

University Centers Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes – AMENDED

Spring 2020, Week 7

May 12, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:03pm on May 12, 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. William Ebro (Roosevelt College Representative)
7. Sharon Van Bruggen (Executive Director) – ad hoc, non-voting
8. Samir Nomani (Muir College Representative)
9. Kaitlyn Willoughby (AS Representative)
10. Emily Trask (Staff Association Representative)
11. Raquel Lara (SAAC Chair Shadow)
12. Alicia Yancey (SAAC Chair/Representative)
13. Clarissa Elbo (Sixth College Representative)

Public Input

- None.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from Week 6 of Spring Quarter as amended: Will.
 - Seconded by: Samir.

Special Presentations

- None.

Chair Report (Joey)

- International Student AHC
 - Meeting: Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm, Thursday 4:00-5:00pm.
 - Sharon will be attending the meeting this week. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- UCAB Budget Committee
 - Meeting Thursday 2:00-3:00pm.
 - Made many necessary changes to the budget and will look at what kind of budget to propose for the next year before presenting it to the board for approval.
 - Everyone is encouraged to attend as these leadership positions allow you to ask complicated questions to our staff.

- UCAB Selection Committee
 - Have still not received any emails about anyone joining. Need at least two voting members to assist in reading applications for Chair and Vice-Chair. If you run for Chair, you can still be on the selection committee for Vice-Chair and vice versa.

Vice Chair Report (Aditya)

- UCAB Space Allocation Committee Meeting
 - Almost all issues were decided on. We have solid dates, simply need to come up with the email and have it verified before being sent out.

Director Report (Sharon)

- Continuing to work on the budget documents for the meeting.
- Working on the reopening/ramp-up plan to open the facilities in stages, eventually moving toward a full opening. It is likely that we will open small and easy to manage spaces first. Special protocols for staff and visitors could be implemented.
- This information will be available online once it has been planned out and approved.
- Currently on an events task force; outlining phases for ramping up attendance for events and gathering on campus.

Motion to Move to Old Business: *Approved.*

New Business

- UCAB Remote Banquet
 - Sharon: Looking into different options.
 - Option 1: Extend Grubhub credit to everyone to buy something, then gather together with our meals to celebrate virtually over Zoom.
 - Option 2: Pick a pizza location, order pizza to deliver to each individual. More cumbersome, must provide your address.
 - Grubhub seems to be the best option.
 - Discussion/Questions:
 - Joey: Grubhub credit is a good idea, but the issue is that there is controversy in how much Grubhub charges for its services to small businesses.
 - Emily: Is there anything we can do with Price Center vendors?
 - Sharon: It can be considered. They use Tapingo but Tapingo does not deliver. We have limited eating establishments open, and it is unclear if these vendors have delivery services through Grubhub or other methods.
 - Joey: Yes, and not all of us are in San Diego.
 - Samir: Ordering food individually and congregating on Zoom is the best option. Most efficient is ordering food ahead of time.

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

- UCAB Cultural Identity-Related Fund/Program
 - There are still many systemic issues about the underrepresented community of color.

- UCAB already does a lot to support organizations like the Raza Resource Center. This fund could supplement this support by creating incentives for programs around cultural identity.
- Discussion/Questions:
 - Joey: Our funds are derived from student fees, so we need to be content neutral. The challenge is if this fund for cultural identity takes away from content neutrality.
 - Samir: Would we define what this cultural identity is? Or is it more general?
 - Joey: This would be up to UCAB and University Centers staff to make sure that we are following regulations.
 - Alicia: What kind of criteria need to be met to apply for this type of funding?
 - Joey: Currently, none. Open to ideas and suggestions.
 - Will: Where would this money come from?
 - Joey: That will also be part of the conversation. One option is reevaluating the tech fee criteria and perhaps incentivize culturally diverse programming.
 - Sharon: This will take a lot of time and thought. The board should consider what they want to accomplish. Focus on narrowing down what you want to create and define it; find the right language and criteria first.

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

Member Reports

- Samir: Muir Council responded very positively to the Virtual Student Union and the fact that UCAB donated the special project fund.

Old Business

- UCAB Representatives Amendment-Greek Life Representative
 - Emily: There were many meetings and partnerships with the black resource centers over the years. We reserved tables for these groups during recruitment time. Sigma Gamma Rho is in the process of registering but it has been a struggle. We are actively working on strategies to address these challenges. The goal is to get enough momentum after creating one solid chapter on this campus. This beginning momentum will help us eventually accomplish getting three captures, and an NPHC council. We have much support from council leadership to welcome them to our Greek communities. Currently exploring multiple options, to overcome these obstacles.
 - Discussion/Questions:
 - Joey: Are chapters a prerequisite for a council establishment?
 - Emily: We are currently exploring that idea, the option of having a council but no chapters. But there are legal implications to figure out.
 - Pamela: Are we close to getting a chapter on campus?
 - Emily: Yes, right now we have three of the four required principal members for Sigma Gamma Rho and our team is meeting regularly with

them. Though operations have been negatively affected because of COVID-19, there is still hope.

- Sharon: Given that Sigma Gamma Rho is in the process of registering, and they are stalled because of COVID-19, is there any waiver that can be managed to get their organization up and running? Can we reduce the requirement to three registered principal members?
 - Emily: We are exploring that option, but many conversations need to be done in relation to that. We try to adequately benchmark with other school campuses as well. And, as expressed by the campus council, we cannot give one student organization different requirements than others.
- Alicia: Is there a chance that students can complete the process to establish a chapter, so it is not run by the city-wide chapter?
 - Emily: These chapters are city-wide, and ideally this structure will not be changed. There are UCOP policies and other regulations that make formal recognition complicated. We recognize it exists, but in order to have it registered at UCSD, it needs to adhere to all the UC policies and the UCSD policies. We are open to any unique and creative ideas to solving this issue.
- UCAB Amendment: Article 3, Section 1, Clause 1:
 - N. One Student Sustainability Representative selected by the Student Sustainability Collective.
 - O. One Greek Life Representative selected by the Greek life Governing Councils.
 - Discussion/Questions:
 - Will: How would NPHC be represented in the future?
 - Emily: All the councils are aware we are trying to form an NPHC council. They would be another council alongside the current three councils and their documents would change to reflect that.
 - Sharon: It should be made clear that it is just one representative for all Greek Life councils.
 - New Clause: O. One Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL) Representative to represent all SFL Councils, selected by a collaboration between the SFL Governing Councils.

Motion to Approve Amendment to UCAB Charter: *Approved.*

Vote: *Approved.*

Motion to Reorder Back to New Business: *Approved.*

Open Forum

- Emily: There are many dialogues on even weeks of the quarter. Encourage you to take note of those. We also have a list of virtual community service opportunities for everyone, available on the Virtual Student Union.

Announcements

- Alicia: Stoles and gowns being sold this week for virtual commencement and a potential in-person event.
 - Sharon: I hope you find ways to celebrate your graduation, fellow seniors!
- Joey: Proposed language for the amendment will be sent to A.S., G.S.A., and AVC Patty Mahaffey for approval.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm by Joey Mendoza. The next general meeting will be held at 2:00pm on May 19, 2020 on Zoom.