

**STUDENT UNION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FACILITIES & PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

In-person: Student Union Building, Conference Room 6

Voting Members Present: Justin Duong, Aaron Klemm (Designee), Leo Lebedenko, Sarab Multani, Erik Rodriguez

Voting Members Absent: None

Non-Voting Members Present: Timothy Banks, Ryan Fetzer, Omar Garcia, Jon Tucker

I. CALL TO ORDER

Director Duong called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m

II. ROLL CALL

A verbal roll call was completed. Quorum met.

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2025 AGENDA

Director Duong asked for any changes to the agenda.

Director Duong asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Director Multani motioned to approve the agenda; Director Lebedenko seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion:

5-0-0

Motion Passed

IV. APPROVAL OF MARCH 6, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Director Duong asked for any changes to the minutes.

Director Duong asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Director Multani motioned to approve the minutes; Director Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion:

5-0-0

Motion Passed

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve SRAC Suspension Policy

Mr. Fetzer explained that the Suspension Policy is intended to formalize disciplinary procedures within the Spartan Recreation and Aquatics Center (SRAC). The policy outlines behaviors that may result in suspension, including failure to follow entry procedures, disruptive conduct, physical altercations, and attempts to steal or damage equipment. Suspension durations are outlined, ranging from two weeks for a first offense to potential permanent suspension for repeated violations. The policy was developed in consultation with Student Conduct staff and informed by practices at other campuses. It allows for collaboration with Student Conduct to determine when cases require further adjudication. Upon completion of the suspension period, individuals will meet with staff to discuss the behavior and potential reinstatement. The policy enhances clarity, ensures consistent enforcement, and will be published on SRAC's website for transparency.

Director Duong asked for a motion.

Director Multani motioned to approve the SRAC Suspension Policy; Director Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion:

5-0-0

Motion Passed.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Event Center Facilities Update

Mr. Garcia explained that the Event Center continues to undergo significant facility updates to address both immediate operational concerns and long-term planning needs. The committee discussed the ongoing water intrusion issue in the basement, exacerbated by recent record-setting wet winters. A temporary waterproofing solution was proposed at a cost of \$240,000 dollars; however, this fix would only last three to four years and would not be covered by insurance. Given the high cost, short lifespan, and lack of insurance support, the team opted not to proceed with the waterproofing. Instead, water sensors will be installed to monitor conditions, and future plans will focus on converting the space into a utility and storage area with concrete flooring and built-in drainage. This shift avoids materials like wood, which are vulnerable to water and mold damage, and better aligns with long-term usage goals.

Other key updates include the planned replacement of the aging roll-up doors, which failed during recent fire system testing. This project, estimated at \$230,000–\$250,000 dollars, is critical to maintaining fire safety standards and operational functionality for moving large equipment in and out of the arena. Additionally, the Event Center is set to improve security and access control by implementing the S2 key card system. This upgrade will address issues like lost keys, unauthorized room usage, and doors being left propped open. It also provides a better scheduling framework across athletics, academics, and Student Union operations. The team is currently finalizing floor plans and coordinating with facilities and campus communication teams to move the project forward.

B. Esports/Bookstore Update

Mr. Tucker explained that a potential redevelopment of the bookstore space is under consideration to support the growth of the esports program on campus. With the current bookstore contract expiring on June 30, 2026, the university is preparing for an RFP process to determine the next vendor and how the space will be used. Initial discussions with Business Services and the current vendor indicate that the full square footage currently occupied is not needed for bookstore operations. This opens up the opportunity to repurpose the lower level for a dedicated esports facility that would serve both varsity athletes and the wider student body.

The proposed esports space would be situated directly behind the TV wall in the Starbucks area, with potential access through the adjacent courtyard. Preliminary plans propose reallocating at least half of the lower level for this purpose, potentially removing the lower level retail component altogether. The redesign would account for architectural features like the existing central staircase, and would also consider fire code compliance and access control. A design study for the space is included in next year's budget, with a remodel tentatively planned for fiscal year 2027. Esports events have consistently drawn strong student interest, with 500–600 attendees throughout the day, demonstrating

significant demand. The university is also working with University Advancement to identify potential donors and sponsors to support construction and equipment needs.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Program Updates

Mr. Garcia discussed some of the upcoming events, which included the concert scheduled for April 24. Headlined by international reggaeton artist Danny Ocean, with opener Justin Quiles, this event represents a shift from prior hip-hop-focused programming, aiming to diversify music genres for broader student representation. Doors will open at 6:30 PM, and there have been several improvements implemented based on feedback from the previous concert. These include setting up a DJ in the entry area to energize the line and managing queue lengths more effectively. Safety remains a high priority, with plans to equip security with flashlights and position them in elevated areas to deter and monitor prohibited behaviors such as vaping. Enhanced signage and a locker rental system are also in place to support enforcement. The production will feature full staging and professional sound equipment, with a total budget of approximately \$300,000 dollars. Additionally, discussions are ongoing regarding queuing infrastructure improvements to streamline entry and reduce permitting costs. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the Student Union student employee appreciation event will be scheduled before graduation to ensure participation. Final exam programming has been moved up to avoid overlap with other campus events and to improve student turnout.

Mr. Fetzer provided a program update for the SRAC. Updates included, club sports are in the playoff season, with the women's rugby club heading to national championships. Esports teams are also advancing, including the all-female League of Legends Game Changers team. A spring break Grand Canyon backpacking trip was well received, marking the first such trip since 2018. The climbing wall has extended evening and Saturday hours to better accommodate student use. As the weather improves, there has been an increase in use of the pool area. However, due to ongoing maintenance issues with the recreation pool heater, summer swim lessons for children are currently on hold. Lastly, the Recreation Awards Banquet is scheduled for April 27.

Overall, departments are focused on ending the semester strong, enhancing the student experience, and preparing effectively for summer and future events.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Director Duong asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Director Multani motioned to adjourn the meetings; Director Duong seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion:

5-0-0

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.