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**The WELL Advisory Group Meeting
September 11, 2013
WELL, 2nd Floor, Shoreline Room**

Minutes

Present: Diljeet Virk, Elena Larson, Mark McGushin, Robin Fisher, Allie Reyes, Rosalyn Klein, Brittani Gastinell, Hollie Lucchesi, John Ramos, Mirjana Gavric, Kate Costello, Jill Farrell and Darcey Hopkins
Guests: Bill Olmsted
Absent: Leslie Davis, Kelly Cassidy
Vacant: Student at Large

1. Call to Order at 7:03 am by Mirjana Gavric

2. Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Advisory Group Minutes for March 13, 2013
MSP: Ramos/Virk

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

A. **Nominate Advisory Group member to Chair the Advisory Group**

The responsibilities include but are not limited to working Mirjana Gavric on the agenda, review the minutes from prior meetings, and steer the meetings. John Ramos nominated himself and Diljeet Virk seconded, Hollie Lucchesi nominated herself with Brittani Gastinell seconded. 4 votes for John made him the new Chair. He will meet with Mirjana prior to the next meeting to cover Roberts Rules of Order, the agenda and the meeting minutes.

B. **Welcome New Members**

We welcomed new members Hollie Lucchesi and Brittani Gastinell. Darcey Hopkins is the new Administrative Assistant to Leslie Davis and Union WELL Inc. The group went around for quick introductions.

C. **Expansion Presentation**

Bill Olmsted gave a comprehensive report on the Union WELL Inc. Expansion Project that includes a student event center (SEC) that is being headed by Leslie Davis. He started off with the history of building the Union and the WELL, and the referendum that was passed in 2003 to build both the WELL and an event center. At the time, the economy tanked and construction prices went through the roof. The planning committee cut the event center from the plan and is now coming back around to deliver it to the campus. Now the needs of the students and the needs of the campus are converging. There is overcrowding in the Union and the WELL, we are over capacity and are beginning to stunt our ability to grow. Over the summer, the alternative consultation process began. This included many meetings with multiple groups of varied demographics to determine the wants and needs of the students and the campus. Bill, Leslie and a few students and other staff member went on tours to view other schools and their event centers. Now Leslie and Bill have begun presenting to the students at large to gain valuable feedback that will shape the future of the project. Thus far the students want an arena that seats 5-6k people, a pub/social meeting space, more club space, additional food service seating, additional meetings rooms including a larger ball room and the biggest draw is to bring commencement back to campus. Draft financials are being put together and they are trying to figure what, if anything, we can afford to do. If the project moves forward, a \$250 increase in student fees would begin in the spring on 2014. Surveys have been emailed to students who attend the expansion meetings to gain their feedback, what services and programs they would like to see added, if they are in favor for expanding the Union, WELL and the building of a SEC and whether they support the fee increase or not. All this data will be collected and presented to the Board of Directors before the President casts the final vote.

5. Reports and Comments

A. **Executive Director: Davis**

- i. None

B. **Director: Gavric**

- i. She is changing the updates this year, they will no longer be random but by division.
- ii. Dodge ball throw down was a success with 40 men's team 3 women's team (an increase by 10 teams from last year) totaling 350 people and 150 spectators.
- iii. Assistant Director Sean Basso will be on paternity leave for 6 weeks.
- iv. There are new climbing classes, a new monthly climbing competition called Level Up and a new brochure for events and meeting space.
- v. WELLcome Back was a HUGE success and created a new daily visit record. 800 shirts were handed out as prizes along with Frisbees, cups, coolers and lanyards.

C. **Assistant Director: Costello**

- i. Launched a new aquatics program, Aqua Zumba and the Try Before You Buy week was successful.
- ii. Over the summer 12 cardio pieces were switched out because warranties are starting to expire so we are phasing in new equipment. There are now 19 new bikes and 2 new climb mills. Over the next 2 semesters more will be replaced.

D. **Board members**

- i. Rosalyn Klein: There is a student housing meeting next week.

- ii. Diljeet Virk: Next week's events include the return of food trucks on Wednesday, an ASI BOD meeting, Thursday the Farmers Market, a block party at housing, and the unveiling of an automatic water dispenser where free water bottles will be passed out.
- iii. John Ramos: Is the president of Urban Agriculture Club and has submitted a memorandum for his club to modify the grounds to make an urban garden at the Guy West Bridge at the south incline. He is looking to recruit freshmen and sophomores to foster leadership skills in younger students who will be around to help sustain the garden and train the next generation instead of having people graduate right away leading to failure of the project.

6. Information: None

7. Adjournment at 8:26am