

University Centers Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – AMENDED
Winter 2020, Week 6
February 11, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:03pm on February 11, 2020 by Joey Mendoza in Warren College Room.

Attendees

1. Joey Mendoza (UCAB Chair)
2. Aditya Arora (UCAB Vice Chair)
3. Lani Botros (Warren College Proxy Representative)
4. Casey Lee (Sixth College Representative)
5. Pamela Fruge (Alumni Representative)
6. Sherry Yin (Marshall College Representative)
7. Amberine Kabir (Revelle College Representative)
8. William Ebro (Roosevelt College Representative)
9. Sharon Van Bruggen (Executive Director) – ad hoc, non-voting
10. Samir Nomani (Muir College Representative)
11. Shubham Kulkarni (AS Representative)
12. Emily Trask (Staff Association Representative)

Public Input

- None.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from Week 5 of Winter Quarter as amended: Samir.
 - Seconded by: Aditya.

Special Presentations

- None.

Chair Report (Joey)

- Doodle for Nighttime Activation coming soon.
- Positions are still open.
- UCAB Retreat- Sharon will give presentations over two weeks. No retreat however you will get caught up with everything being discussed.
- UCAB Charter Amendment Process: A.S. has given their approval. G.S.A. has not approved yet.
- Finals Late Night Activation Update
 - Name: Plug-In @ PC All Nite Study Fest.
 - 6 Nights 9pm-12am, beginning on 3/13/2020.
 - Want to inform the UCSD Community that University Centers has services for students. Programming will end by midnight, but rooms are still open for student use afterwards.

- Will have themed rooms ex: Lo-Fi Study Jam, Focused Study Jam, Group Study Zone.
- Several vendors will be open till midnight.
- Coins will be provided and will be made with responsibly sourced materials and be reusable. A max on the number of coins per customer can be added.
- Charging towers will be available.
- Not a replacement to Geisel: simply an alternative space available.
- Promotion will begin Week 8.
- Discussion/Questions:
 - Samir: Constituents agreed in extending restaurant hours, but student workers working for vendors might be negatively affected. Could vendors use non-student employees during this time?
 - Joey: We have asked vendors to be considerate of students during finals week, however there is no contractual obligation to do so.
 - William: Constituents said it was a good idea, well-supported.
 - Joey: We will also be providing small snacks for students.
 - Sharon: It's easier to do Lo-fi in the Loft since it is already equipped with the right audio equipment.
 - Joey: We anticipate a larger turnout for the Lo-fi study room, which is why we put it in the Ballroom. However, we can look into it.
 - Sharon: Maybe it is better to call it Late Night Study fest instead of all-night study fest to promote wellness.
 - Joey: True. It does imply and support cramming.
 - Pamela: The alumni groups are very excited to see PC being more activated during later hours. Study fest in university centers is good and this reinvigorates the space. Anything to support student success has alumni support. Alumni are willing to help if you need it.
 - Joey: Are any students from Warren concerned with walking from their dorms to PC/Geisel at night?
 - Lani: Many students walk from to PC and Geisel so it is not a problem. With the activation, there would be a good turnout. We can promote the CSO and escort services for those coming from long distances like ERC/Village.
 - Pamela: Is there any engagement with the Old Student Center?
 - Joey: We are focusing primarily on PC.
 - Aditya: The ultimate long-term goal is to increase vendor hours in PC, and so we plan to focus on PC.
 - Shubham: Will Dirty Birds be open by finals?
 - Sharon: They won't be open.

Vice Chair Report (Aditya)

- None.

Director Report (Sharon)

- There is a plan to renovate the Price Center West food court, the restrooms, the outdoor plaza, to create more indoor/outdoor seating. Project would begin in summer of 2021 however we need affirmative approval from the board.
 - Aditya: What does the timeline look like?
 - Sharon: It would start in summer2021 and continue in portions in the fall. Vendors would remain open most of the time, which is why it is ideal to begin to start in the Fall. Goal is to keep all vendors open.
 - Samir: When would the project be finished?
 - Sharon: Should be finished by the end of fall that year, but more details will be coming. Expectation is that it would open over that following break.
 - Lani: What is the purpose of this remodeling?
 - Sharon: This section of PC was built in 1988. The bathrooms need upgrading. Purpose is to solve the overcrowding issue. The food court is tight and small. The renovation would relieve this congestion.
 - William: Where is this money coming from?
 - Sharon: University Centers has a reserve used for these projects. Money comes from the student fee and the vendors.
 - Lani: Are there any reports or research done on the effects to students? The construction will also add to the congestion as well.
 - Joey: Dirty Birds will be open by then. We are adding seating in other areas, and the Southeast Patio that has recently opened. These new outdoor spaces will hopefully be able to make up for the construction.
 - Sharon: Construction is not the best situation but there are several projects planned over the years that are out of our control. We tried to schedule them, so they are not all happening at once.
 - Lani: Feels like after one project ends, another project begins. It seems impossible to ask that we have no construction for our time at UCSD, since this becomes our student experience.
 - Joey: We are trying to keep everything as controlled as possible, but the University has an agenda. The biggest thing University Centers can do is to space everything out.
 - Sharon: Think of things the student union can do to try and balance out the construction, even if they are short term ideas.
 - Emily: The firepits coming for the Southeast Patio will create a nice, calm space for students. These small clusters will hopefully mitigate this issue.

Motion to Approve Capital Improvement Project: *Approved.*

Vote: *Motion Passes.*

- Update on Dirty Birds
 - Patio Project is done, however there is an issue with the decking. Areas of the patio must be redone before opening. The furniture is ready to go.
 - Some inspections are left to be completed.
 - Will likely open during the start of Spring Quarter.
 - Discussion/Questions:

- Sharon: The hope is that both the patio and Dirty Birds will be open in Spring.
- Aditya: It would be great to have pictures of the progress.
- Lani: Can UCAB sponsor anything for Dirty Birds? Since it has been delayed so long and it was marketed to students that it would be open earlier.
- Sharon: We would probably be better in the long run not promoting dates since construction deadlines are difficult to meet.
 - Shubham: By not giving deadlines, this will only frustrate students. Students will be upset for the delay, but this is better than not knowing anything going on.
 - Emily: Agreed, having a timeline is useful.

New Business

Tech Fee Subsidy

- NChE
 - Official Criteria Count:
 1. Educational? – Yes.
 2. Gathering for more than 3 hours? – Yes.
 3. During off hours – Yes.
 4. At original student center? – No.
 5. Alumni involved? – Yes.
 6. Open to the public? – Yes.
 7. Open to all UCSD students? - Yes.
 8. Sought funding from other sources- Yes.
 9. Is it a fundraiser? – No.
 10. Is it free? – Yes.
 - Motion to approve: *Approved.*
 - Amount Approved: \$100.
- Tritons for Sally Ride Science
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 3. During off hours – Yes.
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 10. Is it free? – Yes.
 - Motion to approve: *Approved.*
 - Amount Approved: \$150.

Motion to go to Closed Session: *Approved.*

Closed Session regarding Shogun Timeline.

Outcome: Added 21 months to Shogun's Timeline.

Member Reports

- None.

Old Business

- Transfer Center Discussion
 - Sharon: Will there be no cap, or just a different cap for their events?
 - Aditya: The lowest cap should be ten, so at least one event per week.
 - Shubham: A per-week cap may work better.
 - William: Other resource centers do not have a cap to do events in their space, so it would be unfair to give them a cap.
 - Sharon: Other resource centers are not taking space away from student organizations, since PC is heavily utilized by students.
 - William: Will they have many events?
 - Casey: Since transfer students are moving to Sixth College, can we use the space over there?
 - Joey: It is considered residential life space, outside our purview.
 - Joey: Will reach out to Jackie with these questions.

Motion to Approve Space Allocation to Transfer Center: *Approved.*

Vote: *Passes.*

- PC Marquee Discussion

Motion to Table Discussion till next Week: *Approved.*

Open Forum

- Pamela: The 18th Annual Black History Month Brunch is on 2/22/2020 in the Price Center Ballroom. Everyone is invited.
- Joey: Many dance teams practice late at night. I recommend using our special funds to put in reflective film on the windows to make it easier to practice.
 - Samir: I would be in favor of this.
 - Joey: The previously considered room in the Old Student Center is too small, and is right above Taco Villa, therefore disruptive to their business.

Announcements

- None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:29pm by Joey Mendoza. The next general meeting will be held at 2:00pm on February 18, 2020 in the Warren College Room.