CHARTER COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Committee: Hancher Charter Committee

Report Year: 2016-2017

Committee Chair(s)	Mark Miller (student)Greg Thompson (staff)		
Committee Members	 Chuck Swanson (administrative liaison) Laurel Farrin, James Torner, Scott Vogelgesang (faculty) Marian Andersen, Greg Thompson, Cathy Koebrick (staff) Patricia Clinton, Ken Kuntz (emeritus faculty) Vance Van Daele (ex-officio) Mila Kaut, Joe Scheivert, Mark Miller, Nic Steffes, Alexandra Holmblad, Patrick Rossmann (students) 		
Committee Charge	 Advise the Director in formulating and reviewing general policies for events presented to the University community and others. Provide feedback as requested on annual schedule of music, theater, dance, and the other performing arts; provide suggestions as requested on methods to increase revenue and audience. Advise on the public reaction to the cultural and entertainment programs offered at Hancher Auditorium, the educational aspect of these programs, the promotional techniques supporting them, and the financial success of the various series and individual programs. Promote and advocate for support of Hancher's programming and contributions to the University of Iowa City communities. 		
Current Year Meeting Dates	 Friday, November 4 at 3:00 pm Monday, December 12 at 1:30 pm Thursday, March 2 at 5:30 pm Friday, April 7 at 8:30 am Wednesday, May 10 at 2:00 pm 		
Please indicate the typical frequency of meetings (e.g., first Tuesday of month at 4 pm). If there are subcommittees, please indicate the frequency of those meetings, too.	Typically we meet two or three times per semester. Meetings run for 1-1.5 hours. Chairs typically meet for ~30 minutes one week before meetings to set the agenda.		
Current Year Activities	 Encouraged student involvement at Hancher Advocated for Thursday Nights at Hancher Sent mass e-mail to students, faculty, and staff 		

	 Worked to become familiar with the facility and the needs of the staff Worked to understand the facility in its first year Acted as a group to talk ideas through and to provide feedback during this opening season. 		
Topics your committee anticipates addressing during the coming year	 IIHR River Festival (slated for 2020) Act as a sounding/advisory board Continue with Thursday Nights at Hancher Continue to encourage student, faculty involvement Mass e-mails for fall and spring Possible student survey Provide feedback on the season 		
Other issues of concern	Committee attendance, <i>especially from students</i> . Suggest moving to a structured scheduling model based on the semester calendars of the members.		
What should we tell applicants for this committee regarding expectations of members (anticipated workload, existence of subcommittees, etc.)?	 Recognize and adhere to the Hancher Advisory Committee confidentiality agreement. Attend all meeting for maximum committee effectiveness Attend Hancher performances in order to contribute to discussions Plan to meet about once per month for one hour 		
The Faculty Senate Office collects agendas and minutes from the charter committees to send to the university archives. Please let us know the best way to get that information from you (e.g., direct us to a website, put us on the committee's distribution list, etc.).	Monthly agendas and meeting summaries were sent to committee members via email. Agendas and minutes may be requested from Mark Miller (mark-s-miller@uiowa.edu) or Greg Thompson (gregory-r-thompson@uiowa.edu).		
Recommendations, if any, to the shared governance groups.	This committee functions in many ways as an advisory and advocacy board as Hancher has no formal board of directors. The committee requests the Senate's support of its various initiatives. All members of the University community are encouraged to participate in Hancher activities and to consider offering their own service and suggestions. This committee requests increasing transparency as it pertains to committee selection in the future years. Specifically, early (end of previous semester) notification and coordination between chairs and administrative liaisons is requested. In preparation for the 2017-2018 year, this already appears to be improving (e.g. committee chairs have been assigned and notified).		

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