

A/P Staff Council Meeting- October 16, 2013

REPORT: Student Center Advisory Board [Meeting: September 27,2013]

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MEETING

On Friday, September 27, 2013, the Student Center Advisory Committee met in the Vermillion Room at the Student Center.

Summary

1. Elections for the Student Center Advisory Board were held. Timothy Alexander was elected as the Chair of the Student Center Advisory Board and Brittany Koonce was elected as the Vice- Chair.

2. Staff Updates- Kent Epplin is the new Associate Director for the Student Center; Chad Mott is the new Assistant Director for Dining and Catering; and Timothy Alexander was appointed to the Bookstore Advisory Board.

3. Student Center -facilities updates, master planning update, and dining update

Tena Bennett, director of the Student Center, reported that a Quality Based Selection (QBS) identified three architectural firms to remodel the Student Center which is about 52 years old. Once a firm is chosen, they will meet with students, staff, and other university personnel to identify what areas need to be improved. This process will take about a year. Also, Mrs. Bennett reported the Student Center is in contract negotiations with several vendors including Chick-fil-A, Subway, Sbarro, and they purchased a franchise for Starbucks. They are not sure if the "Old Main" will reopen and in the meantime the space can be used to schedule activities. Likewise, there are about 22 catering services to choose from, groups need to contact caterers, and make reservations through Sarah Van Vooren from the Scheduling office. Prepackage foods and drinks (only Pepsi products) can be brought for small activities, while larger events should use caterers. The Student Center has a liquor license and only approved caterers can be used if alcohol is used. Additional information can be found under Small food policy: <http://studentcenter.siu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Small-Food-Policy1.pdf> and at Policies: <http://studentcenter.siu.edu/reservespace/>.

Kevin Epplin, updated several services that were moved to the student center including a Salukitech Computer Store which is located in the Southwest corner on the first floor (Cambria Room) and the Sustainability Group.

4. Budget-Mrs. Bennett stated the budget submitted about a year ago needed to be amended as the Student Center did not know they were taking over dining services; they are yet to receive an approved budget for FY 15; and that a 5% decrease in student enrollment will impact fees assigned to the Student Center.