

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
May 8th, 2017
SU 418

Attendees:

Steve Deutsch	W. Wayne Brumfield
Michele Halstead	Ryan Goodwin
Niza Cardona	Danielle Franklin
L. David Eaton	Rui Gomes
Rachel Rigolino	
Fred Destefano	

Others Present: Melinda Cirillo

Recording Secretary: Faathyma Clark

Call to Order: 10:30a.m.

There was unanimous approval of April Board Minutes.

Open Comments Regarding Bottled Water Ban:

Steve opened the floor for open comments regarding the possible repeal of the bottled water ban. He explained that there are ten minutes allotted to open comments, which gives approximately two minutes per person. **Mike Boms** was the first to comment in favor of keeping the ban; he wants what is taught in the classroom to be mirrored on campus. **Fran** explained that she believes we should lift the ban because we still sell plastic bottles but are only offering unhealthy drink options. **Aleah** commented that we should lead by example and she is in favor of keeping the ban. **Billie** believes we should keep the ban, educate the students and continue with our green initiative. **Christopher** mentioned that he is in favor of keeping the ban because tap water is free and easily accessible. **Emily Trapp** explained that she works in the lecture center and the water fountains there produce water that is polluted with rust deposits. She would like access to clean tap water if this ban is going to stay in place. **KT** believes that fac/staff could pool together resources to make the bottled water ban successful and believes we should keep the ban. **Steve** read a letter from **David Eaton** and he does not support the repeal of the ban.

Open comments ended at 10:50am.

Steve added a discussion regarding the removal of an SA seat, from the Board, to the Agenda.

Bottled Water Ban:

Michael explained that he has not heard any reasons to start selling bottled water again. The lecture center does need to fix their faucets but that is an FOC issue and not an issue for the CAS Board. **Rachel** asked if students are allowed to bring their own bottled water. **Michael**

answered yes. **Alex** mentioned that she believes KT brought up a good point and that campus has a lot of resources to use, she supports David Eaton. **Steve** explained that he is not pro or con but mentioned that he does not believe the ban is working towards the intended goal. There are more plastic bottles being used on campus. It is difficult to change people's behavior and it is not CAS's sole responsibility to change behavior. Other groups need to help with the change. He doesn't believe the Board should vote on it now but that student's behavior needs to change. CAS has done their part with the ban, and now, others need to help with changing behavior. CAS is trying to change the behavior regarding food waste in Hasbrouck. Steve challenged the campus community to work with CAS on this initiative.

SA Board Seat:

Michael asked for clarification on the SA and RHSA Seats. **Steve** clarified that SA has 3 voting members and two alternates. **Corinna** asked if the seats are now equal at two SA voting seats and two RHSA voting seats. **Steve** answered yes. **Rookie** asked if we could add a student seat to the board to create balance between student and non-student seats. **Steve** explained that we are average in representation according to SUNY guidelines student representation has to be between 30% and 50% and we are right in the middle however, that is a different discussion than what we are dealing with today. **Michael** asked if we could make a proposal to up student representation on the Board. **Steve** explained that we could bring it up for vote. **Rookie** explained that there is an inconsistency between student and non-student representation. As a student representative, she believes students should have more say. CAS is a corporation but CAS serves the students. Students want more representation. **Steve** explained that this is nothing new; however, students do have the largest representation with 4 seats. There are 3 administrative seats, 1 staff seat and CSEA has 1. **Michael** explained that students are the majority shareholders for CAS.

Programming funds:

Steve explained the reports have come in and are concise and thorough. The only change was enrollment increased by \$1,500 for the office of veteran and military affairs. The rest of the funds have been kept at a constant level. **Steve** asked for a vote to approve programming funds. **Funds were approved by a unanimous vote.**

Sodexo Contract Amendment:

Melinda provided a presentation to explain the amendment to the Sodexo contract. The current contract expires in 2023, with this amendment it will add 6 years to 2029. We will receive \$5.5 million for capital investment by September 2017, 15% guaranteed commission and \$150,000 for Better Tomorrow Fund and Scholarships. Instead of waiting ten years to get our money, we would get it up front. Overall CAS would still receive \$4.35 million enhancement fund. We are currently very happy with Sodexo. The bakery project is currently estimated at \$5 million. If CAS had to pay for that right now we would have to liquidate all our investments and a sizable portion of our operating account. We have the right to terminate contract at any time. **Rachel** explained that she was on the Board when the RFP went out to find a different food service contractor and there were only 3 others. She would like to know about the relationship between Sodexo and the CSEA union workers. **Ryan** explained Maria Mach is the president for

CSEA and they meet weekly and have a great relationship. They have an existing contract up for extension in 2018 and he sees no reason why there would be any issue. They employ over 200 employees. **Alex** asked how student and fac/staff satisfaction is evaluated. **Ryan** explained that they have a third party come in put and surveys and analyze. **Rachel** asked how many of SUNY schools have Sodexo. **Steve** answered that there are 25 schools that have Auxiliary Corporation system and Sodexo has about 6 of them. They are the largest of the outsourced contractors. **Alex** checked for clarification that the benefit of the contract extension was to have money for the bakery and asked if this was structured as a loan. **Steve** explained that it is not a loan it is an investment; we will be giving up some of our enhancement fund down the road to get the money upfront now. However, we will need less money for enhancements for the foreseeable future. **Mike Boms** stated he would love to see the CAS Board reconsider outsourcing food service. He has found a lot of research against outsourcing. They do not want to extend contract. **Rachel** explained that she took the RFP process very seriously and is satisfied with the decision-making process that was used to choose Sodexo again. **Steve** explained that he works with his peers at other SUNY schools and self-ops have the highest priced meal plans. **Michele** also explained that we are able to terminate at any time but we would need to pay back the money if we terminate. **Mike Boms** asked how much the 15% commission equals in dollars. **Melinda** stated it is about \$1 million. **Mike** asked if this was used to increase employee salary. **Steve** answered no. **Steve** explained that as the financial manager Melinda and he are nervous about depleting all of CAS resources. This allows us to continue with a vendor we are happy with, get the bakery done and not be in financial distress. **Michael** asked if Sodexo has ever been kicked off campus. **Steve** answered no. **Alex** asked if we terminate Sodexo contract do we have to pay back with interest? **Melinda** answered no, and it's amortized over the life of the agreement. **Open Comment** she mentioned her concern over the health issues of having a bakery on campus. **Steve** explained that with the new bakery we will have a lot more control over what we produce and have been looking into vegan breads. **Kevin Saunders** asked if this had been negotiated. **Steve** answered yes. **Billie** asked if we would be able to produce all baked products on campus. **Ryan** explained that we will produce as much as possible. There are many fire code regulations that need to be followed which may not allow for every single product to be produced from the bakery. **Corinna** explained that she has been on the Board for 20 years and Sodexo has been here the whole time; she is very happy staying with the same company. **Steve** agreed and believes that Sodexo is a very good partner. **Steve asked to vote on the amendment. Michele** motioned to approve. **Fred** seconded motion. **The amendment passed 5 to 1. Michael** was the one vote against.

Programming Funds:

Maureen spoke on the need to replenish emergency scholarship fund. She thanked CAS for their continued support to help students in desperate need of financial assistance due to a sudden hardship. She then read stories of the students that money has helped. She would like to carry over remaining balance. **Maureen** explained that they usually receive \$17,000 a year. **Steve** asked if repeating the same amount for the fund would be beneficial. **Maureen** answered yes. **Steve** asked if the Board should vote to do this again. He also explained that we fund \$30,000 to the internship program fund and asked if we want a report from them, fold them

into the programming fund memos or keep evaluating as we are; which has not been very consistent to what we do with the rest of programming. Currently they do not report their spending. **Michael** stated that he likes hearing it directly rather than a report. **Steve** asked if the internship program should present too and does the CAS Board want to set up a reoccurring fund each year and just get a report at the end of the year. **Alex** mentioned the idea to have them send a written report to the Board to create consistency. **Steve** asked if we should set up an even \$20,000 each year. He then asked for a motion to approve the reoccurring fund; Michele and Alex motioned; all voting members seconded the motion. **There was unanimous approval to create a reoccurring fund of \$20,000 for the emergency scholarship fund.** **Steve** stated that we will have the internship program and the emergency scholarship fund come and present their usage each year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.