Ohio Union Council
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Ohio Union Events/Student Activities/University Catering
Matt Couch- Director of Student Activities (ex-officio)
Jeff Pelletier- Director of Ohio Union Operations & Events (ex-officio)
Dan Huffman- Business Manager (ex-officio)
Larry Moore- Director of Catering (ex-officio)
(Megan Lyon - sub) Morgan Meehan (ex-officio - Ohio Union Council Secretary)

*Italics in attendance
I. Welcome and Introductions
   a. Name, Year and Major (students), Department/Unit (Faculty/staff), Organization
   b. If you were to name one piece of clothing that describes you, what would it be and why?

II. Goal/Vision setting for Ohio Union Council ’16-’17
   a. Broke into 3 groups to discuss OUC Duties, Student Activities and Ohio Union Mission and Vision, to help answer the 3 questions:
      a. What should the vision of the OUC be? How does that connect with the missions, visions and values of SA and OU?
      b. What is one tangible item we need to do to ensure we are fulfilling our duties?
      c. What do you want to see in OUC meetings?
         (a) Buckeyethon; Resource Room; entities that use the Union for their home (MCC, alumni, off campus); Disability services; be advocates for each of our departments; look at the past; Look at smaller organizations and seeing their perspective/feedback of booking space; checking in with non-student groups about their experience through booking

III. Ohio Union Activities Board Update
   a. Josh Hubbard, President
      a. First Meeting
      b. New member process: 250 applications, 112 interviews, 63 new members.
      c. Past events: Brad Pasiley – 7000; FFF on Wednesdays – 1100 (4 total); Karaoke in Woody’s every other Thursday – 500 (2 total); Dive in Movie at RPAC – 450; Coach Herman Boone – 195; Second City Comedy – 909; Open Mic Night – 12 comedians, 358 attendees; Nyle DiMarco – 655 (including Columbus Community); Pumpkin Patch - 1000
      d. Future Events: Alfred Enoch, Liz Bohannan, Karaoke tonight, Kayla Harrison, FFF on Wednesdays, Murder Mystery Dinner, H. Jon Benjamin
      e. Grad/Prof Updates
         a) Partnering with Short North Alliance for Highball Halloween; Quiz Nights and Cooking Classes – always full; having special events/activities for specific graduate programs (14 total programs so far)
      f. Questions: Will there be more Dive-In Movies? – don’t have any planned at this time; Venue comparison for Welcome Back Concert – Schott allowed for a
more controlled venue, no medical emergencies, scanned tickets, received exact number of attendees for records, mixed feedback from students, may or may not have future events there – they don’t know at this time; Grad/Prof ?, how is reaching out to departments happening? Josh wasn’t 100% sure, but potentially G/P reaches out to the departments; Is there a target/Goal for balance of entertainment vs. leadership development events? – no real measure now or specific number to reach for, just have different committees who each have 2 events and they aim for entertainment or development based events

IV. Director Updates

a. Matt Couch, Director, Student Activities
   a. Student Organization registration period for Fall just ended, have a little over 1300 official registered student organizations – first time we’ve ever hit over that 1300 threshold.
   b. Leadership Week (replaced the Leadership Conference on Civil Engagement in Spring) – 27 events, hosted by 12 different departments, organizations, etc., over 700 students participated for the week
   c. Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally – well attended, weather cooperated just in time
   d. Rally on the South Oval w/Secretary Clinton – not official SA event, but some staff helped facilitate event, significant event for campus, was also well attended
   e. New social media outreach with D-Tix (@DTixOSU) – hosted a Columbus Blue Jackets Jersey give-a-way, over 100 responses and 50 new followers
   f. Student Org ? – do we monitor who joins and their purpose/limit number of groups? – Yes, we make sure their goals/objective are different than already existing groups, our progress is a little more rigorous than other schools (we require a faculty/staff member as an advisor, some schools don’t), but our numbers are around the same as big universities, but overall we don’t limit groups; What protections are there for student orgs ? - One of the great deficiencies, cannot get legal support from office of legal affairs, specifically for individuals, not groups. An old student (passed the bar, now lawyer) has provided pro-bono work for some student organizations that might need his help.

b. Jeff Pelletier, Director, Ohio Union Events
a. September Numbers – 2400 events, 438 unique student organizations, overall 60% student organizations, 35% university departments, 5% outside clients.
   a) Highlights – Rural Education Summit (Partnership with Battelle); Navy Ball; Cyber Security Conference; Indirect support for Hillary Rally, had to direct people outside different exits; Advancements closing events "rain site" from the Oval, 2nd day had to come to the Union
b. Hiring process is going on for 2 new event planners, in the interim – 2 interns have been working tirelessly as fill-ins and helping out by planning events
c. Dan and Jeff attended the Big 10 conference, good discussion, lots of learning, free speech & FLSA conversations. Karen (Sales) attended Unique Venues conference, advertise OU as a space, lots of great ideas, still on the leading edge of being a campus event space. Jeff leaves for Bloomington tomorrow for Region 6 Regional ACUI conference (Casey and Morgan already there).
d. Upcoming Events: Parent/Family Weekend coming up Oct 21-23; Digital Governance Summit next week; Gearing up for election day in Ballroom – polling location for OSU area.
e. Project Updates: Terrazzo in Great Hall is getting re-stripped and waxed by Environmental Services; installed new dock leveler; new banners in the Great Hall; new exterior banners set for Spring
f. Larry Moore, Director, University Catering
   a. Appreciates feedback for the catering to give back to chefs and team to get better at what they’re doing
   b. Overall will appreciate feedback for catering during any and all events
   c. What problems does catering run into and can they be fixed – Staffing in the Fall, immediate demand, 150 student servers, 40 students supporting culinary, continue training for students, work with event coordinators for timelines (critical for event), timelines for planning food are about 3 weeks out to make it work best for chefs/staff. How do you target students for hire? – Used to rely heavily on job fairs, now under dining services umbrella that helps, hospitality management students work there, had a team reaching out and calling students over summer who were interested in campus employment to make that personal connection.
   Food waste, what happens to it?– Once it’s come out, we cannot do anything with items for health reasons, safety/health policy, don’t prefer we take it with you.
Work with groups to see less waste. What is leftover and already out goes through pulper. Leftover items still in kitchen – work with churches and other areas to make sure items get eaten. Have regular pick-ups scheduled for items that are still safe and able to eat.

d. Dan Huffman, Business Manager
   a. Went over handout of Union Budget, used last year's reserve funds to pay for AV upgrades and other items, budgeting to put money into reserve funds

V. Subcommittee Updates
   a. Policy Committee
      a. Adam (chair) – When they met they went through existing policy, went over student organization rates for rooms/catering, do student organizations know these rates exist? Talked about extending hours over finals week for studying once again, will measure foot traffic in upcoming finals week to prepare for future

   b. Events Committee
      a. Didn’t meet
         - Breakout/stay to elect new Chair
            o Nominations: Win Adissem
            o Win Adissem is now chair! (Unanimous!)

VI. Future Full Council Meetings – 5:30pm
   a. Thursday, November 10th
   b. Thursday, December 8th
   c. Thursday, January 12th
   d. Thursday, February 16th
   e. Thursday, March 23rd
   f. Thursday, April 13th

*Subcommittee meeting dates and times will be determined by the Subcommittee Chair