

## Meeting Minutes 11/26

### Meeting Minutes

Fall 2024, Week 9 | November 26th, 2024

#### 1. Call to Order

- The meeting to elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, November 26th, 2024, online.

#### 2. In Attendance

Shreya Ngunuri, Jess Huang, John Payne, Xavier Lopez, Elijah Cheng, Vitasta Mahajan, Elyse Kuta, June Jung, Isabela Killian, Olivia Ghilardi, Pamela Fruge, Mia Veloria, Camila Anaya, and Scott Strong

#### 3. Public Input

- None

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

- Elyse Kuta - Motions to approve meeting minutes
- Xavier Lopez - Seconds the motion

#### 5. Special Presentation

- Darkstar Presentation:
- UCSD's science fiction/fantasy library, founded in 1978 and was in Che Cafe until 2014 then moved into the "Old Student Center"
- Have 6000+ books (Classics, unique, sci-fi, famous contemporaries, old-pulp magazines, anthologies)
- Over 150 titles of game collections, host board game nights, games have started overflowing shelves
- Open from 12-6 Mon-Fri, hours may vary, patrons can check out books, come in, study, run games, and just hang out
- It is a social library, entirely student run, 11 librarians and 4 shadowing
- Active community with over 150 members: book, board games and film discussions
- Has a discord, online discussion forums and encourages alumni connections
- Currently has 260 books checked out, average 10 unique patrons/week when library is open
- Recent data shows increasing number of patrons this quarter, 82 unique patrons this month

- Events ran, every friday at 6pm board game nights, also hosts collaborative boarding game nights
- Movie nights; biweekly, showings of sci-fi and fantasy movies, collection of classic and contemporary titles, warm drinks and snacks provided
- Book club, monthly meetings, aimed to cultivates community and promotes recreational reading
- Past events- "TTRPG" collabs hosting nights, warhammer day, mystic night, masquerade ball, open house, Defco VI
- "DEFcon VI": a huge event, hosted in the price center, many collaborations from different clubs, people outside of UCSD attended, special guests attended as well, convection had panels, workshops, showings, readings, etc.
- Future projects include Geisel integration, masquerade ball, defcon VI, board game club, rpg club
- Geisel Collaboration - integration of catalog into Geisel, own online catalog of books within UCSD catalog of books
- Space Concern - Boxes of books on shelves, books that cannot be shelved due to little space, boxes and games on the floor, chairs have to be put away during day because they take up space ("13 boxes of books that cannot be shelved")
- Have a max capacity of 30 people due to fire regulations - limitation of space - max capacity significantly reduced because of the book shelves
- Many board game nights have more people that can be hosted, seating has to be outside sometimes
- Donation based library, community members looking to donate books but they can no longer donate because there is no space to shelve them, 445.8 max shelf capacity , 424' of books currently on shelves
- Want to inherit the space next to them, which is under construction to better serve community, board game clubs want to host somewhere and struggle to find space, also clubs such as RPG, had to separate from darkstar due to space limitation
- They can offer a space for recreational groups to get together, can also be a space for other clubs who need it as well
- Jess - There is a possibility of digitizing books, have you guys considered that?
- DarkStar Representative: We have considered it, unfortunately we can't because of copyright laws, also people do come and check out the space so we would lose sense of our community
- Pamela - Do you reach out to alumni or do they come back, are they involved?

- DarkStar Representative: Yes, 100% Darkstar has received support from alumni and alumnus check out books and participate in game nights, sometimes also do fundraising for us to run some events
- DarkStar Representative: You mentioned renovations happening in the room next to us when we last talked, what is the timeline for those renovations and how will they impact us? Would construction impact our hours?
- John - The timeline is still in flux, maybe spring break and when it does happen along the wall, some doors will be ripped out and the area on top will be filled in with solid wall, it will need to be accessed through both sides which means moving shelves away but will be done within a week
- DarkStar Representative: What is the timeline on deciding a space allocation for the construction area?
- Shreya - The board will start talking about that space when it'll start to be renovated, more official decisions will be done when renovations are done and we can visit the space
- John mentioned that RPG only have had 2 spaces booked within university centers and DarkStar has had no reservations in any rooms
- DarkStar Representative: RPG people sign up under their names to run those gamenights
- John says only orgs can reserve not individuals

#### 6. Chair Report

- A UCAB member welcome presentation will be made for new incoming members, will include what UCAB is, explain University Center space, committee, will be a one stop place for all questions about the university center
- Reaching out to student orgs spaces/community leaders on PC spaces, reach out if you're thinking about a specific org that could advocate for that open space
- End of quarter lunch: Week 10, voting whether it will be on campus or off and when to meet

#### 7. Vice Chair Report

- Tech fee subsidy - Company 157, approved for \$200
- More reminders will be put to the test next quarter when it comes to voting for tech fee subsidies
- New incoming member: Mia from muir, meaning that as we have new members we have to increase the # of people necessary for approvals
- 5 approvals will now be needed for tech fee subsidies
- Space allocation comes up during spring quarter, however if there are any questions book a meeting

#### 8. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- Shores Diner - looking for feedback on increasing diner, thoughts on how more students will engage in Shores Diner
- PC East open 24 hours Fri-Sun on the weekend between 10th and Finals week, Sungod lounge open until 2am
- Price center west game room layout options offered about lighting and flooring elements, ceiling elements and wall treatments:
  - Option 1) Bright and light
  - Option 2) Back to the basics, use of geometric shapes funky ceiling light, special lighting on wall, fun furniture
  - Option 3) Art deco, speakeasy lounge vibe, colors
- Xavier - The speakeasy would have the most impact, provides more “instagram moments” targeting audience would provide success
- Shreya - Liked art deco, fits the purpose of the room a little bit better but the game room right now has a lot of windows, how would that work? Might mess with the lighting
- John - Would have to think of a way to bring this experience to the front door, if we make it dark people might not know something is happening in the room so have to figure away to make it inclusive
- Jess - Liked the bright and and light one because it is simple and more brighter places in price center should be offered
- Olivia - Prefers the 3rd one because the 1st and 2nd are very similar to spaces already on campus, space would feel more fresh and different
- Elijah - A dark atmosphere looks more relaxing and fits the sense of karaoke and bowling
- June - Likes art deco, all the lighting from 1 and 2 would be overstimulating
- Cost element - Option 3 is the higher price option

## 9. New Business

- Salon 101, transitioning into black hair care because more people are pushing into this idea and trying to make it solid
- Xavier - Has there been any data that would back up the success of black hair care?
- John - Focusing in on a particular demographic is not necessarily to earn significant amount of profit but how more to show it can support a group on campus
- Salon 101 will still be available to other hairstyles as well, opportunity for others to get their hair needs taken care of as well
- Pamela - Really exciting to see a transition for Salon 101, to show more inclusivity because people who know how to work with curly hair also know how to do other hair very well. Will it also have the nail salon associated with it or will that be another institution we are looking for?

- John - Depends on operator, however if it does not happen then it is another retail opportunity

## 10. Old Business

- Taco Bell recently announced what will be replacing Rubios, will be finished in 2025 fall
- Motion to accept Taco Bell into Rubio's space - Elijah approves, Isabela seconds
- New price center space, are there new ventures we would like to have in the price center? Come up with ideas for what price center can look like, new perspective?
- Price center room - Panda room Ideas:
- Contemplative lounge - meditative space, equal access to all groups, anyone who needs a quiet space can access
- Commuter space - central space for commuters to relax, resources: couches, storage space, microwaves, community fridge, one centralized space
- Students with disabilities space - don't have a space at price center, inclusive
- Extra study space - morning/afternoons study space for all students, evenings could have reservable space for clubs on campus
- Subpoint - could be just a themed room like a zen room or disco room, etc
- Olivia - Dislike for anything similar to what is already in price center, asian islander club member reaching out to board because they want a space
- Shreya - We do have a space for asian pacific islanders, in pc west 2nd level
- June - Commuters would like resting areas to take naps and reax overall, would be preferred if there was a space for commuters to store food and microwave right in the center of university
- Xavier - If we made it a commuter space would it need to have restricted access or will it be open to the public?
- John - Restricting access means to have a staff person involved, otherwise it is open to general public, we have to have staff when we do that but it's a big challenge when talking about restricting access in and out of pc
- What're some of the downsides of adding a commuter space in pc?
- Xavier - Means that we will just be adding onto existing things we already have, not accounting for change in primary users for pc
- June - since there are already commuter spaces in colleges, if we make it a commuter space the use of the other rooms would decrease
- Elijah - Better to make it a study room which could allow clubs to have spaces to meet as well

- June - soundproofing space is good thinking especially since it is next to the food area, should be used for extra study space or quiet place

### **11. Member Reports**

- Mia new representative for Muir college, 2nd year psychology major,

### **12. Open Forum/ Announcements**

- None

### **13. Adjournment**

- **The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 PM on 11/26/24.**
- **Next meeting is set to be at 2PM on 1/7/2025.**