

**STUDENT UNION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FACILITIES & PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2025
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

In-person: Student Union Building, Conference Room 6

Voting Members Present: Justin Duong, Traci Ferdolage (Designee), Leo Lebedenko, Erik Rodriguez
Voting Members Absent: Sarab Multani
Non-Voting Members Present: Aaron Burgess, Timothy Banks, Ryan Fetzer, Omar Garcia

I. CALL TO ORDER

Director Duong called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m

II. ROLL CALL

A verbal roll call was completed. Quorum met.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2025 AGENDA

Director Duong asked for any changes to the agenda.

Director Duong asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Ferdolage motioned to approve the agenda; Director Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion: 4-0-0 Motion Passed

IV. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Director Duong asked for any changes to the minutes.

Director Duong asked for a motion.

Director Rodriguez motioned to approve the minutes; Director Lebedenko seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion: 3-0-1 Motion Passed

Abstain: Ms. Ferdolage

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NVIDIA Event Update

Mr. Garcia explained we will be hosting Nvidia on campus on Tuesday, March 18th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of an ongoing collaboration with the university. The primary event will be a Student Experience watch party for NVIDIA's GTC 25 conference, which is being held at the SAP Center in San Jose.

Students will have the opportunity to attend the watch party in the EC for an opportunity to get the GTC conference hosted at SAP discounted tickets priced at \$10-\$15. Logistics are still being finalized, and a marketing push will begin in the next two weeks to maximize student attendance. If attendance goals are not met, the event may be opened to students from Stanford, Santa Clara University, and other Silicon Valley institutions.

Originally, the university had considered hosting the GTC conference on campus, but logistical challenges—including accommodating 10,000 attendees mid-semester—led to the current alternative. The Event Center will serve as the venue for the watch party, and the attendance goal is set at 4,000 students, though there is realistic skepticism about achieving that number for a morning event.

Campus partners, including the President’s Office, University Marketing and Communications as well as FDO are involved in organizing and promoting the event. The collaboration remains a significant opportunity for students to engage with NVIDIA and cutting-edge technology discussions.

B. Campus Request to Purchase Tables and Chairs

Mr. Garcia discussed reducing event setup costs on Paseo by managing an in-house inventory of tables, chairs, and umbrellas instead of relying on the costly external provider, Danny Thomas. The Student Union will oversee storage, inventory, and setup, as well as handle purchasing and replacements. Costs will be billed back to departments or events, with the setup and reservation process still in development.

Ms. Ferdolage supported the initiative but raised concerns about sustainable funding for equipment replacement. She suggested a fee schedule or per-event charges to ensure long-term viability and requested input from Mr. Banks and Mr. Fetzer. She also emphasized the need for broader campus support in addressing the costs of events and how they are subsidized. She acknowledged that this would require involvement from various campus leaders, including vice presidents, to have transparent conversations about event funding.

Mr. Garcia acknowledged these concerns, confirming that the billing structure is still being developed but will follow a cost-recovery model without excessive charges, ensuring financial sustainability.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Student Union Events & Programs: February Schedule

Mr. Garcia provided a brief review of the upcoming events scheduled for February. These include the SU Fest (Student Union open house), Make a Plushie, and a Comedy Night. Other events include Love Fest in collaboration with MOSAIC and Associated Students, as well as Black History Movie Night in collaboration with the BLOC and Student Involvement.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Director Duong asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Director Lebedenko motioned to adjourn the meetings; Director Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion: 4-0-0 Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m.