

**University Centers Advisory Board**  
Meeting Minutes – NEEDS APPROVAL  
Winter 2019, Week #6  
February 12, 2019

## Opening

The regular meeting of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:02 pm on February 12, 2019 by Alex Morrow in the Warren College Room.

## Attendees

1. Alex Morrow (UCAB Chair)
2. Joey Mendoza (UCAB Vice Chair)
3. Jesús Fernández (Student at Large Representative)
4. Daniel Howanec (Student at Large Representative)
5. Liora Kian Gutierrez (Staff Association Representative)
6. Pamela Frugé (Alumni Representative)
7. Reilly Cannon (Revelle Representative)
8. Achol Chowdhury (Muir Representative)
9. Harrison Oliphant (Marshall Representative)
10. Koushik Tuppil (Warren Representative Proxy)
11. Annamarie Bucknum (SCERC Representative)
12. Katya Garcia (Sixth Representative)
13. Sharon Van Bruggen (Director) – ad hoc, non-voting
14. Elijah Garcia (UCAB Secretary) – non-voting

## Public Input

- Representative Nitika Jain from Korean Fusion Dance Club
  - Came to discuss their event Fusion Kick-Off Dance Showcase, an event that will provide a platform for UCSD dance teams to perform and highlight the diversity of dance.
  - Annamarie inquired: Is this an educational event?
    - Nikita: No, the showcase is for dance teams and primarily cultural
  - Jesús inquired: Who did you ask for funding for this event?
    - Nikita said they asked AS for funding, but AS assumed UCAB would fund event, so AS only gave them \$100.
    - Joey clarified that there was an error in the tech fee subsidy application system, in which an internal system error wrongfully allocated them \$500. AS was going off of these incorrect numbers.
  - The event date is Sunday 3/3. The showcase itself is 7:00pm-10:00pm, but the stage opens at 2:00pm to allow rehearsals.
  - Achol inquired: Is the event free? What is the estimated attendance?
    - Nikita: Yes; 400.
- Representative Binxuan Li from Musician's Club
  - Came to discuss their event Iconic, a music show in which current students and alumni play "iconic" music from the past few decades.
  - Harrison inquired: When will this event take place?
    - Binxuan: Saturday 3/2 from 7:00pm-9:30pm, in PC East Ballroom
  - Joey inquired: How will this event promote alumni participation?
    - Binxuan: About 10% of the performers are alumni
  - Achol: What is your anticipated attendance?

- Binxuan: About 300-350

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Achol wanted to correct her title from “Muir Representative Shadow” to “Muir Representative”
- Alex and Joey wanted to emphasize that the Rocky Rocky Ramen example was a hypothetical scenario.
- Motion to approve minutes from Week 5 of Winter 2018 as amended: Alex
  - Second: Reilly

### **Special Presentation**

- None.

### **Chair Report**

- Budget Committee
  - This committee will start meeting next quarter, so now is the time to think about potential projects that might need funding.
- Space Needs Discussion
  - A discussion took place regarding the benefits of having a Space Needs Committee versus a Space Needs Retreat
    - A committee would be a smaller group that meets frequently over a period of time
    - A retreat would involve the entire board meeting once for 2 hours to get their planning work done
  - Sharon commented that a committee provides more time to gather information
  - Harrison commented that a retreat would be ideal for input, but difficult to schedule
  - Joey clarified that all committees still have to present their work to the board, allowing for everyone to provide input
  - Achol agreed that a committee would be more effective
- UCAB Special Projects Budget: \$5000
  - Last year, UCAB purchased the commuter fridge for the arcade space
  - Kaushik asked if placing more tables in the Farmer’s Market area would be under UCAB jurisdiction.
    - Sharon: The Town Square area isn’t funded by UCAB, but we can make a suggestion to place more tables

### **Vice Chair Report**

- Joey was concerned that very few students are familiar with the changes coming to campus, particularly the Torrey Pines Living and Learning Community (TPLL) and the Ridge Walk project.
  - He asked Robert Clossin (Director of Physical and Community Planning) to give a presentation, so the board can better visualize the changes that will be happening on campus
- The first Space Allocation Committee meeting will most likely be in two weeks.
- There are 2 new tech fee subsidies coming up.

### **Director Report**

- A branding process of review, regarding the University Centers brand, has begun
  - Currently looking for feedback from student surveys and focus groups

- There will be presentations on the name and icons (past and present) of University Centers
- Expect to be back for discussion before the end of the quarter
- Space 1420, Dirty Birds
  - This is a common area project (interior dining area, exterior patio) funded by University Centers, and will include the first gender inclusive multi-stall restroom
  - Patio construction has been proceeding slowly and cautiously, since there are a lot of utilities (live wires, plumbing, telecom) under the patio area
  - Dirty Birds is expected to provide their plans for first round review by the end of the week
- Sharon wanted to address a few things from Soda & Swine conversation last week; she believed some things were misleading in how they were presented, though she doesn't think it was intentional
  - Arsalun mentioned that they were given a building full of asbestos and lead, but this was not accurate
    - The asbestos on the rooftop was mitigated previously when installing new roof; a covering was poured to seal the asbestos, which is an acceptable practice
    - This should not be contributing to cost overruns or time extensions
    - Abatement is only necessary if they need to penetrate the roof, and only in the immediate area. Originally they planned to use the existing penetrations.
    - This situation was disclosed and discussed when the lease was signed and plans reviewed
  - The building does not have lead pipes, but pipes painted with lead paint for the fire sprinklers
    - The fire marshal approved of using the existing fire sprinkler system, and the lead paint was disclosed, University Centers was told Soda & Swine would use the same setup. This recently changed.
    - The fire sprinkler changes were deferred submittals and not included in the plans submitted 10 months ago
    - The presentation made it sound like University Centers delivered a facility that was substandard, but that is not accurate.
  - Regarding the issue of traffic at night, we fully anticipate the student center to be lively in the evening when the pub is open again. It is an anchor of the student center.
  - Pamela inquired if there was a reason these corrections weren't brought up during the initial presentation
    - Sharon tried, but they had run out of time to discuss further and she didn't make the speaker list
- Blue Pepper
  - Sharon wasn't present when this was first discussed and wanted to make sure the context of other decisions would be kept in mind
  - Vacancy means loss of income and service for a period of time
  - Sharon thought timelines would have been presented, but Joey said there were none

## **New Business**

### **Korean Fusion Dance Club Tech Fee Subsidy**

- This event is for UCSD students, alumni, and the dance community of San Diego

- The event is free, with a projected attendance of 700
- The club is requesting \$500 for their subsidy
- The event is not a fundraiser or educational event
- The event will be in Price Center
- Jesús asked about the event length, since the representative said 2.5 hours at one point, but later said 7:00pm-10:00pm
  - Joey clarified that the paperwork says 3:00pm-10:30pm, and the competition portion is 7:00pm-10:00pm
- Liora asked if the club would be able to go back to AS and seek the additional \$500
  - Joey said it's good they came and explained their situation to the board, but he was not sure what the club's options would be if they don't get the full \$500 they need
  - Sharon: For annual events, the staff sometimes pulls up previous annual event reservations for reference. If they forgot to delete last year's event budget, it's a University Centers mistake.
- There was a discrepancy regarding whether or not the event connects with the San Diego community, and a roll call vote was taken
  - Yes: 6
  - No: 5
  - Abstain: 2

#### Musician's Club Tech Fee Subsidy

- The annual event is open to all students
  - The event will be on Saturday 3/2 from 7:00pm-9:30pm in PC East Ballroom
  - There will be a ticket price of \$5
  - After selling out last year, the projected attendance is 350
  - The club is requesting \$350, but hasn't sought out additional funding
  - not fundraiser, encourage alumni engage (10% orchestra are alumni)
  - Alex: What is their estimated budget?
    - Joey: \$2000
- There was a discrepancy regarding whether or not the event brings people to University Centers for 3 hours, and a roll call vote was taken
  - No: 12
  - Yes: 0
  - Abstain: 1
- There was a discrepancy regarding whether or not the event connects with the San Diego community, and a roll call vote was taken
  - No: 12
  - Yes: 0
  - Abstain: 1

#### Voting on Tech Fee Subsidies

- Korean Fusion Dance Club
  - The event meets 7 of the 10 criteria.
  - UCAB can allocate \$1.50 per student, which totals to the full requested \$500
  - Motion to approve \$500 for Korean Fusion Dance Club: Koushik.
  - Second: Reilly
- Musician's Club
  - The event meets 3 of the 10 criteria.
  - The event does not meet the minimum requirement for UCAB to fund \$1.00 per student

- Motion to table this funding request indefinitely: Jesús
- Second: Reilly

#### Tech Fee Subsidy Criteria Discussion

- Joey thought Criteria 6 was too vague, and wanted to open a discussion to reassess the language
  - Motion to move this issue to new business for next week: Jesús
    - Second: Liora
  - Objection, choosing to move the issue to Open Forum: Harrison

#### Tech Fee Subsidy Criteria

- Joey believed the language is confusing, and took issue with how to define “fostering” and “San Diego community”, opting to change to language to “Is the event open to the public?”
  - Sharon explained the history of the criteria, and that they were developed by UCAB while discussing what was important for University Centers and students at the time
  - Koushik: If the events are funded by UCAB student fees, why is there a necessity to promote them to people from the San Diego community?
    - Took issue with the purpose and advantages of Criteria 1 and 6
    - Jesús said that “foster” implies a more active role, while “open” is passively encouraging
    - Joey clarified that fostering connections is part of the UCSD and University Centers principles of community, and newer students without cars don’t get vital exposure to the greater community
      - Criteria 1 gives an advantage to educational events that might otherwise suffer from low attendance
- Koushik felt that Criteria 1 and 6 are extra burdens that prevent clubs from getting funding, especially since there’s a leniency of 2 criteria to get full funding
  - Jesús commented that the Criteria provide clubs with an incentive to reach every requirement to get maximum funding
  - Joey clarified that \$10,000 is set aside every year for Tech Fee Subsidies, and the criteria are in place so everyone can get funding
    - Suggested making the criteria and their effect on funding more explicit in the Tech Fee Subsidy application
  - Daniel supported the educational aspect of events, since the board represents University Centers
- Alex clarified that the criteria are vague because every event is different, and stricter criteria would make funding requests more difficult
  - Liora approved of the wording “open to the public,” as this would allow staff to attend events
- Motion to change the wording of Criteria 6 to, “Is the event open to the general public?”: Joey
  - Motion was taken to a roll call vote
  - Yes: 10
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 2
  - Motion approved

#### Old Business

Blue Pepper (BP)

- Nikhil brought a vote to the AS Senate members: 9 voted to keep, 8 were indifferent, 1 was fine with not renewing
- Reilly said his constituents were mostly in favor of renewing BP's lease, and took a Facebook poll that was slightly in favor of renewing
  - Since Revelle is close to BP, many students eat there
- Achol brought a vote to her constituents: 11 voted in favor of renewing, 13 were indifferent, none voted against renewal
  - Since Muir is close to BP, many students eat there
  - BP is the next closest Asian food compared to Panda Express and Lemongrass
- Daniel found that students didn't care about the food or quality of BP, but had issues with the space itself
  - UCAB would have to update the space and make it more active
  - Sharon: UCAB approved to refresh the lounge and dining area, so the whole lounge and most of the dining area will be replaced
- Katya brought a vote to her constituents: 12 voted to keep, none voted to remove
  - Comments: the food is affordable and well portioned, BP has specific vegetarian and vegan options while Lemongrass only offers tofu, the space should be renovated since it's used as a study space
  - BP is very popular with faculty, staff, grad students
- Koushik said a great majority of 200 Warren students didn't care about BP, since it's so far away from Warren and isn't exciting enough to warrant the trip
- Jesús said that bringing up TPLLC to his constituents made them reconsider their enthusiasm for BP
  - Thinks the indifference of the public is due to a lack of information
- Joey: Last quarter, Shogun came to present and ask for feedback. They sensed the changes happening in the university and proactively reached out to ask for feedback, and they have been acting on their feedback.
  - Shogun has been working with Korean and Chinese student associations to get international students' opinions
  - Joey: Shogun isn't even up for renewal yet and they're doing this much, but BP has yet to come to me
  - Sharon: After their 1.5 year renewal, Shogun came to me to find out what they could do so they can stay longer
- Harrison received many indifferent opinions regarding BP
  - Some students say BP is one of the best value eateries on campus
  - Believes TPLLC should be discussed with constituents to provide more context to BP's lease renewal
- Reilly: TPLLC won't be open until 2021, and if we don't renew BP, then the space won't be filled until then
  - Alex: The Retail Council mentioned that vendors for TPLLC might open sooner than the dorms (sooner than 2021)
- Katya suggested renewing the BP lease to overlap with new TPLLC vendors, and compare BP's performance then
- Koushik wanted to know how long would it take for a new vendor to get in the BP space
  - Sharon: It depends on the vendor and lease negotiation, but a new restaurant would be at least 1 year
- Achol: if we were to renew their lease how long would it be for?
  - Sharon: UCAB would make a recommendation on the lease, but consider periods of at least 2-3 years. A lot of work goes into negotiations, and any shorter than that is not an efficient use of time.

- Joey: Based on Shogun, a 1.5 year lease made them get moving and reevaluate why they didn't get a longer lease
- Koushik: when does the lease end?
  - Alex: September
- Alex went to the Retail Council and asked what they thought about BP.
  - They like that it's Asian cuisine, but don't like the space itself, or the food quality
  - Some want a more exciting vendor
- A vote could not take place since the meeting had run out of time.
  - Alex will reach out to the retail council for potential TPLLC vendor information.

### **Member Reports**

- None.

### **Open Forum**

- None.

### **Announcements**

- None.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm by Alex Morrow. The next general meeting will be at 2 pm on February 19th, 2019 in the Warren College Room.