

University Centers Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes October 06, 2015

Fall Week 2

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 2:08 PM
- Present: Luke Wang, Claire Maniti, Taylor Hunter, Ryan Perez, Sharon Van Bruggen, Dan Jacobsen, Bryan Arias, Akshata Rohta, Terry Gutierrez, Toby Le

Public Input

- No public input

Special Presentation

- No special presentation

Chair's Report

- Current MSA expires May 2016
- Co-op lease meeting is happening, AS, GSA, UCAB and members of coop met during winter and spring quarter last year to come up with new lease terms for the Master Space agreement
- Terms will be more clear to the coops on what certification process looks like, roles of different student government and beneficial for all parties involved
- Previously AS and GSA had to recertify the coops because they had financial contribution, which is different than what is now
- Now relationship is between University Centers and coops
- Will send out chart of lease of terms, some changes made during summer to make it realistic and vetted through another round of discussion headed by university administration
- Coop advisory committee decided on a direct utilities rent model, coops will be responsible for the upkeep but won't be a monthly rent check

Bryan – The rent has been subsidized in the past, will that be discussed as well?

Claire – Subsidized by GSA?

Bryan – Wasn't the rent lowered for a while?

Claire – There was a reduced rent rate for the student center coops, not the Che, but for the G-Store, Groundwork Books, and Food Coops. This was decided by UCAB because of the construction that was going on during the University Centers. That period expired at the end of

last year, but UCAB extended to the end of this fall quarter to see what will happen with the MSA. MSA will most likely not going to retain that rent, but no guarantee. That rent rate in the original MSA was not something that makes a lot of sense. Coops haven't been able to pay for it in the past. UCAB is recommending a set of metrics to determine how active students are involved in the space. When there is no rent, we need a way to effectively measure how students are involved in the Coops. UCAB will be calling for an ad-hoc committee to discuss what is reasonable and what is punitive, what will ensure students membership in the coops. We don't want offer extremely low rent to community members that is not used by students. For the time being the ad-hoc committee meeting will be at Thursday 2:00PM.

Ryan – I'm just curious why it said we don't recommend any student metrics, is that because we are going to talk about it in a future time?

Claire – The Coop advisory committee was meeting through Winter and Spring quarter working with a different scenario of what was possible with those spaces. The eviction with the Che was still slated to happen, the Chancellor hasn't stepped to pay for the renovation. The UCAB position was forced by the fact that there was not money in the budget. The referendum wasn't paying until this quarter and the renovation was too big to fit in the budget. Since the chancellor has identified it will fund the renovation, it does change the context of the discussion.

Vice Chair's Report

- The organizations that was assigned room E219 will be switched to E202 since Books for Prisoners are still in E219.
- We are still actively trying to reach out to B4P especially with a lot of materials and some flammables have been just put in there

Bryan – So you haven't been able to B4P

Luke – We have emailed them, and they have not responded to them

Bryan – But somehow they opened up the door and put paint cans in the room?

Luke – We have given out keys to student organizations who were suppose to occupy E219, so it's possible they have left them there

Claire – To give some background context, B4P was originally part of Groundworks. They applied to be a student org to be able to get university funding, but the problem is that they can't get a space unless they are registered. CSI orgs are responsible to keep their contact information up to date so we can tell them to obtain their keys and renew through space allocation. A couple years ago we realized they were using a space that weren't allocated to them, so we had to move all their items in to another space. We notified them last year that they should apply for space allocation, otherwise we can't let them have a space for free. Last year they didn't apply for

space allocation again, so now we are trying to figure out what to do with the four student organization who did apply for that space.

Ryan – Is it possible for put the books in a storage container or some other free space? I feel like the priority should go to the student orgs who

Luke – There are currently no space we can just move the books into.

Sharon – The solution is to move the four student organization into E202.

Luke – The student organizations are going to get the space that B4P was originally allocated to, which is an office space that need to be converted into a storage space.

Claire – In the meantime we are trying to get ahold of B4P, because if they are not a CSI registered student org they shouldn't be in that space.

Bryan – What is the final deadline and what are you going to do with those books?

Luke – Exactly what we will do with those books is unclear at this point

Bryan – I'm up for donating those books to like a local library if no one claims them by the end of the quarter

Claire – It is week 2 and a lot of student orgs are fluctuating, so if we give them a few more weeks to settle we can obtain a point of contact. Worst comes to worst I will just go to one of their Monday coops meetings.

Director's Report

- Starbucks are trying to open late Week 5, hoping to start Baristas training on Monday. Taking 3 weeks to train instead of two weeks.
- Will send out an email before the last day of training to try some new beverages
- Taco Villa
 - o Design Review Board has changes for the building and the deck. UCEN has some work that need to be accomplished before Taco Villa can do their work
 - o Some work will be done on the floor directly above Taco Villa, a lot of works will be done
 - o Minor changes were appealed,
 - o In the mean time, we are hoping to get Taco Villa to bring their taco cart in the Student Center once a week during lunch hours. This is important since there is very limited food option the student center.
 - o Ryan – Can we book the taco cart for events?
 - o Sharon – Yes, I will let them know that student orgs are interested. They still need to get their menu approved

- Claire – How long has it been since UCAB made the recommendation to seek a lease with taco villa? How much money has the vendor spent on being in that space?
- Sharon – It's been about 2 and half year since the lease was initiated. We are continuing with the lease at the recommendation of the campus attorney. It's an abnormally long project. Not surprising that a local vendor would take longer. Part of it has to do with working with a facility that is very dated. The vendor has spent over \$100,000.
- Ryan – Do we have a timeline on when will the taco cart will be coming?
- Sharon – Middle of the quarter. Week 6ish.
- Ashley – Do you know how long construction will take?
- Sharon – Usually it will take 5 months, but the facility is rather dated so it will take longer.

New Business

Tech fee subsidy

- No tech fee subsidy

Old Business

- Graffiti Art Park
 - We can't verify that if we can renew it. We are trying to contact the Grounds department to see if it can be approved.
 - Tabled to next week.
- Catering MOU
 - Price Center has an agreement with UCSD Catering for them to provided exclusive catering to events hosted by departments and non affiliates.
 - Calling an ad-hoc committee to discuss this further
 - Aku – I asked Warren, and they were not willing to renew the MOU with UCSD Catering. If there is a way to have both options, they would appreciate that more. 23 said NO to and 1 said YES.
 - Claire – Just to clarify, student organizations are not required to use UCSD Catering, so is this for outside vendors?
 - Aku – Yes, this is for outside vendors. Like big events.
 - Sharon – The key piece to look at is row 5 of the document that discusses exclusivity
 - Bryan – So for any events, only the University Center, is included in the MOU right?

- Sharon – It's just the Price Center, not including Cross Cultural Center and Alumni, but they bought those areas. Does not apply to Student Services Center or Student Center
- Ryan – No affiliate mean people who are trying to use our space but has no connection to UCSD?
- Sharon – Right, they pay a reservation fee, and they must use UCSD Catering for any catering needs. The pro on that is that there is a catering kitchen by the ballroom that is paid for by the MOU contract. It's about 46,000 dollars a year rent payment to UCEN. If we have outsider caterers, we would no longer have that payment and we need to manage that space including build out a kitchen.
- Bryan – Is that catering kitchen used often?
- Sharon – HDH use it every night because they are doing their prep at their stores for their Grab & Go items.
- Aku – Suppose student organization have to host some events at the Ballroom, they can use any catering they want?
- Sharon – They can use any catering they want according to the MOU. Student organizations are excluded.
- Ryan – Has student orgs or AS used UCSD Catering for their large events?
- Claire – It's always an option, but because of the cost prohibitive nature students orgs often choose alternative option.
- Ryan – We use that leverage to get a higher rent?
- Claire – Yes. If we reduce the exclusivity it will also reduce the amount of the rent they are willing to pay
- Luke – Just to clarify, student organizations can use any catering they want, they just need to indicate and provide insurance in the TAP form.
- Sharon – We can also look at the student org exception, we can keep it or take it out, or make it as UCSD Catering and PC vendors.

Member Reports

Bryan – GSA had their first meeting yesterday, there is a GSA UCAB rep position open that Daniel has been proxying for now. Looking for a new person

Ashley – SCERC is love with Lemongrass. Lot of support for Graffiti Art Space. Council had a lot of questions regarding the seating of PC. Somebody suggested that if we could leave the door that leads to the food court open all day? Somebody also asked we don't pay to keep the outside cool. Want to look into how much it would cost to open the door more? If too expensive students should just use the doors designed to be used. The dean said the windows looks like garage doors and they used to be open all the time and why aren't they open now?

Sharon – Garage doors haven't been open in about 10 years. Area is not fitted to have that open. Currently doing a quote on adding a sliding door near Panda Express. Can't keep the current

door open all the time. We have added seating to Plaza and added umbrella to the second floor seating area. Added more seating in the game room. Once Starbucks open we will regain seating in the space.

Ashley – Why can't we keep the doors open?

Sharon – Health standards.

Ryan – Wondering about the Original Student Center seating.

Sharon – Scheduled to come in mid-October. No enough updates on it.

Announcements and Open Forums

- Secretary position is still open!

Adjournment: 2:48 PM