

Hearnes Center Committee
9:00 a.m., Friday, May 17, 2002
357 Hearnes Center

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

The following people were in attendance at the meeting: Kerry McDonald, Thomas Martz, Roger Crumpton, Amy Stuck, Lee Henson, Kathy Murray, Joy Millard and Leon Schumacher.

The following individuals were unable to attend: Sam B., Ian Worthington, Geetha Komatireddy, Tim Hickman.

2. Review and Approval of October 29, 2001 Minutes.

Lee Henson moved to approve the minutes. Kerry McDonald seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written; the motion carried.

Lee stated that this committee is necessary, but posed the question of whether it could be folded into another committee. Kathy felt the students feel strongly about their input on this committee. Lee withdrew his consideration.

3. Directors Report

Roger Crumpton, General Manager, gave the director's report in Tim Hickman's absence. The Amphitheater at Mizzou Summer series is beginning. Three shows have gone on sale: Lynyrd Skynyrd, Earth, Wind and Fire, and the Beach Boys.

4. Business- Old and New

Sound system:

Roger announced that the sound system is being tweaked in the upper deck, as there is always room for improvement.

Alcohol:

- The Alan Jackson concert was the first special event where alcohol has been served in the Hearnes Center. Kathy Murray said rumors were circulating on campus about people receiving DUI's in the parking lot and that someone had fallen down the stairs due to being intoxicated. These rumors were not reported to Hearnes personnel and there are no injury reports to support them.
- Kathy asked gross sales of alcohol at the concert but it was not known by any of those in attendance. Tim Hickman will forward this information to the committee.

- *Lee Henson mentioned that there is a bus from Shiloh that brings a lot of people to basketball and football games. This bus is allowed to park close to the East entrance of the building. No one in attendance knew why they are able to park so closely.*
- Joy Millard asked if there shouldn't be some sort of written policy for those who would like to serve alcohol. Roger said the policy is the same as always; if someone leases the building, they fill out the outside alcohol form that must be approved by Business Services.
- *Kerry moved to have the Hearnese Center make a written policy on alcohol and provide it to the committee before the policy is done. They will then make the decision on what the criteria will be to serve alcohol and finish the actual policy. Having a written policy was the consensus of the committee.*
- Leon asked about finances and how the Hearnese Center will fare at the year's end. Roger said he had no specific figures but that the Center is in the black. Alan Jackson and Nelly helped out the end of the year.

Summer Projects:

Railings and doors will be repainted, along with other painting projects. New paper dispensers are also being put in every bathroom.

Pedestrian Bridge:

The completion date is expected to be in late August. MoDOT is funding the project, with additional funding provided by the Athletic Department. The bridge will be functioning by the first home game.

Seating Issues:

There was no new information on this subject. The seating plan was implemented during the 2001-2002 Basketball season.

Student Seating:

- There is a new voucher system for students. Their seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- Lee brought up the fact that last year there was a problem at the MU-Illinois on-sale with students lined up on the West side, blocking the handicap entrance. *Students will be moved to the North entrance, but it does not meet ADA standards, so students with disabilities can at least be brought to the regular entrance on the West Side.*
- Dr. Schumacher asked what changes would have to be made to the North entrance. There is a 5% slope requirement. Campus Facilities will evaluate the situation, plus Lee will look at the North entrance and give his input.

- Kathy brought up the Zou crew and the voucher system. She said MSA will do some brainstorming over the summer to see how the voucher system will effect the spirit section.
- Dr. Schumacher also brought up the issue of how many tickets are sold to the basketball games. Many people have expressed concern to him, but with the new all sports passes this should not be a problem.
- Tom mentioned how the Iowa game was over sold.
- The voucher system should eliminate over selling tickets.
- The student HAS to pick up the voucher and the numbers of vouchers are capped for 4 to 5 games. Issues to take into account with this are:
 - a) Voucher line
 - b) Line for the game
 - c) First come/ first serve
- Roger is going to get a copy of the 2002-2003 All Sports Pass information and e-mail it to the committee as well as check to see if that information is up on the website.

5. Update on the New Arena

The schematic design report is up for reviewing. Everything is moving as scheduled. They are discussing office space.

Bobbi Shaw, MSA Vice President, asked how the student funds have been spent. The sound system was created with student fees

- It is not known exactly how much is in the student account
The student Fee Review Committee would like to start making reallocation suggestions.

6. Recommendations on Advisory Report:

- A summary of meetings with a packet of agendas, minutes, and handouts, along with a letter was given to the Director of Athletics and Kee Groshong, who will provide suggestions for things that might need to happen or things that are needed as well as how funds are spent and policies that need to be in place.
- Kathy made the suggestion to use student fees to bring the North side up to ADA standards if it determined that renovations are needed. They would be a good source of funding.

- Roger talked about what will happen after it is decided what role the Hearnes Center will play when the new arena opens. The lighting system remains an issue. It could use some kind of dimmers, plus the fixtures are extremely old. The building needs modernization to make it more user friendly.
- Tom said the issue has been discussed and a plan has been created to avoid overcrowding.
- Tom had a safety concern regarding the blimp that drops coupons during basketball games. He felt this is very dangerous and safety needs to be an issue when marketing, the stairs are steep and installation of handrails is not feasible. The Athletic Department will review how and when leaflet or coupons will be dropped from the Blimp due to the safety issue.

Parking:

Concerns that were brought up over parking included:\

- When construction begins, where will overflow go?
- Will there be a shuttle? (Yes, there will be a shuttle from Carrie Francke lot for non-athletic events.)
- Will the tent area be moved? (Yes, into the Fieldhouse)

Blimp during Women's Basketball Games:

Tom said that the blimp drops coupons on A level steps and a person reached over to pick up a coupon. Does the blimp have to drop coupons? This is very dangerous and safety needs to be an issue when marketing. The stairs are steep and installation of handrails is not feasible.

The committee was reminded that students will be returning June 3.

Meeting Adjourned.