

**University Centers Advisory Board**  
Meeting Minutes – AMENDED  
Spring 2020, Week 6  
May 5, 2020

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:04pm on May 5, 2020 by Joey Mendoza on Zoom.

**Attendees**

1. Joey Mendoza (UCAB Chair)
2. Aditya Arora (UCAB Vice Chair)
3. Wendy Tam (Warren College Representative)
4. Pamela Fruge (Alumni Representative)
5. Sherry Yin (Marshall College Representative)
6. Amberine Kabir (Revelle College Representative)
7. William Ebro (Roosevelt College Representative)
8. Sharon Van Bruggen (Executive Director) – ad hoc, non-voting
9. Samir Nomani (Muir College Representative)
10. Kaitlyn Wiloughby (AS Representative)
11. Emily Trask (Staff Association Representative)
12. Raquel Lara (SAAC Chair Shadow)
13. Alicia Yancey (SAAC Chair/Representative)
14. Patty Mahaffey (Assistant Vice Chancellor) – non-voting

**Public Input**

- None.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve minutes from Week 5 of Spring Quarter as amended: Samir.
  - Seconded by: Sherry.

**Special Presentations**

- Enid Partika-The Bioenergy Project
  - Inspired to create this because the world was entering the food, energy, and climate trilemma. Inspired to create this system because UCSD was not composting a lot of their food waste. Wanted to help provide produce to students who need it.
  - Our Solution: a new composting anaerobic digestion system. Have enough capacity to expand and continue the program.
  - Overtime we collected from over 15 locations in Price Center and began to collect from HDH and other on-campus locations. Now we have 25 university locations, amounting to 70,000 pounds of waste in a year.

- Collected food waste is transported to the garden. It is processed on-site and used to produce greens, herbs and lettuce to provide to organizations like the Triton Food Pantry.
- Student interns get research opportunities and receive hands-on experience.
- Having a centralized bin collection system would be cheaper and less time-consuming.
- Potential Timeline: Business Procurement Agreement from UCAB, to work agreement through the marketplace, and beginning university pickups during September 2020.
- Summary: Goal is to relieve food insecurity through community education and empowerment.
- Discussion/Questions:
  - Samir: Great idea! Have you spoken with any other organizations like student sustainability?
    - Enid: Yes, we spoke to the student sustainability collective and received funding for a couple years. We have collected food waste from them as well. Scripps is also utilizing our waste collection program and entered in an MOU agreement with us.
  - Sharon: You have changed from a student-run organization to a small business. How do you foresee the summers being different, with less student employees?
    - Enid: While students work during the year, we can take over in summer. We have full-time staff that can step in.
  - Aditya: Next year, North Torrey Pines is doing a similar project. Are you involved in this?
    - Enid: We have some association with it. We made an agreement that one of our staff will be maintaining and monitoring that new digester system.
  - Joey: We will be in touch with you as this will be a continued discussion. The work your organization has done is very incredible. We hope that we can support you in any way possible.

### **Chair Report (Joey)**

- UCAB Budget Committee- Met this past week. You may still attend the committee. Usually meets Thursdays, 2:00-3:00pm. Email the chair if you would like to attend, and the meeting ID will be provided.
- UCAB Selection Committee- Link to Doodle has been sent out. Minimum of two voting UCAB members are needed. Sign up if available.
  - Samir: What is this committee for?
    - Joey: You work with the chair to go through the applications for Chair and Vice-Chair positions and present these findings to the Board.
- Directory Project- Required. Send a .png or .jpeg file of you in your “zoom environment.” Deadline is 5/6/2020. Send to [ucabsecretary@ucsd.edu](mailto:ucabsecretary@ucsd.edu)
  - Testimonial Project- Optional. Send a video about your experience on UCAB. Make it fun, exciting, and engaging. No more than 30 seconds needed. Telling people what you have learned from UCAB and why someone should join.

### **Vice Chair Report (Aditya)**

- UCAB Space Allocation Committee- Met on Friday for the first meeting. Decided that the rollover for space is until next fall. We will have a reregistration form and new deadlines and can open unused spaces to other student organizations. Meeting again this Friday, 10-11:00AM.

### **Director Report (Sharon)**

- Continuing with essential services at Price Center.
- Spread the word about the Virtual Student Union! It currently has 175 virtual events available. Lots of great and exciting content.
- Have added a feedback form asking students about what content they would like to see for the student union. The response is that students want to learn something new or find something to do at home. They are also interested in photos and videos of past events. Feedback is taken seriously and used to improve the site.
- Adulting workshops have been popular.
- Mental health tips have been useful as well.
- Feel free to send any ideas for content that you may have.
- Discussion/Questions:
  - Joey: Has there been a pathway created for student organizations who have their own programming to submit this information to the events page?
    - Sharon: We will reach out to student organizations to post on the site. We want to make sure they have space to promote their activities as well. It will be emailed to all student organizations and can be found on the bottom of the website.
      - Students can now reserve a webinar channel to use without having to pay for a webinar license. Hope this can help them create content and opportunities to connect to their members.

### **New Business**

- None.

### **Member Reports**

- None.

### **Old Business**

- UCAB Representatives Amendment
  - Student Sustainability Representative- responsibility of the External Affairs Director.
  - Greek Life Representative
    - Joey: Reached out to Greek Life with some clarifying questions. Ultimately, the decision of how representatives are selected depends on the appointing party.
    - Alicia: Black Greek life should be included in this proposal as well.
      - Joey: There may be some confusion. Are they a council?
      - Alicia: Yes, it is its own council.

- Draft of the new clause (Article 3, Section 1, Clause 1): “One Greek Life Representative selected by the three Greek Life governing councils, Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and Panhellenic Associate.”
  - Joey: We can add an extra clause, “and any future Greek Councils that are founded hereafter.”
  - Patty: Having flexibility in the language is very helpful. Or simply not listing all the names of the council.
- Alicia: This council, NPHC, has existed since the 1930s. Having the broad language is helpful and doesn’t erase the fact that the council exists. Perhaps a different conversation can be held with the Greek councils about NPHC. However, giving them the ability to engage with UCAB is important.
  - Patty: Black Greek organizations are recognized the same way as the other Greek organizations and should be recognized by UCAB equally as well.
- Joey: How does this sound? “One Greek Life Representative selected by the Greek Life governing councils, Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and Panhellenic Association, and any future Greek Councils that are founded hereafter.”
  - Sharon: Future councils do not have a vote. We can simplify this to say, “only currently recognized councils.” Future language should be avoided.
  - Alicia: General language is the best middle ground as it leaves opportunity for them to be involved and included in the conversation.
  - Pamela: Agreed, language needs to be as inclusive as it can be.
  - Joey: This will be reworded and brought back to the board. We can move the discussion and vote to next week. Voting next week provides time for the approvals of the charter as well.

Motion to Table Discussion Until Next Week: *Approved.*

- UCAB Special Project Fund
  - Will: The Hub is a good idea to donate the fund to.

Motion to Donate the UCAB Special Project Fund for COVID Relief: *Approved.*

Vote: *Approved.*

### **Open Forum**

- None.

### **Announcements**

- Joey: Please send in your pictures for the UCAB Directory and sign up for the UCAB Selection Committee!

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm by Joey Mendoza. The next general meeting will be held at 2:00pm on May 12, 2020 on Zoom.