Ohio Union Council

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Alumni Representative
Ann Flariety (for Patch Wentzel)
I. Welcome and Introductions
   a. Introductions around the room

II. Presentation from Buck-I-Serv (Bailey Harr-coordinator and Yuan (Jasmine) He-student)
   a. Overview: OSU Alternative Break program. Week-long substance free community service trips across the country and world (groups of 10, 20, or 50 students)
   b. Develop active citizenship, hands on community service (30-40 hours), social justice education, reflection, cross-cultural interactions and conversations, building community and relationships
   c. Vision and mission: Travel, Learn, Serve
   d. The Active Citizen Continuum (from break away). Various stages for students to move along. Member (apathetic), volunteer (not well-educated, but well-intended), conscientious citizen (asks why?), active citizen (committed to community/issue-value change)
   e. Across the country data: top issues: environmental, homelessness, children & youth, education, hunger. 23,783 students. 1800 trips, 12000000 hours
   f. The Buck-I-Serv Team
      i. Advisory board- 15 undergraduate members. Summer- plan trips. Each person plans 3-5 trips (sites and accommodations). During school year- serve as liaisons with trip leaders, hold trainings for leaders, plan kickoff event
      ii. Trip advisors- staff, faculty, graduate/professional students
      iii. Trip leaders- apply. Attend 6 hour training
      iv. Participants- undergraduate students or grad/professional
      v. Full-time staff- Rebecca and Bailey
   g. Travel: to communities with which they may not otherwise have exposure (domestic and international)
   h. Learn: about social justice issues facing communities across the country and world and explore different cultures.
   i. Serve: alongside those in various communities
i. “Serve” over “help” or “fix”.

j. Winter 2014- 30 trips; 442 participants

k. Spring 2015- 35 trips; 548 participants

l. Summer 2015- 19 trips; 180 participants

m. Jan. 2016- 33 trips; 494 participants; 71 leaders; 41 advisors. 14 states; 2 countries

n. Funded by student activity fee and participant fee: Domestic: $200-450. Avg. $308. International $2,000-3,000. Transportation, housing, site fees, supplies, group activity

o. Campus partnerships: ODI; Res life; Pharmacy Scholars; FisherCARES, FYE-buckeye book, Dining-Crimson Cup; Greeks; RPAC; Outdoor Rec Center; STEP

p. Group trips- can apply as a group and trips can be held so only that group can attend

q. Patch- add social issues? A: open to new topics/issues

   i. Fundraising (as group/individual)? A: we do not provide it- but give every trip the option to if they want. One group using Blaze this year. Q: closer trips (in backyard)? A: local alternative breaks do exist (weekend trips). Most students prefer to travel at least out of state for these trips. Other parts of student activities do have local trips

r. Gerard: allocations of funds. Do you have enough money to get rid of the waitlist? A: main concern is usually funds. Best answer isn’t always more trips; but also consider how to make current trips more affordable. Adding 20 trips in year means extra staff, time, logistics, trainings, planning- need to balance those needs with ability to do more trips. Quality of trips is key as well. Also- different times of years have more/less participants. Getting better at knowing how many trips for each break.

s. Stephen Post- Q: policy of decide 48hrs after notice if you want to go? A: deposit x amount of 48hrs of being notified. New policy this year. Reason- always more students apply than spots on trips; students drop later in process. If students are concerned they can notify the office and spots will be held. Can create payment plans.
t. Joey- Q: increase in funding, what does it immediately go back into? A: increase in trips, lessen participant fees. Jen P: CSA allocations- set dollar amount set aside to make trips more affordable which was done.

u. Joni- Q: how many turned away for January trips? A: less than 100 currently on waitlist. How feasible is it to add trips if waitlist? A: need to also add staff which can be difficult. Comment: Alumni back and support trips in future.

III. Catering Policy Change- review of changes. Voting later in meeting

IV. 2015-2016 Building Hours- review of changes. Voting later in meeting

V. Ohio Union Policies & Procedure Ad Hoc Committee
   a. Committee that was recently formed. Not current committee- outside group. Will make recommendations to policy sub-committee who will then make recommendations to whole council. 4 student life reps. – Patti Cunningham, Bryan Ashton, Ashley Sinram, MacGregor Obergfell on committee- 1 from each government; 2 at-large. Devonte, Gerard non-voting members- Eve/Matt advising

VI. Finals Extended Hours Marketing Plan
   a. First year of extended hours for winter finals. Need to market hours to them so students are here. See big benefit for South campus. Graphics working on marketing materials. Building Managers will track usage/numbers during the final break period.

VII. Ohio Union Activities Board Update, Joey Kaiser- President
   a. Update- Budget
   c. New positions going well. Alumni program going well- trying to increase alumni participation.

VIII. Director Updates
   a. Matt Couch, Director
i. Student Activities- engaging in Program Review from Office of Student Life. 3 parts: Self Study, internal OSU panel- form report, external panel. Provide unit with list of recommendations. Chose to volunteer this year because of changes in org. structure.

ii. Battle against Hunger started last night. Blood Battle started today. Buckeye Soup event is 11/19- crowdfunding opportunity for student orgs. To make a presentation on social justice issue. $3 admission that goes to winning student org.

b. Eve Esch, Director

i. Mission/Vision/Values- completed updating mission statement. Insert mission here. Working on values/vision

ii. October- not as busy as last year 2430 event. 35% university; 59% student 7% outside. Unique student orgs- 398 during month of October

iii. Polling site this week. BuckeyeThon fashion show Upcoming events: Brutus Birthday event on Friday; open on Vets Day with reduced hours; thanksgiving week- Tuesday- pizzapalozza; Wednesday closer earlier; Thursday host dinner. Closed 27th- back to regular hours on Saturday. 12/1 first holiday party.

iv. Big Ten Union Directors Conference-

c. Dan Huffman, Business Manager

Attachment. Highlight of utility costs. Do lights ever go off in main areas of the building? A: 24/7 housekeeping presence. But trying to turn lights off more consistently.

IX. Subcommittee Assignments and Breakouts

a. Events – Stephen- meeting next Thursday. 4 signature events presentations- thanksgiving, beat Michigan, light up the lake, autumn commencement.


i. Catering changes- number of attendees at event. Over 300 guests- planned menu. Gerard moves to approve policy- policy approved

ii. New section to policy- first read- no vote today. Credenza added to the policies. Where was this before? Room confirmation and other sections of policy manual.
iii. Building Hours. Gerard motion to approve. Hours passed.

X. Future Meetings
   a. Dates
      i. December 3, 2015
      ii. January 14, 2016
      iii. February 11, 2016
      iv. March 10, 2016
      v. April 21, 2016

XI. Announcements/Homework
    a. Come with questions for University Dining