

Association of College Unions International

Out of the Box: A New Management Paradigm for College Unions

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- ***Observations: Management in College Unions**
- Current Conditions of What We See Today
- ***Elements of the New Paradigm**



- Management philosophy was about preserving value
 - *First generation buildings had a relatively low debt structure
 - ***Focus was on managing expense**
 - *"Only students" philosophy
 - ***Revenue streams were trickles**





*** THE PAST**

*Management philosophy was about preserving value

***Management Focus:**

- ***The hearth**
- ***The home**
- ***Campus leadership**
- ***Traditional students**

***Needs of student affairs**



*** THE PAST**

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Management Focus

- ***Subsidized operations**
- ***Heroic program efforts**
- ***Internal satisfaction**
- *Services based on perception shaped by anecdotal information



- Management philosophy was about preserving value
 - *Integration of services lacking: Silos
 - *Diversity of campus cultures rarely embraced
 - *Managerial skill sets internalized
 - The only game in town for certain services
 - ***No sense of price / value equation**



- Management philosophy was about preserving value
 - ***Strategic assets undervalued**
 - *Philosophical position on campus overvalued
 - *Asset management lacking
 - ***Lack of strategic mission orientation**
 - *Lack of understanding of speculative use
 - ***Underestimation of off-campus alternatives**



- *Management philosophy was about preserving value
 - *Little understanding of market analysis
 - ***Little understanding of competitive context**
 - Targeted outcomes not part of the picture
 Narrow understanding of student potential

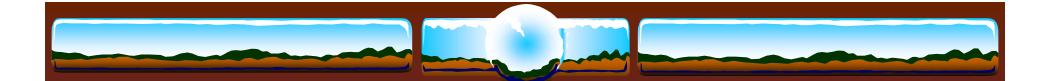




"What gets us in trouble is not what we don't know, it's what we know for certain that just ain't so."

Yogi Berra





The New Management Paradigm WHAT BOX! forget thinking out side of it





***CREATING VALUE**



Key Management Skills for Creating Value

- * Facilities: Thinking like a developer
- ***** Asset Valuation: Real estate principles
- * Planning: Does the sum equal the whole of the parts
- *** Utilizing HR tools effectively**
- *** Strong Financial Planning & Tracking Tools**





The New Management Paradigm **Creating Value** *Facilities: Thinking like a developer! Student Unions are fusing, morphing into a complex set of offerings, with interdependent units, which must be made to operate in a dependent scheme.





Creating Value

- *** Facilities: Thinking like a developer**
- - *Listening
 - *Negotiating
 - ***Seeing the whole picture**
 - ***Research**
 - ***Flexibility**
 - ***Marketing all assets**



* Creating Value

* Asset Valuation: While understanding the principles of community, also recognize the value of what you are sitting on, are adjacent to and are in the middle of. Your most valuable asset is the real estate you control and occupy.



- *** Creating Value**
 - ***Asset Valuation: Skill Sets**
 - ***Aggressive depreciation schedule**
 - *Understanding of real estate market conditions in your area. If not create those conditions internally.
 - *Recognition of adjacencies and dependencies
 - **& Understanding R.O.I principles**



- - **Planning:**
 - *Full understanding of campus master plan and where you fit.
 - Creating inclusion of your interests in the campus master plan.
 - *****Educating planners regarding your mission.
 - Influencing planning decisions which support your mission.



* GAP analysis: positioning your assets in the environment.

* WHAT is the relative campus capacity for an asset, what is your role in filling the gap?

* Defining the potential of the asset.





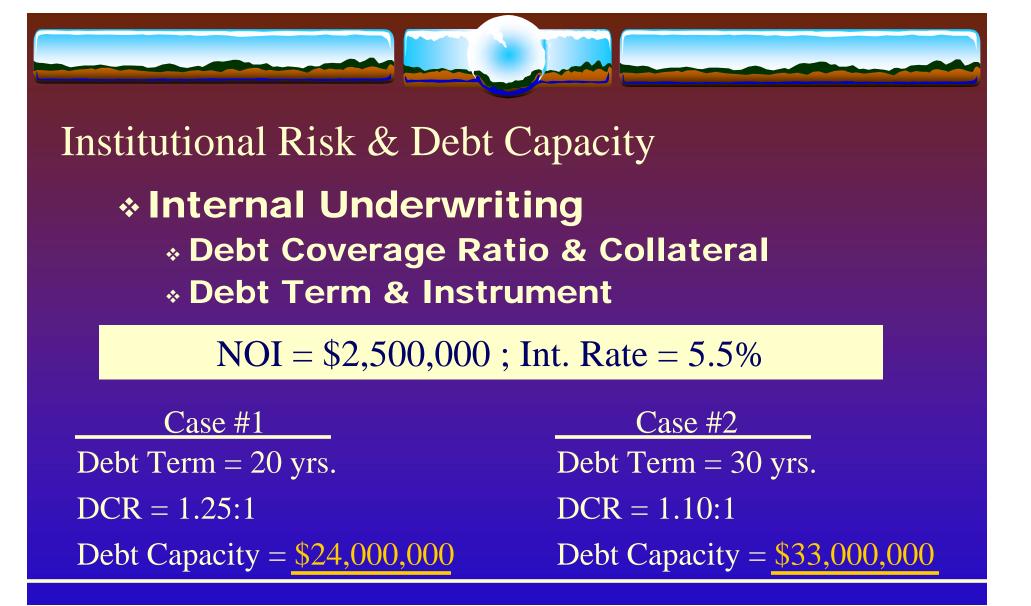
- * Full Utilization of HR Tools at Your Disposal
 - ***Outsourcing operations when appropriate**
 - *Performance standards built into evaluation criteria
 - Targeted outcomes/productivity goals
 - ***Use of PEO's (Professional Employee Orgs.)**
 - Staff is greatest asset, and liability
 - Recognition of the knowledge workforce





Key Management Skills for Creating Value Correct Financial Skill Sets





Student Fee Differential = \$50 Per Semester

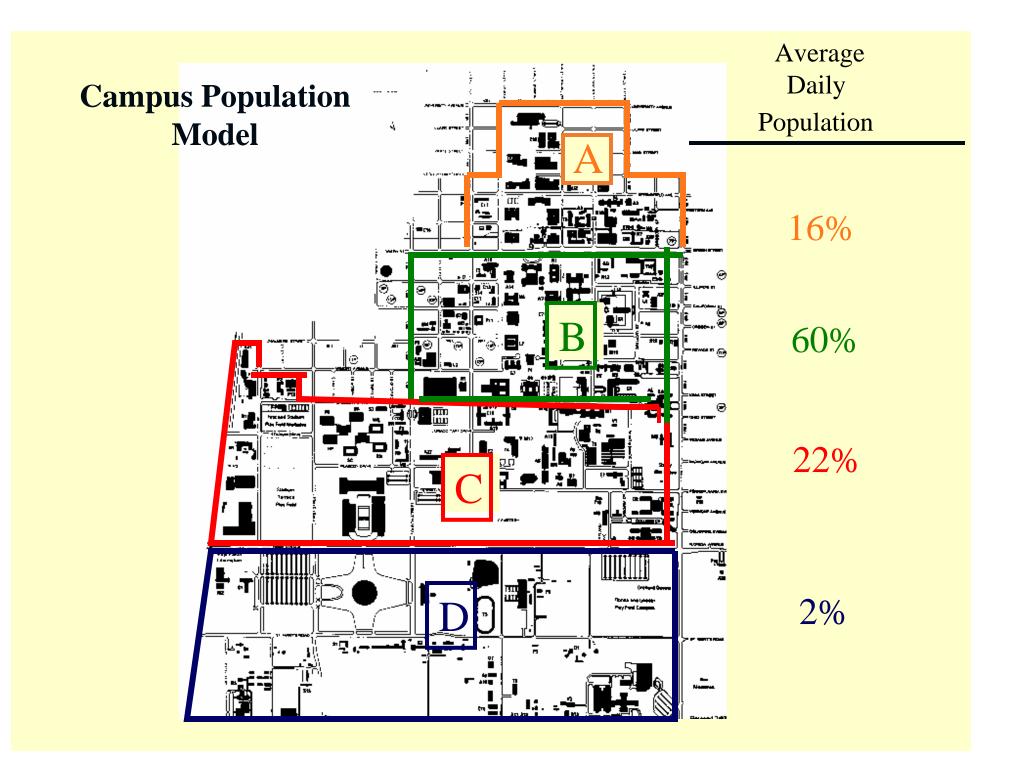




* Targeted Financial Outcomes Creating Value -30% of Budget from Non-Student Fee Sources -Operating Costs of \$10-\$14 Per SF

- Replacement Reserve of 5-7% of Building's Revenues





- *** WHY THE NEW MANAGEMENT PARADIGM**
- Unions are now seen as strategic partners in recruitment, retention and university relations.
- Enrollment growth demands productivity not complacency.
- University management on the whole is getting smarter.
- * Value of assets demands capable management.
- Competition for resources demands it.



*** Our Customers**

- Influenced by brands, once committed demonstrate loyalty
- *Authentic, unassuming, respond to humor, irony and the unvarnished truth
- *Most ethnically diverse group in collegiate history
- * Cool over all else



Our Customers

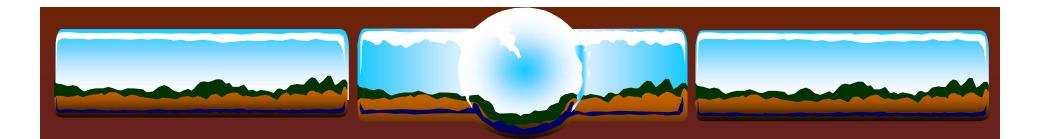
- * 75% say they ate fast food last week
- * 47% shopped at a mall
- * 78% of undergraduates have credit cards
- * Don't want to wait in lines, don't negotiate bureaucracies well
- * Technologically precocious
- * 66% surf the WEB everyday
- * Women: 56.4% of college population, expected to grow to 58% by 2007



WHY THE NEW MANAGEMENT PARADIGM
 New Generation of Buildings Require it
 Sophistication of Our Constituencies
 Skill sets are now available to us
 Knowledge based work force allows it

***Our Campuses Deserve it!**





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