**Committee: Hancher Charter Committee**

**Report Year: 2017-2018**

| Committee Chair(s)           | • Mila Kaut (student)  
|                            | • Greg Thompson (staff)  |
| Committee Members           | • Chuck Swanson (administrative liaison)  
|                            | • Laurel Farrin, James Torner, Mark Levine (faculty)  
|                            | • Erika Christiansen, Greg Thompson, Cathy Koebrick (staff)  
|                            | • Patricia Clinton, Ken Kuntz (emeritus faculty)  
|                            | • VACANT (ex-officio)  
|                            | • Mila Kaut, Joe Scheivert, Rachel Rinehart, Stella Wong, Haley Ver Steeg (students)  |
| Committee Charge            | 1. Advise the Director in formulating and reviewing general policies for events presented to the University community and others.  
|                            | 2. 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.  
|                            | 3. 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.  
|                            | 4. Promote and advocate for support of Hancher’s programming and contributions to the University of Iowa City communities.  |
| Current Year Meeting Dates  | • Monthly on First Friday of the month for 1.5 hours.  |
| 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     | • Assisted in feedback on programs and events happening at Hancher and proposed for the future.  
|                            | • Encouraged student involvement at Hancher – Started table at Orientation.  
|                            | • Discussed separating the group out into a separate student group.  |
| Topics your committee anticipates addressing during the coming year | • The Big Splash Support (slated for 2020)  
  • Act as a sounding/advisory board  
  • Continue with Thursday Nights at Hancher  
  • Continue to encourage student involvement at Hancher  
  • Determine key objectives advisory group can contribute towards  
  • Determine how best to involve student members of the advisory group.  
  • Provide feedback on the season |
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<td>Other issues of concern</td>
<td>Committee attendance, <em>especially from students</em>. We tried a more structured meeting plan this year and were still not able to get students engaged in the meetings. We also had to replace the student chair early on.</td>
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| 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 to an hour and a half. |
| 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 Greg Thompson ([gregory-r-thompson@uiowa.edu](mailto: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 with UISG on finding intentional student leaders to become involved. |