

**UCAB Meeting Minutes**  
**Week 10**  
**November 5, 2017**

**I. Call to Order**

- A. 2:05 p.m.
- B. Members present: Ashley Awe, Hector Estrada, Eric Ramirez, Gary Le, Emily Trask, Nick Laub, Sharon Van Bruggen, Katya Avendano, Sara Gyi, Alex Morrow, Nick Lin
- C. Guests present: Patty

**II. Public Input**

- A. Kara Eskelsen - Grad student at school of pharmacy
  - 1. Representing Seratones - a service organization, specifically music therapy organization
  - 2. Applied for \$400 from UCAB for tech fees and last year we were granted the money. We have another quote this year that's \$400 as well.
    - a) Gary: When and Where?
      - (1) Thursday January 25th in PC East ballroom for 150 people
    - b) Sharon: Did you bring a copy of the quote with you?
      - (1) I can email it to you.
  - 3. We are going to be donating our proceeds to the clinics to benefit the patients
    - a) Gary: Is that an encouraged donation?
      - (1) Yes, they can donate at the door or online. It's free admission to the event.
    - b) Gary: Are you getting money from any other source?
      - (1) Applying to GSA and the triton community fund
    - c) Alex: What time?
      - (1) 6pm - 8pm
    - d) Gary: Are you advertising to the outside community and are alumni coming?
      - (1) Open to the public. As of now we haven't started advertising yet but we will be posting on Facebook to advertise to the public as well.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Motion to approve minutes as amended: Gary
- B. Second: Katya

**IV. Special Presentation**

- A. Student Veterans Resource Center (SVRC)
  - 1. Chrissa Jones
    - a) SVRC is located in student center A, above taco villa. We currently serve about 1600 military students plus additional students that are allies or older nontraditional students. The population we are serving is growing. We get about 30-40 visits

per day and as many as 60 people in the center. We usually have about 25-35 students at one time during workshops.

- b) One service that we offer is assisting students with their benefits, providing one-on-one assistance with military benefits. We also have drop in with CAPS if needed, and a peer mentoring program for students to be connected and engaged.
- c) Military connected students here on campus tend to be underperforming by about 6% under most of the average students. For most college campuses, military students perform better but for a variety of reasons they're not performing as well here at UCSD.
- d) Our center aims to provide support for them. We want to find the challenges that they're facing and learn what we as a university can do to help them succeed.
- e) Out of the students who use our center, they have an average 5% higher gpa than their peers, so we know that this resource center is making a difference.
- f) Moving forward we hope to bring in additional staff (working to add more coaches with our staff).
- g) Working on an agreement that will provide mental health support for our military students in addition to CAPS. This has been supported by CAPS, and the VA would take care of funding if we can take care of space.
- h) Looking for additional space with office 219 which is currently used for books for prisoners. Hopefully we can work with them to find other space.

(1) Speakers List Opened

- (a) Nick: Asking for the new space is that to expand service or continue the services?
  - (i) Expand services
- (b) Alex: Do you have plans with how you're going to work with the books for prisoners program?
  - (i) I don't, but we might be able to help them identify offsite storage space for their materials.
- (c) Sharon: You mentioned the department of Veteran Affairs as one of the expansions, are you looking to provide them with a permanent space?
  - (i) Yes, we are hoping to bring in two permanent part time staff members. Hopefully in the future we can find additional space for our full time staff.

- (d) Eric: Logistically, the door opens to the outside so would you ask to remove the door?
  - (i) We would ask to reconstruct the door, but that would be done with the funds from our budget.
- (e) Gary: Have you approached books for prisoners and started a dialogue with them?
  - (i) There's some anti-military sentiment that has been displayed from books for prisoners, so it's been hard to approach them when there has been tension between both parties. Working to bridge that challenge.
- (f) Ashley: UCAB gave books for prisoners that space
- (g) Katya: If we were to allocate them the space would you just replace books for prisoners with something else?
  - (i) Ashley: Don't think it would be possible to change it this year. This space would no longer be available as a student org office.
- (h) Gary: This space is currently used like a library which is not what we typically do for other student orgs.
- (i) Katya: Do we have a list of what other spaces are available?
  - (i) No spaces are available. There's a waitlist about 100 orgs long.
- (j) Sharon: The space allocation process happens in spring quarter. Information goes out in winter quarter, so organizations have to apply every year because it's not guaranteed that they will get that space again.
- (k) Alex (to Sharon): Is this space larger than other spaces?
  - (i) It's about 96 sq. ft. which is about average, but it only houses one org.
- (l) Emily: When do you need a commitment from this group? I'm assuming you can't move forward until we allocate you that space.
  - (i) We're putting a request for the 18-19 year hoping that the space will become available. We're also planing to move forward with the funding request anyway. If we didn't get the

space then we would have to share other offices spaces which would probably limit the number of hours the staff could work.

(m) Gary: What about the utility space?

(i) Sharon: That space cannot be allocated.

(2) Speakers List Closed

**V. Chair Report**

- A. Posting policy ad-hoc committee
  - 1. It'll come back winter quarter.
- B. ACUI March 21-24
  - 1. Takes place finals week of winter quarter, but if you're available please let Sharon know soon.
- C. RFP Meeting January
  - 1. I'll be sending out a doodle late winter break or early week 1.
- D. Meeting January 9th
  - 1. UCAB does not meet during finals so next meeting will be January 9th.
  - 2. Discussing budget next quarter
- E. I've gotten facebook messages from the board, but if it's time pressing and sensitive information then please email me.

**VI. Vice Chair Report**

**VII. Director Report**

- A. I'll give you an update about Vice Chancellor Juan Gonzalez
  - 1. Executive Vice Chancellor Elizabeth Simmons will be stepping in the interim to cover that roll
  - 2. We're still maintaining a strong connection so that information you bring to me can still get to them.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Tech Fee Balance: \$3027.00 Fall Quarter
- B. Tech fee subsidy
  - 1. Voting if it promotes alumni participation
    - a) 3 yes it promotes alumni participation, 3 no it does not promote alumni participation
    - b) Tie - Ashley: Last year it did, so i'm going to say that it does
  - 2. Voting if this event if a fundraiser
    - a) 6 yes it is a fundraiser, 0 it's not
  - 3. The event meets seven of the criteria
  - 4. Gary: Move to fund Seratones for \$225
    - a) Second: Nick

**IX. Old Business**

- A. Santorini
- B. TapEx
- C. Speakers List

1. Nick: My council wanted to keep Santorini. However with TapEx, we don't know how long it will take to put someone else in there so there was a 11-10 vote to keep TapEx. They don't want that space open for more than a year. If it's possible to get a vendor there quickly then they want to change out TapEx, if not then they want to keep it.
2. Gary: Santorini is a good vendor and a popular favorite. Of the grad students who go to TapEx, people say that the boba is good but the food is poor/acceptable. They wouldn't mind a new vendor but there's the issue of how long that space will be open.
3. Emily: People vote with their dollars and it seems to be ranked highly as far as student usage. In my mind, I wonder if we could give feedback to the vendor about the food quality.
4. Alex: If we do not renew them is another boba place coming?
  - a) Ashley: When a lease renewal comes to UCAB, we decide about whether or not to renew and for how long. If RFP decides a concept for the space then that's what we stick with so if UCAB decides for it to be a boba place then yes.
5. Gary: A lot of people accept TapEx and think that it's good enough for them. It's not great but they accept it. There's a demand for the niche to be filled. My recommendation would be to renew the lease for 5 years for both vendors.
6. Eric: Agree with Gary. Santorini has a favorable response. TapEx is a low priority replacement and people wouldn't want to see that space vacant right away. For now I would also recommend renewing it.
7. Katya - Move to call to question
  - a) Second: Gary
  - b) Gary: Move to extend the lease for Santorini and TapEx for 5 years
    - (1) Second: Katya
    - (2) Gary: Roll call vote
      - (a) Motion passes by 7 yes and 1 abstain

## **X. Member Reports**

- A. Katya: I would like to get your information because I'm doing an AS project where I wanted to try to have refrigerated lockers for PC.
  1. Gary: All of our information is on the current roster. It is on the website for UCAB under the board of directory.
- B. Alex: Nap pods - I found out from the student health advocate from my council that there will be a "napping center" in the student health office of the Triton Pavillion
  1. Also someone brought up that they wanted Einstein brothers to be a vendor in the future
- C. Gary: I don't think that's the same timeline of our project. Do you know the status of the pilot project for the nap pods?

1. No
- D. Hector: What's going on with Target?
1. No updates from last month but we are meeting next friday.
- E. Speakers List Opened
1. Hector: Some people wanted to know why Target won't go into the new pavilion instead of the bookstore. Also if they can they use triton cash and if it will affect the dining halls and markets?
    - a) Sharon: The head of the retail council reached out to me and asked how he could get feedback from students. If you're interested in asking these questions to the people directly in charge, then you should invite them to this meeting. Also, the space is not big enough to put Target in the Triton Pavilion, that's why it's potentially going in the bookstore. I will get back to you about the triton cash.
    - b) Hector: Does the 18,000 measure both floors?
      - (1) Measurement is just the second floor but they may lease the third as well.
  2. Eirc: Has the retail council thought about adding more student representatives besides Ashley?
    - a) Sharon: I can bring that to them. They have someone from AS as well, so they have 2 student reps.
  3. Gary: Who exactly is the person in charge of the lease of that management?
    - a) Sharon: It falls under the Vice Chancellor of Resource of Management and Planning. There is the director of the bookstore, but I don't know how involved he's been in this discussion.
  4. Alex: I'm concerned about the pricing and would it be inflated or the same as normal Targets? If it's inflated then what's the point of having it on campus.
  5. Eric: People said they wanted more outdoor space with the discussion of upcoming vacancies. Since the campus is urbanizing, they think we're missing just plain outdoor space, and with the lawn, they want to just keep it a lawn just maybe with outdoor furniture. One person wants to see more establishments that are open late.
  6. Gary: Most graduates are commuters and I don't think they would see much value in Target on campus especially if it's overpriced.
  7. Hector: How would it affect the community of La Jolla? Would this benefit the students of UCSD because they'll hire students to work at Target?
  8. Sharon: Target has a lot of stores with Starbucks kiosks in them. A statement came up that this Target would likely open a Starbucks in this space. UCEN already has a Starbucks, but the license that this Target might have with it's Starbucks might undercut the prices of the Starbucks we currently have.

9. Alex: Would it be that UCEN owns the starbucks or would it be licensed?
  - a) Sharon: It would be Target that owns the license. Target may have different licensing benefits that allow them to do things that UCEN can't do. They may or may not have that, just questions to think about.
10. Emily: Would the university be able to dictate the Target not open a competing starbucks?
  - a) Sharon: Maybe. That would all be part of a lease negotiation or a part of the specific terms that you would want to look at.
11. Gary: Bad form to have two of the same stores next to each other. Besides the fact that it's competing directly with our Starbucks, there's also Peet's on the first floor. If we move forward with Target, we'd have to strictly say no to a Starbucks because I think that's a bad idea.

F. Speakers List Closed

**XI. Open Forum**

- A. Gary: The green space thing is a good idea. Sad to see Uree lawn torn up. Can we have lawn blankets during the warmer weather to check out?
- B. Nick Lin: Heard that Seed and Sprout is going under new management. There's been reports from workers that there have been several violations.
  1. Move into closed session
  2. Move into open session
  3. There might be a fire hazard near the trees close to the snake path because people smoke there and there's a bunch of wooden litter that could be a fire hazard.
    - a) Sharon: This is not an area that we oversee, but I can certainly make a report about that and let the campus know.
  4. Gary: That's something for campus security. That's a spot that gets reported a lot but students keep coming back to that spot to smoke.
  5. Nick: I know we're going to be remodeling the round table area. Is there anyway to elevate the ceiling because it feels crowded or eliminate that step to make it feel more open. It's not round table itself but the area's not that well designed itself. Also, how do we access the minutes online?
    - a) Minutes should be up soon. They'll be out on the website and sent over the listserv.
  6. Alex: There was a UCEN booth playing music and it created a great atmosphere. Maybe we could get students to play their own types of music out there to promote atmosphere and community.
  7. Gary: When we demolish that amphitheatre I know UTC has that stage they set up during the day, so maybe that's something we can imitate.
  8. Sharon: Just a reminder that you have a small budget for implementing projects. You can pitch the idea to be on the agenda for further discussion. As UCEN updates its strategic plan, we're starting to narrow our focus, and place making is a goal for the coming years. The ideas of

the lawn chairs create a place that is welcoming, and I hope to continue these conversations when we continue the discussion next quarter.

**XII. Announcements**

- A. Ashley: UCAB will not meet next week. Try to keep your schedules open next quarter from 2-4:30 p.m.

**XIII. Adjournment**

- A. 3:06 p.m.