

River Campus Board of Managers Minutes

April 23rd, 2025

Attendees	Danielle Poyner, Brad Koester, Bruce Skinner, Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Sophia Han, Kenneth Haskin, Brittany Schroeder
Guest	Lauren Jones
Location	River Campus Seminary, Conference Room (RCS305)
Minutes	No minutes were approved at this meeting.

Danielle Poyner called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.

Agenda

- **Presentation from Lauren Jones-** Lauren Jones put together a comparative analysis of different rentals in our area and bigger areas, showing what the River Campus offers versus other performing arts rental spaces. Lauren handed out a packet to the board for everyone to review the different performing arts spaces and prices. She will put together a more detailed review of the details on the spaces, factoring in the seat capacity, labor, and will send that out to everyone. Lauren stated the River Campus is the only performing space that can accommodate her production. She would like more transparency in the scheduling calendar, so she has more flexibility for her show dates. Lauren also stated it would help with her planning because her productions usually take 6 days from start to finish. It would be ideal for them to have 7-10 days to get ready for a show. She stated that we make money off her productions and that it does not cost the River Campus anything to have her ticketed performances, and they can only do one production a year. The cost of the production was discussed; it is about \$75,000 per production, and there are sponsorships. Lauren discussed how different rental spaces charge different fees. She stated she does not want to raise the ticket fees, because it will keep people from being able to afford them. Lauren wanted clarity on the blackout dates on the calendar, along with not being able to do a show during winter break. There was discussion about how the university calendar is not the same from year to year, and there are many variables that go into planning the university calendar.

The deadline for the 2025-2026 season is May 12th. Athletics has not confirmed when homecoming will be this year. The River Campus knows what shows they will be doing for the upcoming season, but they have to align the dates with the events going on at the university.

Discussion

The next meeting was set for June 6th, 2025.

Motion made by Danielle Poyner to adjourn, seconded by Kenneth Haskin. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.