

University Centers Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Winter 2019, Week #3

January 22, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:00 pm on January 22, 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. Ethan Dang (Sixth Representative)
5. Liora Kian Gutierrez (Interim Staff Association Representative)
6. Harrison Oliphant (Marshall Representative)
7. Daniel Howanec (Student at Large Representative)
8. Reilly Cannon (Revelle Representative)
9. Nikhil Pothuru (AS Representative)
10. Tanmay Shetye (Warren College Representative)
11. Pamela Frugé (Alumni Representative)
12. Sharon Van Bruggen (Director) – ad hoc, non-voting

Public Input

- None

Approval of Minutes

- Use "called to form" instead of "called to order" - Joey
- Motion to approve amended minutes - seconded.

Special Presentations

Smog Eating Mural - Greeks Gone Green

- Alex reminded UCAB by giving a description of the location, criteria, purpose, and size of the Smog Eating Mural.
- Uday: Once we finalize a design, we will come up with a customized plaque that pertains to that design. We will send that to UCAB to make sure it is approved. We selected five out of thirteen submitted designs. He shows and describes the purpose of each of the five final photos. We, as Greeks Gone Green, will make the final decision with your thoughts in consideration, and will send it back to you. We will get the ball rolling, and it should be done by the end of this quarter. We're hoping to collaborate with the Chem department.
- Alex is opening a discussion.
- Nikhil: Will this be sent to a printing company?
- Uday: We will send these photo submissions to a poster printing company, and they will print it out on vinyl mesh, and we will spray after that.

- Joey: How many finalists would you be expecting from us?
- Uday: we just ask that you pick what will be aesthetically acceptable, and from what you pick, we would have the final say.
- Nikhil, Harrison, Tanmay, and Daniel like the middle one. The middle one shows the environment.
- Uday: its most important that we show the technology like this and show that it has a natural effect in cost effective manner. That's why I really hope the chem department gets back to us. A lot of people don't know this technology exists.
- Joey: A lot of campus tours start at that spot. Also, there is a C02 reduction counter that is down the street of us where the seven vices and virtues art piece is. We, for a science and technology campus, are well known for our public arts. Take that into consideration when deciding what to put on the wall.
- Nikhil: will there be a plaque?
- Uday: Yes. We will have a paragraph that describes the art and UCAB and Greeks Gone Green.
- Alex: I believe UCSD is trying to go carbon neutral soon. That's another piece of information to help with your decision.
- Nikhil: Where will this mural be again?
- Uday: By the ATMs right over here.
- Alex: Any other questions, concerns, or opinions?
- Joey: A lot of people set up tents, stands, and stuff in front of that will. Will we be able to secure that space so people can see it for a few weeks when it goes up? Yield to Sharon.
- Sharon: This is a site-specific installation, and you must know by putting it in there, other things happen in that space. University Centers won't restrict events unless UCAB asks.
- Alex: I have heard about two different choices, number three and number five. Shall we take a vote on just those two? Who votes for number three? Seven votes for the San Diego bike. Number five? Three for the Sequoia.
- Uday: We will take the feedback and decide! Thank you

Sharon: Space

- Sharon: I won't spend a lot of time on this, as I will email you both presentations to look over for the retreat. We got assessments from many different groups that relates to what we have been talking about with space.
- Sharon goes over the PowerPoint presentation about feedback on space issues from principal members, faculty and staff, and students. This presentation will be sent to all of UCAB.
- The presentation goes through the important points that were brought up by each survey. Main points were regarding: Meeting/Events Space, Storage/Common Spaces, and Ideas for Space.
- Alex: any questions for Sharon?
- None.

Chair Report

- Retreat is on Thursday in the ERC Room for 2-4. Office of Strategic Initiatives is going to talk to us to facilitate a discussion to see what we, everyone, values. They will help us decide what comes as a priority. Please come. Joey and I will be sitting in with you as discussion, not as facilitators, during the OSI discussion.
- Liora: Will we have a layout of the whole Price Center? Some of us are visual learners.
- Alex: Yield to Sharon.
- Sharon: Yes, there are maps online at the website.

Vice Chair Report

- The Lab will have an event, we will discuss it at Tech Fee Subsidies. Joey gives background on the event for voting later in the meeting.
- I'm not sure if you have noticed that students requesting Tech Fee Subsidies are coming in late to our UCAB meetings, and we need to re-order our meetings to accommodate them. What that does is cause disruption. I want to add to New Business, so we can decide on a New Policy that I will abide to. They need to follow the rules that are explicitly explained on our website.

Director Report

- We are working on refreshing our website and that is almost complete. The campus IT team is testing to make sure it's okay. This will likely go live by the end of this week, and if not, by the end of the month. As soon as it happens, I will let you know.
- The board will need to discuss Blue Pepper, as they are at the time where we need to decide if we want to renew them or find a new use for the space. You'll want to start asking your constituents what you want to do with this space. Either this week or the week after, we will have a formal presentation from the retail side.

New Business

Tech Fee Subsidy: The Lab

- Alex: Event called Art Counts by the Lab. The costs were estimated at \$581, and they are requesting \$500. The expected attendance is 200 students.
- The event meets 5 of the 8 criteria.
- Is there a motion to fund the lab for 200\$?
- Motion to fund the Lab for 200\$, and seconded.

Cash Policy

- Alex received an email from someone concerned that Seed and Sprout does not accept cash. Alex reads email out loud.
- Alex offers to open discussion
- Tanmay: This problem comes up because they give the food first, but if you can't pay with cash, you are denied the food that is ready for you.
- Joey: It isn't your food yet if you haven't paid for it. The critics might be out of touch, because most people in college use Venmo or non-physical cash services. Cash is antiquated. We have a lot more options with a card, because we don't depend on that

currency anymore. Seed and Sprout did not do this to exclude. If you are a small business order, Cash Handling is a huge financial cost on your operational cost. This doesn't seem like that much of an issue, even though I personally struggle financially. Is it part of our lease that says they must take cash?

- Sharon: They must take multiple forms of payment, but they do not need to do it for cash. And yes, they did make the decision to reduce operational cost.
- Pamela: The vendors here on campus aren't just targeted for students, but for the campus community in entirety. To me, it does feel a little shocking and possibly discriminatory if you can pay but can't. If they are going to do it, they must make it extremely clear. It does kind of put a space between them and the community. It is also one of the supposedly "healthy" places on campus, and they are creating a barrier.
- Liora: It is very informational for me to know the reason why they don't take it, but they must make it clear.
- Jesus: Aside from proper signage, I think paying first must be necessary. It would create more clarity and fewer lines.
- Pamela: Out of curiosity, what do they do with the food that has already been made, but hasn't been paid for?
- Sharon: Probably tossed.
- Joey: I just want to remind everyone that the reason why we have special retail places is to keep the cost down. In order to keep that lower, we need to keep retail owners successful. Restructuring things has a huge effect on them. It is within their choice to allow themselves to not take cash. Right now, there are no rules saying that cash must be accepted.
- Sharon: There is a lot to think about here. I advise you to get feedback from your constituents. This is a very new issue and we need more information. We have had a few complaints about this, and the complaints have gone directly to the vendor.
- Alex: I will table this discussion for time's sake and ask you to talk to your constituents and bring feedback next week.
- Motion to table and Seconded.
- Motion to table Tech Fee Subsidy Policy discussion to next week, and Seconded.

Member Reports

- None

Open Forum

- None

Announcements

- Sharon: It is Commuter Appreciation Week. There are also a few events for Black History Month.
- Pamela: Black History Month Calendar is live online. Lots of wonderful events happening throughout the month. Saturday the 23rd of February there is an annual scholarship lunch. The Theme is "Migration". We have an author speaker. Great opportunity. UCSD

Student tickets are 5\$. 50\$ per person normally. This is to encourage student participation.

- Alex: Retreat is on Thursday. 2pm ERC Room. Come openminded and prepared. Think about what spaces are prioritized.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm by Alex Morrow. The next general meeting will be at 2pm on January 29, 2019 in the Warren College Room.