



AS Facilities and Services Council

Monday, February 1st, 2016

8:45am

YU 567

- Members:** *Present:* Hannah Brock (AS VP for Business and Operations, Chair); Liam Elio (AS Outdoor Center Excursions Assistant Coordinator); Abigail Hann (AS Recycle Center Educator); Courtney Cassai (Child Development Center Representative); Haley Bolin (Lakewood Representative)
Absent: Annika Fleming (AS Disability Outreach Center Coordinator)
- Advisor:** Greg McBride, Erik Alexander (Associate Dean of Student Engagement & Director of Viking Union)
- Secretary:** Octavia Schultz (AS Board Assistant for Internal Committees)

Motions:

No motions were made.

Brock called the meeting to order at 8:54am.

I. Introductions

- a. The members introduced themselves and shared their names, pronouns, and positions.

II. Discussion Item

- a. Discussion of Goals for the Council

Alexander inquired what McBride's goals were for the council. McBride stated the council was a good opportunity to get students engaged in the financing and policies of the Viking Union. He stated it was important for student representation in the Viking Union and the council allowed for that. Alexander suggested setting agendas for the next two quarters. He stated there were changes proposed for Lakewood, someone retiring from the Child Development Center, and the Recycle Center could have used more support and partnership to educate the rest of campus. He also noted that Viqueen Lodge did not have much student engagement and that it was hard to get to. He stated his goal for the council was to act as an advisory board to the Viking Union.

III. Information Item

- a. Charge and Charter Review

Alexander inquired what members felt their role was as a council. Elio inquired if the committee was ongoing. Alexander stated the committee had been active for a few years. Brock stated she had been advised to start meetings later in the year to avoid the large gap of Winter Break during the budget review process. She noted that departments could request funding from the Repair and Replacement Budget. She stated the role of the council was still being determined, but that her goal was that it would have been an advisory board to Assistant Director of Viking Union Facilities. Bolin stated she hoped to use the council to make the Viking Union more sustainable. Elio stated that Viqueen Lodge needed renovation and attention. He also mentioned the Outdoor Center had been putting together a multi-year plan to restructure some procedures within the program. Hann stated she was looking to establish a comprehensive waste education program for students living on campus. She also stated she wanted the Recycle Center to collaborate with other offices on campus that promotes sustainability. Brock stated she hoped to make the council more collaborative than it had been

in previous years, and that members were welcome to bring things to discuss or present agenda items.

b. Viking Union Presentation

Alexander noted the Viking Union did not have the ability to change things all over campus, but had a lot of influence in the facilities the organization managed. He stated the main purpose of the Viking Union was to support student success and retention. He noted one of the primary functions of the organization was to support and advise the Associated Students. He mentioned that another facet of the Viking Union was events and activities resources, noting that the organization provided services for events that the AS paid for and planned. He also mentioned that the Viking Union helped support KUGS, the Resource and Outreach Programs, clubs, and the Ethnic Student Center. He brought up the facilities the organization maintained, noting that the Viking Union building was full of unique and unusual spaces. He stated he was a part of the Welcoming and Engaging Spaces Team, and hoped that the Facilities and Services Council would serve as an advisory board to that team. There was discussion on the renovation of the Viking Union building in 2000. Alexander noted that for over thirty years the Viking Union had been led by Kevin Majkut and Jim Schuster, who had both retired previously. He noted their decisions still affected the operations of the Viking Union, and their legacy had an impact on how the organization was structured. He stated he had a goal to make the Viking Union building more available and engaging to students, including relocating the Ethnic Student Center to a larger and more accessible location. He noted the maximum capacity of the Ethnic Student Center at the time was 52 people, and that over 30% of the incoming class for the following year were of racial or ethnic minority. There was discussion about the ongoing AS Structure Review process.

c. Expectations and Parliamentary Procedures

Brock noted that a lot of committees used Robert's Rules of Order for meetings, but that because the council was small she wanted to hold meetings in a more intimate and conversational style. There was discussion about how often the council needed to vote on things. McBride noted that the council would have needed to approve any changes to the fees of the Viking Union services.

d. Office Updates or Office Review

Bolin stated that Lakewood was not open at the time, and was working on improving the grounds at the facility. Hann stated the recycle system was changing across campus, including the addition of a new kind of recycle bin in Red Square. She stated the Recycle Center was working with different departments on campus to educate people on what could be recycled and what couldn't be. Elio stated the Outdoor Center was in the process of restructuring some things and combining the Excursions Trip Leader and Western Outdoor Orientation Trips Leader positions. He also stated that the department was looking to expand the shop area and that he was independently investing more time in researching and learning about Viqueen Lodge. Brock stated she was working on her goal of making the Board of Directors more visible and transparent, and was trying to get more student-at-large involvement. She stated the Board of Directors would have meetings once a month on the 6th floor of the Viking Union to be more visible to students-at-large. She stated she was working on restructuring the AS Reserve Policy, and that the AS Structure Review Committee was working well. Alexander stated he was having meetings with students involved with the Ethnic Student Center to address the need for more space, and that he was working with the Welcoming and Engaging Spaces Team to discuss how to more effectively use spaces within the Viking Union building.

IV. Adjourn

Brock adjourned the Meeting at 9:45am.