

**UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION, INC.
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 3, 2012
MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the USU BOD was called to order at 12:34 p.m. by Chair Sabrina Lockey.

II. Roll Call

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Myles Adkins	Shoorideh Asgari	Jimmy Francis	Heather Cairns
Tiffany Castellanos	Shelley Ruelas-Bischoff	Kristie Godfrey	Joseph Cayanan
Sharon Eichten	Adan Garay	Jeremy Hamlett	Betsy Corrigan
Debra Hammond	Tonee Sherrill	Joseph Illuminate	Diego Flores
Collin Johnson	Ivor Weiner	Shannon Krajewski	Bianca James
Shahtaj Khan		Samantha Liu	Tim Killops
Marianne Link		Sarina Loeb	Demonte Thompson
Sabrina Lockey		Carol Nardini	Tanesha Young
Chenice Rand		David Ross	
Nicole Riley			
Demontae Thompson			
Perlita Varela			

III. Approval of Agenda

M/S/P (S. Khan/C. Johnson) Motion to approve the agenda of December 3, 2012.

M/S/P (D. Thompson/D. Hammond) Amendment to motion to remove Action Item A – SRC Refund & Cancellation Policy.

There was no discussion.

Amendment passed 11-0-0.

Motion, as amended, passed 11-0-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes

M/S/P (P. Varela/S. Khan) Motion to approve the minutes dated November 19, 2012.

Motion passed 11-0-0.

V. Open Forum

Sarina Loeb introduced herself, Diego Flores and Joseph Cayanan to the board. She said that Joseph is a Pride Center Supervisor and Diego is an LGBTQ Peer Mentor. Sarina showed the board a quilt that the Pride Center recently completed. Board members applauded and commented on how beautiful it was. The next Coffee Night will be December 12 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Coffee Nights are held in the Pride Center and are for people to socialize and enjoy snacks.

VI. Chair’s Report

Chair Lockey said that U-DAY was held last Friday and she was happy to see so many people there to support it. She thanked Matt and the USU staff who did a great job. On January 8, 2013, there will be a winter retreat. Lockey will send out an e-mail in the next couple of weeks requesting suggestions from the board members about what they would like to do. It is on a Tuesday and it will begin at 5:00 p.m. She suggested bowling and dinner, or ice-skating and dinner and asked the board for suggestions. Every week the Sundial prints a story about an event taking place in the USU and from now on she will forward the articles to the board.

VII. Vice Chair’s Report

Vice Chair Thompson talked about how much he is enjoying his experience as chair for the Retirement Committee. He has never chaired a committee before. The committee will hold another meeting December 19 and he invited the board members to attend. He said that *Crunch Time* begins today and that student housing, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00

p.m., will have an In-N-Out Truck and a TED Movie Night. The USU and SSU will provide many services during *Crunch Time* including snacks, study kits, massage, and acupuncture.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Director Hammond said that Kingson Leung accepted the USU's offer of regular employment as Coordinator, Special Initiatives effective November 21. The USU continues to buy art from the annual juried student art show and recently completed the installation of six new pieces. The SRC now has 23,963 members which is over 60% of the student population. Both the VRC and Pride Center participated in the University Counseling Services "Beat the Blues Week," a week-long series of events and activities aimed at raising awareness about depression, suicide prevention and student wellness. U-DAY was a great success with many students attending. The theme was "We're Lucky to Have You." The board and sub-committees are encouraged to attend more of the USU's student events.

IX. A.S. Report

No report.

X. Discussion Items

A. Geronimo's Update (Time Certain 12:45 p.m.)

Tim Killops, Associate Director, Facilities & Operations for The University Club (TUC), addressed the board and began his PowerPoint presentation. CSUN Housing is scheduled to build a new complex in the fall of 2015 adding 400 new beds. Geronimo's has the capacity to handle the students currently on the meal plan but will need more seats once the new buildings are occupied. The Shoshone Room is adjacent to Geronimo's and the USU has agreed to make it available. TUC wants to create an amazing dining experience for students. Dining facilities are an important consideration when high school graduates are deciding what college to attend and whether or not they want to live on campus. Bamboo Terrace is one of the most popular brands on campus and they feel it will be popular at Geronimo's. Assistance was needed in deciding what direction they should take the Bamboo Terrace. They contacted Ricca Newmark Design, who is a leader in the food service design industry, in both the public and private sector, with a strong emphasis on higher education. The presentation included many slides with different renderings and designs received from Ricca Newmark. Decisions have not been finalized. TUC also hopes to renovate and expand La Tienda, the little convenience store at the SSU.

Discussion included that TUC has done soft surveys from comment cards completed by students regarding their choices of food. Many students asked for Korean barbecue ribs, Sushi, and other Asian food. With the expansion of La Tienda, it will include more of the necessities that students need. The board thanked Killops for his presentation.

XI. Committee Reports

- Facilities and Commercial Services Chair Perlita Varela said members are working on the lounge assessments by going to their assigned lounge, seeing when it is busy, and talking to students. Tomorrow is the last meeting of the semester.
- Finance Committee Chair Collin Johnson said he hopes that everyone does well on their finals and that December 7 will be the committee's last meeting of the semester. He asked the board to attend the meeting and give him feedback
- Personnel Committee – Chair Myles Adkins said tomorrow is the committee's last meeting and invited the board to attend.

Chair Lockey said she is proud of all the committee chairs saying they have done a great job. She hopes to attend their last meetings and looks forward to next semester.

XII. Discussion Item (Cont.)

B. Financial Literacy 101

Demontray Thompson introduced himself to the board and said that he works as a peer mentor for the Financial Aid office. He said that many students are unaware of all the services offered by the office and proceeded to show the board the Financial Aid and Scholarship Web site at: <http://www.csun.edu/financialaid/>. He pointed out all the benefits on the site and what a great resource it is. Students can use the services even if they are not receiving financial aid. There are free on-line contests and prizes include \$100 gift cards for the Bookstore. The site can help calculate loans, provide free workshops, money/loan counseling, and free tutorials. There is a calculation on the site for how long it would take you to become a millionaire. Appointments can be made with peer financial mentors who are well-trained and motivated Northridge students. They are available for one-on-one sessions to assist students with budgeting issues, credit card management, credit reports and scores, and identity theft. He urged the student board members to stop by the office and take advantage of all the benefits offered.

XII. Announcements

- Chair Lockey thanked the board for their hard work and said she is proud to be a part of this board.
- Tanesha Young passed out flyers from the Marketing Department regarding *Crunch Time*. Finals are next week and there are many free services offered by the USU and SSU at that time, including free food, and yoga and zumba on the OST lawn at noon.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Lockey at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debra L. Hammond,
Executive Director