

Meeting Minutes

Winter 2025, Week 5 | February 4th, 2025

1. Call to Order

- The meeting to elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:04 pm on Tuesday, February 8th, 2025, in the Warren College Room.

2. In Attendance

Shreya Ngunuri, Jess Huang, Scott Strong, Elijah Cheng, Holly Menninger, Elyse Kuta, Pamela Fruge Olivia Ghilardi, Mia Veloria, Vitasta Mahajan, Camila Anaya, Sophia Li, June Jung, Danielle Sim, Nick Vacchio, Patricia Mahaffey

3. Public Input

- N/A

4. Approval of Minutes

- Elyse Kuta - Motions to approve meeting minutes
- June Jung - Seconds the motion

5. Special Presentation

- N/A

6. Chair Report

- New member joining us: Eight college representative and seventh college representative
- Read the new hire document in order to understand UCAB more, report to anyone for questions that you have
- Expected for members to join 1-2 committees to be more engaged
- Committees do a deeper dive into one particular subject/matter you should have particular interest in
- 1-2 hour work outside of general meetings
- Specific committees we will have: budget committee: reviewing budget of price center, making recommendations for future spending, gain keen insight into new ventures, money that goes into UCAB is determined based off budget committee
- Space allocation committee: clubs can apply for space in price center and old student center, the committee places clubs who have applied for space in locations, the role of this committee is to solve jigsaw puzzle based off reserving space for club

- Members can propose additional committees, if you want to have a particular say on campus, propose making a committee
- Attendance policies - expected slack messages if you are planning to miss a meeting, expect a message if you have missed meetings if this applies to you

7. Vice Chair Report

- Tech fee subsidy : California society of Health-System: Pharmacists at UCSD Chapter, recommended \$180, 120 attendees
- Motion for California Society of Health-System: Pharmacists at UCSD Chapter Olivia Ghilardi starts the motion: 10 approves, 0 rejects
- Biomedical Engineering Society, recommend \$287.50 and 200 attendees
- Motion for Biomedical Engineering Society, Elijah Cheng starts the motion, 10 approvals, 0 rejects
- Both subsidies have passed
- Right now we are in the process of moving all clubs who were waitlisted in their space, did everyone get their keys, etc
- Applications open next quarter and space allocation committee will meet week 5 and 7 to review
- Budget committee happens early spring quarter and reviews in March
- In this room there was a meeting for the curly hair salon, space in salon 101, talking about plans for who will come in, services provided, cost
- Cost: 45-95 but hoping for even lower, perhaps around 25-30
- Open to having multiple services in that salon space, not only barbershop, nail space, etc.
- Patty, Assistant Chancellor for student life - Salon that was talked about is awesome and would serve all students, it is a fantastic approach to that space, lots of members from community came in
- Over Slack, another tech fee subsidy came in on February 6, 2025: Nueva Herencia de UCSD, dancing event that will be open to UCSD students only, February 22nd, estimated attendance 150, amount requested \$300, recommended amount: \$150
- Only 150 as recommended amount because of the estimated attendance since it is limited to UCSD students
- 7 approved and 0 denied

8. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- Nick Vacchio filling in for John Payne for today
- UPASS voter turnout was largest in UCSD history
- Vote passed, will expand services that we did not previously have, especially over Summer

- Fee went up 5-6 dollars
- suPan's lease up for renewal at the end of March
- Mystery shopper program, fun program where you can try free food, and get paid to give honest feedback to improve services
- If selected to shop, you get money to do the shopping and then \$15 when feedback form is completed, might be closed because they received a lot of applications
- Patty Mahaffey - Sunshine market will try to open in beginning of spring and will be soft opening for students to try

9. New Business

- N/A

10. Old Business

- Starbucks lease/renewal
- Three options: replace Starbucks with a new venture, up to us to come up with replacement for Starbucks (bagel place,italian, etc)
- Continue to keep starbucks on campus, operated by university center and would have to pay upcoming large fees for upgrades
- Con is the large fee because the renewal is something mandated by starbucks, not our biggest money maker, but university center has a lot of employees and student workers which would be gone if we went with option below
- Keep starbucks on campus, operated by external person, student staff reduction, would not have to pay large fee for upgrades, would not be a significant burden, but should acknowledge that there would be a reduction in student staff,
- Elijah - Talking about it and it seems like the second and third options are too detrimental to students and our own budget, having it not be operated by center would be a problem if corporation has problem in future, having students lose their job is not good, we should replace starbucks with a better option
- Vitasta - Would prefer a better coffee place than starbucks because a lot of people prefer to get their coffee on their way and not from Starbucks
- Holly - Most people i've talked to would agree to replace it with something, perhaps better buzz or something else that could serve coffee and breakfast options
- Sophia - 87% out of 23 people on a google form that I did for my college revealed that most people voted for replacing starbucks with another retail space, another coffee shop, dunkin donuts, dutch bros, etc
- Mia - Highest response in my college was to solicit new business
- Danielle - Most people in my council sad to replace it for a different coffee place, most don't like coffee from Starbucks or would just not attend

- Olivia - I had similar responses, a lot of people talk about politics but was wondering if there's a way that there could be a general survey that could go to the students to see what they think
- Nick - We have to consider that the space is limited in construction, if you want to bring a vendor that does breakfast it would need renovation as well
- There is no formal vote, can still talk about statistics with John to see the popularity of Starbucks and perhaps create a survey asking the general public
- Important to think about what would be the cost of modifying the current place?
- Variety of suggestions about what you would want to replace this with, re-ask council for options
- Elijah - A boba place replacement was mentioned and I think we should steer clear away from boba just because we already have a place that sells it

11. Member Reports

- Holly Mellinger, new member and representative for 8th college

12. Open Forum/ Announcements

- Pamela Fruge - Black history month has just begun at UCSD, if there are events that you would like to know about let me know and we can get that online for you, check out events, come out and participate!
- February 22 - annual scholarship brunch, support fellow students and good for celebrating black history month
- Shreya - Quarterly lunch workers, would be held on a Tuesday from 2:00-3:30pm
- Vote for whether it will be on or off campus, on campus is more popular
- Could revisit seventh or faculty club, more details to come for that

13. Adjournment

- **The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM on 02/04/25.**
- **Next meeting is set to be at 2PM on 2/18/25.**