

Meeting Minutes 01/21

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Winter 2025, Week 3 | January 21st, 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 2:00 pm on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025, in the Warren College Room.

2. In Attendance

Shreya Ngunuri, Jess Huang, John Payne, Olivia Ghilardi, Mia Veloria, Vitasta Mahajan, Camila Anaya, Isabella Killian, Sophia Li, Emily Trask, June Jung, Danielle Sim

3. Public Input

- N/A

4. Approval of Minutes

- Elijah Cheng - Motions to approve the meeting minutes
- Olivia Ghilardi - Seconds the motion

5. Special Presentation

- N/A

6. Chair Report

- Remember that every 2 Tuesdays, UCAB has 2:00 pm meetings, be sure to have that time free as members !
- Reminder to check the slack especially tech fee subsidies, only about 4 respondents on poll, important to check the slack and vote/approve or deny
- Official number is 5 or 6 votes, overall more than 4 votes is good
- Group pictures? Headshots perhaps for UCAB..?

7. Vice Chair Report

- Chinese global community and chinese drama club have been assessed with no additional information needed
- More participation needed, these are club events and so subsidies are important, be aware of how without this funding, clubs can't do much
- Space allocation, club wanting space applications must know that it opens next quarter
- The budget committee wants to be established, will be approving maybe in April? It will manage a closer in depth look at budgets

8. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- Game room designs
- Retail leasing position person left so interviews opening, maybe someone in February
- Student staff event on the 28 in Price Center, sign up
- Game Room design concepts were mentioned in a meeting ago, voted and the winner was “speakeasy art deco”
- Designers have been hard at work and they have already come up with something
- Proposed layout for game room presented
- Duckpin bowling, table tennis, karaoke rooms, board game land, table hockey
- Maybe vegetation decoration on some of the walls, arches between walls
- Lighting plan multitier, acoustical panels, karaoke has own individual lighting, tiered lighting for table tennis, bowling, boardgame area
- Unique zones “instagramable,” will promote to campus
- Will there be anything that is removed? - Shreya
- No everything will remain, were just adding stuff - John
- Additional space offered
- Continuous piece of work on karaoke doors (mural built sort of)
- Do you know what the max capacity is for the karaoke rooms? - Mia
- 10-12 people in the big room and then 2-5 people in the rest - John
- Will it be reservation based? - Mia
- Not yet seen, we are just focusing on the building of it and then will discuss the rest, but the goal is to make this free for students, operationally it won't involve money - John
- When will this be done again? - Shreya
- Fall next year, construction should start around June 15, so that we try and wrap it up by September
- Original budget \$8,000 but might be pricier current estimate is over a million, however it is a long term investment and will be here for many years to come

9. **New Business**

- Starbucks lease renewal
- Starbucks franchise is University Center ran
- 10 year franchise agreement up on Oct. 2025, we need to make some decisions about how we've been operating for 10 years
- Pandemic hit and years afterwards business was not great.. so lost about 6 thousand dollars just to keep it open
- If we sign agreement Starbucks will ask for refurbishment
- To do buildup in next few years it will be 800,000 dollars

- In a year might make 80,000
- Should we renew our lease agreement with Starbucks? Because we end in October we can ask to run until June of 2026 and not have to do construction
- Then the question becomes whether we vote to approve that course of action, if the board does not vote to renew what would the board want to see forward..
- Put space out there for any retail - start new
- Other option we can work with Starbucks, they can get different franchise but it won't be run by University Center anymore
- Downtime for space if we did not sign renewal lease and would have to solicit new business but would take at least 18 months
- High volume Starbucks but we have high volume expenses
- Is there a difference in pay for student workers if we had another franchise run Starbucks? - Shreya
- Yes, there could be, it would most likely be the minimum wage. The only thing is that there are 70 student workers employed right now but when another franchise takes over (if they do) it would be less student workers - John
- So our 3 options for Starbucks are: 1) Keeping it but having to do reconstruction for it very soon and also a bit behind in money, 2) Selling it to another franchise so they can run it and getting paid rent, 3) Getting rid of Starbucks and having the space open for another retail - Emily
- So we're 6k in debt because of previous situations, so if we switched to a different franchise would it be covered by rent? - Shreya
- What's done is done, during the pandemic we lost money but we'll get more in rent than profit by running Starbucks, could also mean less stress - John

10. Old Business

- New price center space, has been reiterating
- My college discussed it and we thought that a contemplative room would be the best option just because there's already so many study spaces - Olivia
- My college made a form and voted, 12 votes on contemplative lounge, 8 votes on extra study space and open club reserve - Sophia
- Contemplative lounge because the one room there is, is always occupied meaning that it is used, additional space would be beneficial - Mia
- Motion to get that processed:
- Motion to approve the contemplative lounge in the open Panda room - Olivia
- Seconds it - Isabella
- Passes by more than $\frac{2}{3}$ votes (6 votes)
- Salon 101 meeting next Monday, Jan. 27. in Warren College room at 8:30am for possible new vendors and to ask information would replace new space what

would it take for the salon to work focusing on black hair care, curly coily textured

- My college talked about really heavily leaning into all hair care, important to really emphasize the point of making it perhaps a full service salon, concern on just labeling as black hair care - Olivia
- This is a chance to sit down and get feedback on what would work best, and it's important because it's something that nobody at UCSD specializes in

11. Member Reports

- N/A

12. Open Forum/ Announcements

- Be sure to check out campus resources for students affected by fires or any issues
- MLK day of service was amazing, great plans and lessons made in school
- MLK parade was also a success, around 400 students in parade

13. Adjournment

- **The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM on 01/21/25.**
- **Next meeting is set to be at 2PM on 2/04/25.**