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)
Morgan Meehan (ex-officio - Ohio Union Council Secretary

*italics in attendance
I. Welcome
   a. Name, Org/Dept. you represent
   b. What is one thing you want to accomplish next semester?

II. Discussion around the events of November 28th
   a. Review of events that unfolded on Monday, specifically around the union.
      a. Jeff- announcement of “shelter in place” over building loud speaker. Received word that we were not in lockdown- far enough from site of incident. Followed protocol listed in BEAP (Building Emergency Action Plan) which is also on the website. Sent guests to appropriate shelter locations in the building. Closed doors to all offices. Waited for all clear and lifted shelter in place. Post incident: OUAB hosted movies in Conference Theater; Counseling and Consultation Services was given a space in the building to provide service; placed boards/paper in the Great Hall for passive sharing/ “reflection board”- they were up for a few days. Tried to get back to normal as much as possible to help people return to familiar routines. Working with clients- communicating to external clients, worked with all clients to reschedule events/check in to see if they wanted to cancel with no penalty and/or let them know we were still open if they wanted to meet. 30-50 people per movie showings from OUAB. Also provided hot chocolate/tea/coffee outside Roth lounge.
      b. Q: how do you decide what information to share with clients? A: It varies with each incident- but want to give clients as much information as possible. Q: Any feedback from external clients? A: Some with events later in the week had more questions after the event.
      c. Bryan- Professor who was injured gave a press conference, which you can see online. Worked in that building for years and felt the response from security was very fast.
      d. Q: to Jeff: do you think there was adequate space for students to come gather? A: we hope so, we have not gotten feedback otherwise
      e. Be aware of possible backlash after the incident and report those. Report incidents to BART website: studentlife.osu.edu/bias
Q: What does the university do to protect students from media attention after these incidents? If this happened in the union would there be a way to keep them out?  
A: Yes and no, we are a public facility but also want to protect students. It is a fine line between freedom of press and being intrusive to students.

III. OUAB

a. Events since last meeting: Murder Mystery Dinner- Sold Out. Flicks for Free, Beat Michigan Craft Night, OUAB a DJ- winner performs at Spring Concert, Edward Snowden event- could not have gone better. Positive feedback from attendees, very educational content. Lots of student interactions- event specific twitter handle and he answered various questions from audience. OUABreakfast this morning- over 600 students stopped by.

b. New Exec Board elections in January. 69,300 total attendance for OUAB so far this year.

IV. Director Updates

a. Matt Couch, Director, Student Activities
   a. Buckeye Soup went well- Students for Sustained Dialogue was the winner. Best Buddies won second place.
   b. Staffing updates: Johnnie Jordan is new Coordinator for KBK Center. Started this week. Associated Director search in January
   c. Commencement Week activities happening: Grad Cap Craft Night; ‘Things you never got to see’ tours, Autumn commencement candlelight ceremony on Thursday.
   d. Winter Buck-I-Serv trips leaving in a few weeks. Applications open for Spring trips.  
      Reading Day activities today planned by Student Life staff across campus.
   e. Q: How did Light Up The North Area go? A: Seemed to go as well as possible

b. Jeff Pelletier, Director, Ohio Union Events
   a. November: 2452 bookings. 432 unique student orgs had events in November. Fall semester over 300 additional bookings compared to last year.
b. **Staffing updates:** Lindsey Reedy is a new Event Planning Coordinator- started last week. Second planner position is in process. Associate Director osition is posted. Morgan Meehan’s last day as Senior Event Production Coordinator is this Friday.

c. **Events in building in November:** various demonstrations in the building, Hackathon (keeps growing- boosted wifi in ballroom to help), Thanksgiving Dinner, African Night, Advancement, OSU extension, Columbus 2020, NRDT celebration lunch. Upcoming: Who’s Who in Black Columbus, FOD- Winterfest

d. **Projects:** ballrooms are closed over December to sand and refinish floors. High window cleaning in Great Hall, new loading dock office and leveler, various other small projects.

e. **Q:** Demonstrations: Do you get a heads up from groups? **A:** Not really, but risk and emergency management will let us know if they hear of anything and extra presence from police will be here. **Q:** What about open carry demonstration this week? **A:** As a note on firearms- no open carry in campus buildings. We knew that event earlier this week was taking place.

c. **Larry Moore, Director, University Catering**
   a. No updates.

d. **Dan Huffman, Business Manager**
   a. Handout. Revenue is up; payroll expenses are down. Question? Transfers: 3-4 months on hand of operating expenses 1.9-2 million. Anything above that goes to reserves. Last year around 800,000 in reserves.

V. **Subcommittee Updates**
   a. **Policy Committee**
      a. No updates. Did not meet
   b. **Events Committee**
      a. Met December 1. Taste of OSU, TedX OSU, SIF, Relay for Life, Asian Pacific Heritage Month (last two not in the building)

VI. **Future Full Council Meetings**
   a. Thursday, January 12th
   b. Thursday, February 16th
   c. Thursday, March 23rd
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Thursday, April 13th

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