

Department of Blue Crew of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at 4:00 pm
Presidents Conference room of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Director Nason called the Department of Blue Crew meeting to order at 4:00 pm in the President's Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. ROLL CALL

Director Nason and Programmers Heydon and Figone were present.

Programmer Zanotto was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

- a. There are no previous minutes in need of approval.

5. BUDGET PROPOSALS

- a. Food for Welcome Week Event

Director Nason said it this was food for Welcome Week. They will be pairing up with Programming. The budget was on the back of the agenda. They can vote on what was presented which was \$2,200 since he didn't think Qdoba would be that expensive.

Programmer White said it was about \$1500 for 150 students and \$2350 for 250 students.

Director Nason asked if they mentioned it was for 200 people.

Programmer White said it was set with those numbers. She called and asked for a burrito bar with two types of meats and the toppings. They just gave a round number of 150-250 but she can call back and ask for 200 to see how that affects the price.

Director Nason said in the past they asked for premade burritos. If they don't want to have the bar, she can ask about the prices of premade burritos cut in half. He asked what would be easier for Programmers Heydon and White since this was their event. He didn't think the price would be that much of a difference. It wouldn't matter much unless it was significantly different.

Programmer White said they were thinking of doing a basic tabling event with the ASUN tent and food. She knew they had some stuff they wanted to have out.

Director Nason said they had cinch bags to hand out since they were left overs so they didn't need to buy anything. He asked if BLF was going to be promoted.

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Programmer White said yes. Programming wanted to have tickets to see if anyone wanted to buy some.

Director Nason asked if they agreed. He didn't want it to be too overwhelming where students were getting burritos, cinch bags, and BLF tickets.

Programmer Figone asked if Blue Crew would be doing this right next to Programming.

Director Nason said yes.

Programmer White said they were two tents in front of the KC lawn.

Programmer Figone liked it but it depended on the cost. He asked how much it was last year.

Director Nason said it was around \$2000

Programmer Figone said they had a ton of people. They could do something like that and it was easy to hand out; especially if they only had two people.

Programmer White said Programming was helping but Blue Crew should get their name out to incoming freshmen. It was important they had their stuff.

Director Nason asked if that would be too overwhelming if they were handing out things and had Programming too.

Programmers White and Heydon didn't think so.

Programmer Figone moved to approve the Welcome Week event.

Programmer Heydon seconded.

Motion carried.

b. Hats for Annual Wolf it Down Pancake Feed

Director Nason said they were doing hats for Wolf it Down. they ran into a problem but after talking with President Teixeira, President Teixeira will talk to Director Rodriguez. They were ordering in bulk from the Wolf Shop. They were the Nevada Nike hats in grey or blue. They were already there and they were nice so the money would go mostly to the Wolf Shop. The one problem was that the hats won't have the ASUN logo. They should be good but they were double checking with Sandy. If they did approve the budget but couldn't do the hats without the logo, they can always get the logo added to the hat and use the hats later.

Programmer Figone asked if the hats were for August 30th.

Programmer Nason said yes.

Programmer Figone asked how many hats

Director Nason said he budgeted for \$4000. The quote they got from the Wolf Shop was for increments of 96. If they ordered 96, the hats would be \$13 so they will try to order around 200-300. After this meeting, he would get the invoice. The worst case scenario would be they order 300 hats at \$13 each that would total \$3900. They might order less than 300 for tax purposes so they don't exceed the budget.

Dr. Beattie said they can make a motion to increase the budget to \$4500 pending the invoice. They can increase an amount and not spend as much but they can't approve a budget and overspend.

Programmer Figone asked what Director Nason thought

Director Nason thought it would be smart but wasn't too worried. He thought 300 hats would be enough.

Dr. Beattie said they didn't get taxed since they were a university department.

Director Nason said that if they did order the hats but had to add the ASUN logo, then they can still hand them out at a later event. They had stuff coming up with volleyball. If they did order them and turns out they can use them during Wolf It Down they will be fine; and can use them for another event. He talked to President Teixeira so they should be okay.

Programmer Figone asked if Blue Crew will be doing anything else at Wolf It Down.

Director Nason said they are only handing out hats and whatever Programming needs. In the past, they handed out swag and then just hung out and got students pumped out. Sometimes they threw swag into the crowds. They just need to be careful to not hit anyone. That's what they usually have done in the past.

Programmer Heydon moved to approve the budget for hats for Wolf It Down.
Programmer Figone seconded.
Motion carried.

6. **OPEN DISCUSSION/COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Nason said they will have an event with a volleyball game on October 5th. They will have a pep rally and hand out swag/food. It will be Thursday night. Right now, it was the first 50 students would get priority seating for the football game the next Saturday. They might increase it up to the first 100 students. He spoke to Athletics and they are on board. He will go and set up priority seating and go from there. He was personally excited since it was something they talked about last year but didn't have enough time. He wanted them to notice they were talking in August for an event in October. This means they will be able to have a social media push. This will be done the right way and it will be fun.

Programmer Figone said they were doing a great job. They should keep talking about this every other week even if they had other events happening. He liked the idea and thought they should push it up to the first 100 students.

Director Nason agreed. He asked how much the end zone student section seats were.

Dr. Beattie didn't know.

Director Nason knew the lower middle part was taken up by the band and that took up a significant space. He felt the first two rows would take up the first two rows and wouldn't be significant. He will be meeting with Athletics on Monday at 1:30 pm though to try and push it up to the first 100 students. If they wanted to come they can help talk up the idea. They should also push it on social media and go through Inkblot. He was thinking they do an ad similar to UNLV where they make shirts of the wolf boxing the other team's mascot. They were a big hit last year with the wolf boxing the rebel when UNR

played UNLV. He was hoping the volleyball and football teams played the same schools that weekend. If they didn't play they can still make fun shirts. They needed to get going on that soon if they were going to do that.

Dr. Beattie said he wasn't 18-22 anymore but he saw it at big football schools like Notre Dame where people came painted. That was being done through blue crew. He asked what they thought about having a stipulation for t-shirts that they had to come with face painting.

Director Nason agreed and also thought of something like that.

Dr. Beattie said they could bring people in to paint faces. Some students don't want to buy the paint but they could set it up on GivePulse and provide paint. They could buy paint and have students volunteer. And they could have stencils of footballs, the N, or a paw print. It would be super-fast and all of the students have face paint.

Director Nason said they can do priority, rowdy student seating for those that had signs, face painting, and all that.

Dr. Beattie said if students put in time for their appearance at games they will stay longer.

Director Nason said they would also stay longer if their faces were painted.

Dr. Beattie said it would help get people into the spirit of things.

Dr. Beattie said face paint was also cheap.

Director Nason asked if the programmers had thoughts.

Programmer White said she and Dr. Beattie had meetings for March from the Arch and they as a Programming board will start after BLF for Homecoming. She asked if Blue Crew was going to want a their own float.

Programmer Heydon thought it would be good for advertising. They can do things beforehand to have students involved. If they advertise to the dorms and have them come help build the fort. That way, they can get Blue Crew out there.

Director Nason asked if ASUN had a place to store floats.

Dr. Beattie said they don't have a designated space for that. It would have to be off-campus. They can't take action right now so let him make some calls to see where they might have steered things temporarily in the past. Other things they talked about was if they did something for March from the Arch last year or maybe gave out homecoming shirts.

Director Nason didn't remember.

Dr. Beattie thought it the cool blue shirt with stuff on the back.

Director Nason said it was For Wolf It Down.

Dr. Beattie said they wouldn't have to make a ton but Blue Crew could be an integral part of March from the Arch. They can get up on the stage and throw shirts into the crowds. It can be done before President

Johnson speaks and before the band goes on. Athletics should have a t-shirt they could borrow for the event.

Director Nason asked if they could buy a t-shirt gun.

Dr. Beattie said he will check. They are relatively harmless. If you get hit with a t-shirt you'll be fine.

Director Nason said close range it might be dangerous.

Dr. Beattie said they should look into that for their next meeting. It will be under the university policy most likely. They can't be more dangerous than fencing swords and Athletics buys them. But some crazy things have happened in the past so he will look into it.

Director Nason said they should look into it to see if it would be worth using at future events.

Dr. Beattie asked if they got a few nerf balls and printed whatever the shirt logo was on them and threw those out. That was something people would keep and they were better than shirts.

Director Nason said they can get a t-shirt launcher and launch the footballs.

Dr. Beattie said that would be dangerous. But if they got 30 balls for here and 30 for downtown.

Director Nason said they would need to be careful.

Dr. Beattie said they should throw up and not at and warn with microphones. He was also under the impression there will be a spot for Director Nason to speak with President Teixeira.

Director Nason asked where.

Dr. Beattie said at Morrell Hall. The band, the cheerleaders would do their thing then Coach Muss and him and President Teixeira would all do something.

Director Nason said that would be something to think about.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Director Nason adjourned the meeting at 4:24 pm.