of Kindness” from 11-1 each day. Tuesday, April 21 is the last Senate meeting with nine pieces of legislation. He mentioned three pieces of legislation for tomorrow’s Senate meeting – ASTEC equipment reserve, Laramie non-discriminatory ordinance, and transparency of the Union, prompted by the surprise closing of the Gardens without student involvement in the decision. DeTienne informed Lind-Gonzalez that although he might be ASUW Vice President for nine more days, he is a member of Union Board until the last meeting.

Copy Center – No representative was in attendance.

Dean of Students Office – No representative was in attendance.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Gardens closure discussion – Webb began the discussion by saying if evening business was separated from day business, the night business might support itself, but would that evening business be the best use of space? Cole Janzen (Studio Wyo) reminded the group of what had been said at the last meeting regarding 70% of profits coming from beer and 70% of costs coming from food. He suggested that by eliminating food the Gardens might no longer be “in the red”. Axelson said that right now the space generates a loss, and Union visioning might change the space for the future to be accountable to all students and the state. Lind-Gonzalez said for special events the Gardens is packed. Givens said that happens only in the evening, and the space is not used during the day. Brown said that historically everything struggles on the lower level. Zafft said right now the Gardens is a unique destination for different events and students, staff and faculty. The area could be used for extra dining seating during the day, which is needed. Cole Janzen mentioned two ongoing educational programs, Studio Wyo and Brewery education. He asked if sports events could draw more people. Givens said past attempts had failed. She also said that business is up now on days that are usually down. DeTienne said after her visioning meeting with the consultant from Fort Collins for the entire building, she would like a committee of three students, herself, Christina Macki and two external colleagues. This core team would talk to sub groups about a five-year vision. She is thinking about minor changes, not major renovations. Lind-Gonzalez wants to see students involved over the summer to be part of the Gardens decision making. Axelson said she agreed. Webb said he has most of the data compiled. Graham, who is not in favor of keeping the Gardens open, said the majority of students are completely out of the loop, 300 are for keeping the Gardens, and 30 against the idea. Kirk mentioned that the Gardens is geared toward graduate students, and at Iowa State there is a music venue which sells beer, charges admission, and makes a profit. Zafft said she is concerned about losing this environment for graduate students, who find a sense of community in the Gardens. Faculty and students get to meet out of the classroom. Janzen said Studio Wyo gives students a chance to learn about technical support for performances, a chance they wouldn’t have otherwise on campus. Boland stopped discussion to find out what direction to take next. Lind-Gonzalez said that Union Board is a unique group that needs to have a voice in the culture and environment of the Union and **moved** that Union Board make a recommendation to preserve the culture and safe area that fulfills a part of the RLDS mission statement. Krysl **seconded the motion**. Hazlett was unable to record the recommendation exactly as stated by Lind-Gonzalez, so Boland suggested that members meet and draft a motion this week. Kearns asked that the group send a recommendation to the Board before the next Union Board meeting. Krysl asked who would draft the recommendation. It was decided that Lind-Gonzalez, Boland, and Krysl would complete it to present formally at the next meeting. Boland said that Union Board provides some transparency, but after decisions have been made. Students need to be more part of a process in the future. Graham asked if Union board minutes should be made public. They could be posted on the Union WEB page.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Budget – Action on the budget will be taken at the April 20 Union Board meeting. DeTienne will e-mail the budget to members before the meeting.

**OPEN FORUM:** There was no time for open forum.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Boland adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy DeTienne