

WEST BANK UNION BOARD
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

DATE: March 1, 1989

PLACE: WBU Conference Room

PRESENT: Janet Drummond, Scott Erickson, Melodie Hamlett,
Michael Jader, Andrew Lainsbury, Delia Lam, Tina
Lee, Melanie Lineburg, Rick Nehm, Keith Niemi,
Tracy Ossmann, Chad Papenfuss

STAFF: Ronald Krumm

EX-OFFICIO: Drew Helmer, Win Smith

GUESTS: John Neumann

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by
President Tracy Ossmann.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The logo issue under "Old Business" was moved up to after
the approval of minutes. The agenda was then approved as
changed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as printed.

MOTION 88-89-33 (Jader/Lee)

Move to untable the logo issue. Motion passes.

Discussion followed. Tracy said that the Board basically
had two choices. Either they could decide on the logo at
the meeting or there would have to be some other
suggestions. Keith stated that the Board has selected a
logo. Now to reconsider this logo someone who voted for it
had to bring the issue back to the Board for discussion.
Melanie asked how a quorum was defined. Keith said that
there were seven present at the Board members present at the
February 8, 1989 Board meeting.

MOTION 88-89-34 (Jader/Lee)

Move to reopen the logo issue for discussion. Motion
passes.

Discussion followed. Andy started off by saying there were issues such as the sublogos and the process that weren't considered when the vote took place. He stated that he felt better if the Board started over from square one. Scott asked if John had any final copies of a new logo. John passed a different logo around. Mike asked about the motion 88-89-29 that was passed on February 15 and why the Board was going to reconsider different logos. Andy explained that they extended the time so that volunteers had a chance to resubmit a logo if they wanted to. John didn't know he had to express in writing whether he chose or didn't choose to resubmit a new logo. Keith stated that it was an unacceptable motion.

Ron commented that it wasn't until the previous week that the idea of other WBU logos came into his mind. He thought that at first he didn't see the logo as such a high priority for the Board, but now he has changed his mind. He stated that the logo is very important and if the Board needs more time then it should be taken.

Tina said she didn't know how closed her mind was until the previous week and the Board really didn't pay as serious attention as it should have to this issue. She expressed that it would only be fair to take the time to look at the issue again and make a more secure decision later. Keith didn't think that the time spent would necessarily improve the logo and that the Board shouldn't postpone the issue just for the sake of time. Melanie felt that the Board needed to take into consideration just how long the logo would be around and how much it was going to cost.

Andy stressed that by starting over a new structure could be formed and then there would be no questions as to the process. Scott said that the Board couldn't start over completely because there were certain decisions made even before the logo committee was set up. Melanie asked if the committee could work properly. Chad said again that the process was fair. Janet said she didn't know what went on in the committee but maybe the wrong issues were looked at. Mike questioned whether the process was fair or not. Just the fact that committee members had vested interests promoted a disparity of fairness. Keith stated that a process was followed and the Board came to a decision. Now if the process was flawed then the Board should go back and remake a decision, but if the process was fair then the decision should not be questioned.

Regarding Janet's earlier comment, Rick said the committee did consider what it wanted to portray and felt that the skyline represented WBU. Scott said that the final decision was made with both options presented and both staff and Board members had an opportunity to look and comment on the logos. Tina asked if maybe there was a conflict of interest. If there was a conflict of interest, then a problem begins right there. Chad said that all the submissions were looked at in the beginning and that basically it was decided to modify two logos. He said that the skyline logo was a representative logo and the other WBU logo was an abstract logo.

Andy asked why the logos were being categorized because even abstract logos could be representative. Scott said that it was the responsibility of the other Board members to ask questions about the logos and not the responsibility of the person presenting the logos. Janet said she did ask but there wasn't enough information for the Board. Melodie pointed out that when people see the logo they wouldn't know the process. If the Board was satisfied with its decision then maybe they should give the logo a test run. Keith said that Melodie made a good observation and that the Board needed to make a decision.

MOTION 88-89-35 (Jader/Lee)

Move to rescind the February 8, 1989 motion to approve the "skyline" logo that was passed with 5 votes and 1 abstention.

Discussion followed. Keith asked for a role call vote. He stated that the issue was whether or not the Board wanted to rescind its previous decision; the process was not the issue. John stated that he was less concerned with the process. He wanted to know if the logo was really representational if it had five West Bank buildings missing from it. He wanted to know if the Board understood how it was going to be used in publicity and again stressed that time shouldn't be the object. Keith asked John if he was prepared to implement the logo regardless of the Board decision. John said he would but if it were something that was difficult to implement he would be less than willing.

MOTION 88-89-36 (Niemi/Erickson)

Move to put a 5 minute time limit on debate. No discussion. All approved. Motion passed.

Scott said that if there was going to be future problems he did not see the worth of the Board dividing and becoming basically dysfunctional. Win said that care should be taken if a new committee was to be formed. John thought an impartial committee would be fine.

The vote was taken for Motion 88-89-35. Keith, Scott and Mike abstained. Chad and Rick opposed. Delia, Melanie, Melodie, Andy, Janet and Tina voted for. Motion passed.

Ron made some observations. Because this issue was so sensitive, he recommended not to set up a committee with Board members on it. He also recommended that the full Board go back and define the process and ask the committee go through the full Board. The Board should develop a statement of the outcome of the logo and build in an alternative if they come up with something that isn't acceptable.

Rick felt that the Board was perfectly capable of working together and should form a committee with a predefined set of rules on paper with a set of deadlines. With that, the Board could come to a decision. Tracy agreed with Rick that the Board could work together but that outside input is also needed.

MOTION 88-89-37 (Erickson/Lee)

Move to table the logo issue. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

IV. President's Report

This was skipped due to time and the fee's committee meeting.

V. Director's Report

Red sent a memo stating that he met with an official from Environmental Health and the 3rd floor Blegen study area is in compliance with the law because a 4-foot barrier is set up.

MOTION 88-89-38 (Pappenfuss/Erickson)

Move to untable 3rd floor Blegen issue. No discussion. Motion passes.

MOTION 88-89-39 (Erickson/Papenfuss)

Move to add the following amendment: As soon as authority is determined, the third floor Blegen study area shall be zoned as "non-smoking."

Discussion followed. Tina thought that more consideration should definitely be taken. A vote was taken. This motion failed with five opposed, three in favor and one abstention.

The College Bowl Committee met and selected Pete Nickitas as their Spring scholarship recipient.

The rest of the meeting was postponed due to the Fee's Committee meeting at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Wiesner.

WEST BANK UNION BOARD
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

DATE: March 8, 1989

PLACE: WBU Conference Room

PRESENT: Janet Drummond, Scott Erickson, Melodie Hamlett,
Michael Jader, Andrew Lainsbury, Tina Lee, Melanie
Lineburg, Rick Nehm, Keith Niemi, Tracy Ossmann,
Chad Papenfuss

STAFF: Bernie Molitor

EX-OFFICIO: Drew Helmer, Win Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by
President Tracy Ossmann.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"For the good of the order" was moved up to before the
announcements on the agenda. Agenda approved as written.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tracy thanked the Board for the flowers.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Director's report.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EXEC

This will be covered under logo.

B. ACTIVITIES

The Activities Committee met and discussed their "every
Thursday" that will begin on March 30 and continue during
Spring quarter every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00
p.m.

C. HOUSE

Mike said that the House Committee will be rewriting the periodical policy over spring break and will discuss it with the Board during Spring quarter.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Smoking Lounge - Survey

Scott developed a questionnaire to be passed around 3rd floor Blegen. He said that he didn't ask the question whether people wanted smoking or non-smoking because he felt it would show a bias. Mike stated that this questionnaire should have gone through the House Committee. Chad said that this would have taken too much time and that the survey would give quick answers. Melanie felt that the appropriate place for this issue was in the committee rather than just bringing it before the Board at one meeting.

Melanie asked if the survey wasn't hiding the smoking/non-smoking issue. Keith asked what the survey was going to be used for. Scott said it would be used for two reasons: to see whether or not the study area should be a smoke-free environment and to see if money is needed to improve the study area. Keith thought the survey was good but wondered about its intent. He said it didn't answer any questions about smoking or not, but the survey could be used as a good tool to support arguments that money is needed to improve study areas. Keith felt that Melanie and Mike's points were valid in that issues need to be processed through the appropriate channels.

Scott apologized for not going through the House Committee. Melanie thought that the survey should be more obvious in presenting the non-smoking/smoking issue. Scott stated that it was crucial to start circulating the survey as soon as possible because many people will be studying during final's week. Tina questioned if only one week was a long enough time to get sufficient feedback from students. Chad thought final's week to be prime time.

Bernie asked the Board if it clearly had authority to make the area non-smoking or smoking. The Board said yes.

MOTION 88-89-40 (Niemi/Papenfuss)

The WBUBOG hereby approves the placement of a survey in the WBU 3rd floor Blegen study area. The results will be evaluated in the House Committee and recommendations will come from the House Committee.

Furthermore, the survey will not be administered unless it is approved by the Executive Committee. There was no further discussion. Motion passed.

B. Logo

The Executive Committee met and tried to organize a logo process. The following is a plan they developed:

1. No member of the logo committee shall be allowed to submit a design.
2. The logo committee shall draw up and agree on a set of criteria prior to work on selection.
3. The makeup of the committee shall consist of two board members, two volunteers and two staff members.
4. The committee shall be charged with bringing forth a process and timeline to the Board.
5. Hire a consultant (logo expert) and define his role if the committee so decides.

Chad didn't think the Board needed to pay a consultant. Keith agreed that the Board didn't need to spend more money. He also stated that the two staff members shouldn't be people who were involved in the process before. Scott felt that the staff and volunteers could efficiently come up with a design and that maybe a consultant should be voluntary. Bernie expressed that the logo committee should decide if it needs a consultant.

Tracy stated that the Board needed to approve the make-up of the committee. Keith said that once that committee makes up a set of procedures it should come back to the Board. Scott asked if there shouldn't be three Board members for equal representation so that the president doesn't vote. Bernie thought it appropriate that Tracy, Ron and Janet submit names for appointments for the Board, Staff and Program Council respectively.

MOTION 88-89-41 (from Executive Committee)

Move that the WBUBOG establish a committee to devise a new WBU logo. This committee will be made up of three Board members (one of whom will be chair), two Staff members, and two Program Council members. No one who served on the previous logo committee or submits logos shall be able to serve on this committee. This committee shall recommend a plan and process to the Board two meetings into the quarter.

Motion passes with all in favor.

B. Retreat

Bernie commented on the diversity that influenced the Board members ability to work as a team. He felt that if the Board was to work together they should look at the following ways of communication: straight talk, giving and receiving feedback and conflict resolution. The Board thought this was a good idea and will be planning on meeting right away Spring quarter.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melodie will be on the Activities committee.

Tracy has applications for the President's Annual Awards Program.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Wiesner.

WEST BANK UNION BOARD
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DATE: March 29, 1989

PLACE: WBU Conference Room

PRESENT: Janet Drummond, Scott Erickson, Melodie Hamlett,
Michael Jader, Andrew Lainsbury, Delia Lam, Tina
Lee, Melanie Lineburg, Rick Nehm, Keith Niemi,
Tracy Ossmann, Chad Papenfuss

STAFF: Ronald Krumm, Bernie Molitor

EX-OFFICIO: Drew Helmer, Win Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by
President Tracy Ossmann.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as amended.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no President's report.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ron met with the director's of both Coffman and St. Paul student unions to bring forward the impact of the fee requests. They will meet again on Friday, March 31, 1989. He said that there were two "givens" to next year's budget. One given was the creation of a new associate administrator's position. The other given is a move from work study to non-work study monies.

Ron talked about the priority of the Unions and said that the only place to reduce expenses would be in program areas because services and facilities generate income. Reducing expenses has a high probability of reducing outside income.

Ron mentioned three alternative ways of taking reductions. These alternatives include splitting the reductions by 1/3 to each union, reducing the constituent union receiving the greatest allocation with the smallest reduction, or keeping operation allocation 25.75 and supplement with reserves. Ron pointed out, however, that he understands Mr. Barbastis to not be in favor of this last alternative.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive

There was no Executive report.

B. Activities

"Every Thursday" will start on March 30 and continue through the quarter from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for volunteers and staff.

C. House

The House Committee will be meeting on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. to talk about the periodical policy.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 3rd Floor Blegen

The Executive Committee did approve the survey. Ron talked to Red and there are no problems setting up a table in the 3rd floor Blegen study area to set up the surveys. The surveys will go up the week of March 27 - March 31 and run through April 14, 1989.

B. Task Force Update

Tracy will be meeting with Rochelle and Bobbie from St. Paul and Coffman Unions respectively to talk about the Task Force.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MSA Forum Meeting

Chad passed around two letters that were sent on March 16 & 17 to Mr. Wallace Storbakken, Chair of the Student Services Fees Committee. The letters were sent by Sue Oatey, Coordinator of Student Activities and Minnesota Unions, and the West Bank Union Board of Governors. Both letters regarded the recommendations for a revised students services fees process.

Chad and Scott thought that Mr. Storbakken's recommendation for the disestablishment of the West Bank Union was unjust and unacceptable. Both Scott and Chad asked the Board for support in representing WBU at the Thursday March 30 MSA meeting at 3:30 p.m. in room 325-327 CMU.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron passed out a mission statement that Union staff has been working on. This statement is not a finished product. He explained that staff decided on a one sentence mission statement and then went on to define the three key parts of development, communication and a celebration of diversity. Ron asked the Board to take a serious look at the statement so we can begin serious discussion on the mission within the next two weeks.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mike made some Oscar predictions. He said that Rainman and French Liaisons (that French film that nobody has seen) were going to walk away with most of the awards.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Theresa Wiesner.