Ohio Union Council

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Ohio Union Events/Student Activities
Matt Couch (ex-officio)
Jeff Pelletier (ex-officio)
Dan Huffman (ex-officio)
Morgan Meehan (ex-officio - Ohio Union Council Secretary)
I. Welcome and Introductions
   a. Introductions around the room. Not many members of the council are familiar with DC superheroes (villains)

II. Finals Hours Data- Matthew Altendorf
   a. Fall semester 2015 was the first semester the building stayed open for extended hours during finals week.
   b. Matthew supervises building managers, who monitor the activity of the building throughout the day.
   c. Compared data with traffic at end of day last year. Once students were in the building they tended to stay until the building closed (12am last year, 1am this year).
   d. About 40 students were in the building until close this year each night.
   e. Question: Library stays open later? Answer: Fall ‘15 Thompson Library closed at 2am, smaller libraries might be open later.

III. Homework Review
   a. Look back at October meeting for topics to consider. Project extended to prior to April meeting.
   b. To do: Research current campus, other unions with similar items. Include an action plan and timeline.

IV. Ohio Union Experience Survey
   a. Working with Center for the Study of Student Life to create a survey about the Ohio Union. Goal is to send this to the entire student body to get their perspective. Much of the feedback we have received thus far is from students who spend a lot of time at the union, which does not give a complete perspective of what the entire student population thinks.

V. Ohio Union Policies & Procedure Ad Hoc Committee
   a. First meeting yesterday. Meet weekly on Wednesdays. Will submit recommendations by end of February to the policy committee. Policy committee will review and bring to full council.

VI. Ohio Union Activities Board Update, Joey Kaiser- President
   a. Semester just started. Only 1 event announced: Humans of New York creator on 1/21 in the grand ballroom. Announcing Dr. Bennet Omalu (Concussion) tomorrow- might also include a smaller lecture for med students.
VII. Director Updates

a. Matt Couch, Director
   i. Successful Buck-I-Serv season. 475 participants over winter break. Now working on spring break trips- 34 trips planned.
   ii. Some trips this year received local news coverage.
   iii. Tonight is the Spring Involvement Fair. Monday: MLK Day of Service- more spots this year than ever before. Previous years have had unmet demand, this year we have 1,100 spots. Received $10,000 from Target for programmatic expenses (2nd year in a row)
   iv. Fall student org. count: 1220 organizations. Changes for training sessions for presidents, treasurers and advisors. Will be testing some changes this spring.
   v. NASPA- 2 programs recognized this year. Last year Grad/Prof student programming. This year: Grad/Prof programming highlighting cooking classes and Non-Profit Immersion program
   vi. Program review: voluntary process this year for Student Activities. 1/3 of way through process. Completed self-study. Internal panel has been selected and will be meeting soon.

b. Jeff Pelletier, Interim Director
   i. Day 8/9 after Era of Eve. December: 1334 events. 43% student org., 53% university, 4% non-university.
   ii. 2015-22,500 events. 56% student, 38% university, 6% non-university
   iii. Student orgs: 800 unique student groups for month of December in union or classroom spaces (booked through union front desk)
   iv. Projects: new carpeting in Great Hall Meeting Room, Traditions, Founders. All now have carpet squares which will help with replacement if needed. Upholstered furniture on ground floor was steam cleaned. Moving to 2nd/3rd floors next. Trying out new furniture in various lounge spaces and adding outlets to help students.
vi. January: SIF, Panhellenic info session and recruitment, Bid Day. Secretary of Agriculture here tomorrow. UAFYE admitted student visit days are coming up this month as well. GO! conference. 2 career fairs and BuckeyeThon.

c. Dan Huffman, Business Manager
Attachment. Overall doing well. Did better this December than last. $54,000 ytd utilities savings. Much of the savings came from changes in steam savings.

VIII. Subcommittee Assignments and Breakouts
a. Events – Taste of OSU, BuckeyeThon, MLK, SIF. No concerns- all looked good. Next meeting will be looking at African American Heritage Month, Alleviating Poverty through Entrepreneurship, NPHC Step-Show.

b. Policy – Not present

c. Dates
   i. February 11, 2016
   ii. March 10, 2016
   iii. April 21, 2016

IX. Announcements/Homework
a. Student Governments presentation at next meeting. D-Tix at March meeting.