

Meeting Minutes 10/29

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Fall 2024, Week 5 | October 29th, 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, October 29th, 2024 in the Eleanor Roosevelt College Room.

2. In Attendance

Shreya Ngunuri, Jess Huang, John Payne, Xavier Lopez, Elijah Cheng, Vitasta Mahajan, Elyse Kuta, June Jung, Emily Trask, Camila Anaya, and Scott Strong

3. Public Input

- **None**

4. Approval of Minutes

- Elijah Cheng - Motions to approve meeting minutes
- Elyse Kuta - Seconds the motion

5. Special Presentation

- **None**

6. Chair Report

- Reminder to update your profile on “Slack” communicating app
- A voting channel will be created on slack to keep track of those votings, as well as for minute approvals
- Trial run for tech fee subsidy was done on Slack and now the separate voting channel will be integrated
- Turn notifications on for Slack to be aware of everything
- Quarterly dinner/lunch plans soon to be decided, either on or off campus
- Link for 1 on 1’s will be on calendly; open suggestions for UCAB related information or just to chat, can take 15-30 minute meetings
- Converse where lunch can be held or if you can't go off campus
- Some sample questions for tech fee subsidy that can be directed at Jess would be: “Has this club received any other funding than tech fee subsidy?” or/and “How much money have they received previously?”
- Previously Jess would go to these meetings and take notes which would lead to an analysis being done along with voting taking place in UCAB meeting, now some have moved to polls for faster communication

- Feel free to ask questions if you want more information for jesse about tech fee subsidies

7. Vice Chair Report

- Trial run Tech fee subsidy done on “Slack” polls
- Quick rundown through approved votings: 1. “Saltman quarterly” was approved for \$62.50, 2. “Asha for Education” was approved for \$300.00
- Remember to ask questions either on “Slack” or during meetings
- Tech fee subsidy application turned in yesterday, October 28th, 2024 - “Fusheng Chinese Drama Troupe”- rehearsal on the 23rd and recommended \$30.00, production on the 24th and recommended \$150.00
- Think about the funding by asking “How many people are attending?”and “How accurate is that number based on previous events?”
- The more people that come, the more funding they will get
- Shreya - Is this event open to everyone or just people that are a part of the club?
- Jesse - It is open to all people who know about the event and want to come. Everyone is welcome to both events
- Xavier approves, Elyse seconds
- Space allocation - Clubs that did not reapply should be fully moved out by now and new clubs should be moved in ASAP

8. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- The space that is by Panda Express used to be a “Cove room” with dine-in and evening meeting room but then was sold to the bookstore back in 2008
- As of this morning today, the university center purchased the “Cove room” back from the university, will soon need renovation
- There is a voting center in price center is by sungod lounge, reminder to vote early, has been open since Saturday
- There is also a ballot department box in front of Burger King, there you can drop off your ballot
- 2 staff are to leave the organization - Julia martinez who was a leasing specialist will be gone next week, and Martha Martinez who was an event coordinator will be moving to the Bay area and will be leaving soon as well
- No plans on filling those positions
- Burger King is now officially open 24 hours Monday-Thursday
- Blue Peak ATM located by king triton will be removed, now we only have UCU ATM, no replacement soon
- Master Space Agreement with Co-Ops has been signed again for 4 years, food co-op, general store co-op, and book store co-op all have Master Space Agreement

- Agreement went very smooth and easy because the hard work was done in 2017
- Jesse - With the removal of Blue Peak, how many ATM's will be on campus?
- John - Just UCU ATM's, there's one at price venter and another maybe by recreation center
- Xavier - Where is the "Cove room"
- John - Underneath the staircase, right next to Panda Express
- Xavier - Does the University Center have an idea of what they will do with the room?
- John - Thinking about a dish washing station, because post-consumer sorting does not really work, anything that we do to try and get the food in a compost bin, eventually gets contaminated
- A dish washing station would work by putting a food tray on a rack which would then go to the back to be washed, the waste would then be sorted the correct way
- It would be over a million dollars to retrofit that space in order to accommodate a dish-washing station and making it a service area, all before buying all the utensils (Operation fees, equipment fees)
- Would be the strongest way to divert our waste but financially it is not very reasonable, an opportunity to discuss in UCAB and bring ideas that make most sense like, "Do we blow the walls out and extend it?", "Do we keep it as a room?", "It used to be a meeting room. Can it still be that?"
- Emily - Back in 2008 it used to be a very popular student org space
- John - For us to grab that space back is a win, in 2008 it was used every evening by student orgs
- Xavier - For the dish-washing station proposal, is there any savings we would have?
- John - We would actually lose money, a cost savings would only be diverting less to landfill meaning we would pay less to them
- Overall, paying more than the landfill fee and loosing some money, nonetheless, it would be the right thing
- Xavier - Are there any carbon emission reductions that we can take on?
- John - No, we fall under general UC policies and goals, so we are supposed to try and meet 70% diversion but we're still at 30%, too much post consumer waste
- There are at least 17 different items in a meal and how would the average consumer know where certain waste goes?

- Experiment - Team tried sorting out bags but one bag of trash took 30 minutes to properly sort this is why a dish-washing station could work but it is cost prohibiting, there's lots of challenges for this process
- Xavier - Does the University have financial buckets to address issues like this?
- John - No, we could get grants but UCSD is "drying up buckets" fast
- Emily - The state budget is taking, so really there's no buckets of money waiting to be spent
- Elyse - I was wondering if that chunk of cost for the dish-washing station is counting a cost for installing plumbing?
- John - Yes, most of the cost are because of the plumbing installation but is also grease weigh lines along with a venting system needed
- Shreya - Is there any way we could partner up with HDH to possibly use their dish-washing station?
- John - We've talked about but it's small because it is a catering kitchen, meaning it would be a challenge and we can't take the waste offsite to their larger stations

9. New Business

- **None**

10. Old Business

- Gameroom renovation suggestions and recommendations
- Elyse - Shared with collective and they were all very excited, what is really exciting is the expansion that opens up for on-campus bonds to do their bonding
- Xavier - Only heard positive comments about new model
- Jesse - Talked to people about it and they wanted more karaoke rooms
- John - 3 would be comfortable enough but if the demand is strong for more karaoke rooms, we could cut out the green table meeting, making an expanded gameroom to be accessed through the Sungod lounge
- Elijah - Everyone was pretty excited in council, there was a notion of possible arcade machines
- John - There are big challenges with the arcade games because of the cost and maintenance, keeping them operational
- Shreya - What are the thoughts on the "Slack" voting, did you like it or not like it
- Xavier liked it and thought it worked good enough

11. Member Reports

- **None**

12. Open Forum/ Announcements

- John - Don't forget to approve minutes

- Xavier - AS is having a budget meeting for academic meeting this Wednesday, 10/30/24 at 8pm
- Shreya - Is it for club funds as well?
- Xavier - Yes, it includes events and funding information

13. Adjournment

- **The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM on 10/29/24.**
- **Next meeting is set to be at 2PM on 11/12/2024.**