

Meeting Minutes

Spring 2025, Week 5 | April 29th, 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 2:05 pm on Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, in the Warren College Room.

2. In Attendance

John Payne, Shreya Nangunuri, Scott Strong, Jess Huang, Elijah Cheng, Amy Mudagucci, Camila Anaya, Holly Menninger, June Jung, Olivia Ghilardi, Xavier Lopez, Sophia Li, Emily Trask

3. Public Input

4. Approval of Minutes

- Olivia Ghilardi - Motions to approve meeting minutes
- Gabriela Ayala - Seconds the motion

5. Special Presentation

- N/A

6. Chair Report

- Committee meetings like budget starting next week if you volunteered for that you should be added to a group chat on Slack, meeting is May 6 at 2:00pm
- Getting prepared to work with councils and get new representatives, have this by week 9
- You can share the new hire presentation so they know what to expect, should have an understanding of the role, can bring potential new hires to next meetings but will have to leave when we talk about budget
- Submit your UCAB application by next Friday!
- Open positions: grad student at large, transfer student at large, commuter at large, have seen applications for vice chair and chair
- We will bring applications to the board and discuss them
- Met with SFAC, attended the meeting last week, want to encourage more participation between boards, maybe they will come to our next as member of the public

7. Vice Chair Report

- Memo at UCSD - hosting their annual mental awareness event for UCSD community - May 9th, estimated attendance: 200, amount requested: \$500, recommended amount: \$300 - 6 approved, 0 denied

- Budget committee starting next week same time as current meetings times, make sure schedule is cleared up for that
- Positions are now open for at large positions, feel free to encourage peers to apply, they are great positions!
- Applications for space are still open but will be closed soon!
- The space location committee will meet soon afterwards, happening towards the later part of the year..
- Olivia - for the application was there a graphic made on any parts?
- Jess - On our end there was no graphics but I'm pretty sure marketing should have posted one
- Olivia - Asking this because I feel like almost no one from my council knows anything about UCAB

8. **Executive Director Report (Interim Nick Vacchio)**

- Charlie Kirk will be speaking this Thursday on town square from 12-2
- Sugod is this Saturday have fun and be safe, a very fun day building and just be aware that this building is shutdown, all the help and anything you need will be in Sungod
- Trove sign last piece is scheduled to go in this Saturday, started in September of 2023 and finally being finished!
- WOW ART festival was held at UCSD, some events held around price center, amphitheater, town square, etc it is a big deal to be able to receive it here and it is an exciting opportunity for campus
- Emily - This is just a note that Charlie Kirk and others are brought by student organizations not by campus specifically
- Attorney point student organization is bridging Charlie Kirk
- Shreya - Will there be any additional security? And are we anticipating any protests?
- John - Yes and yes

9. **New Business**

- Lemongrass lease renewal is up, does anyone have any experiences with lemongrass? What do we think about it?
- Shreya - I like lemongrass, especially as a vegetarian I like that it offers so many options
- Olivia and holy have never been there but both have heard good things about it
- Make sure to take it back to individual councils and discuss the type of experiences and opinions they have
- Emily - Isn't lemongrass like a local mom and pop?
- John - Lemongrass first used to be in the farmers market hosted on Tuesdays, it used to be the anchor food booth so the students loved them so much and the owner inquired

about getting a store here in the price center when we had an opening, and now it has been here for 10 years, I'd say she definitely wants to continue

- Shreya - How's business so far? Is it making rent?
- John - Yes, they're making rent, middle of the path most of the vendors, our team loves Pat, the owner but we also want to know what students are thinking
- John - There is still discussion about the King Triton statue, would it be moved to the top of fountain head by target on plaza..?
- Informal vote:
- Keeping triton statue where it is: 8
- Changing to a different location : 0
- "Before I die" wall: It is in the old student center, should we repair or replace? It's been there a while and it needs to be refurbished or can this be seen as an opportunity to replace it with something else, are we doing the right thing? Strong opinions?
- Holly - I love it, one of my favorite things about campus because it is something different
- Sophia - Sometimes people write mean things or inappropriate things on there
- John - What would you like to change it to? Does everyone like the element of what people write on wall
- Emily - I like that it is participatory, it fits well with the vibe of the original student center, ever changing and students get to contribute
- Amy - I also like the idea of something that people can interact with although I have no strong feelings against the one we have right now
- John - We just need to refurbish the wall but before we move forward, I wanted to know opinions
- SAAC club storage rooms - very active group pre 2008 and they were different student organizations that had their own space and student org lounge and when we built price center east we were gonna have to take that space away and they were able to get space in price center east
- Dedicated student org offices, the student affirmative action committee was responsible for allocating the space but over the years it ceased to exist so those rooms come back to the price center and we must discuss what and how we want to move forward with those rooms?
- For instance as we do space allocation right now, not including those groups we only have 2 groups who have dedicated rooms for their student orgs, every other student org allocated space is shared between 3-4
- Now that the student affirmative action committee does not exist, that makes it 6-7 student orgs have single offices and we must decide how we want to move forward with those spaces in general, do we keep them as is? This is important as well sp that historically we know how to move forward

- Shreya - It doesn't seem fair for one org to have all that space to themselves, are those rooms still being used?
- John - Yes, still occupied by those same groups that were allocated in 2008, those student orgs still remain in those offices
- Xavier - I think we should take the spaces into custody and put them in the same roster and system we use for the organizations shared and so we can give priority to those who first applied, focus on equity and have them part of the boards depending on need of space
- Olivia - I think they should reapply, it is not fair that you get a single room for yourself
- Emily - Are we thinking that they would get a space for the coming year and then be a part of the process?
- Elijah - I agree that we should no longer have those private spaces but I don't entirely agree with the fact that we should give them priority if it is a new space we should completely open them up, giving these spaces priority over other clubs even though it would just be unequal
- June - I think the reason they got the space was because they represented a specific organization we should prioritize them because we want to promote equity put them in same process but have them with priority
- Elijah - we gave them these spaces in 2008, do they really need that space or not are they just there because they can be there because we don't know if they're exactly the same
- It's grown tremendously since and it was a niche thing, now we've got over 700 groups and many represent diverse groups
- June - It's best if we take time to ask them how they're utilizing those spaces right now because maybe no one took space after it would be great starting points
- John - They are just used as storage spaces
- They should apply again if they're just using it as storage
- Shreya - You mention that potentially combining rooms would create more space?
- John - Well some are too small so we could potentially put 2 groups if we know the down wall it can be 1 room for 4

10. Old Business

- N/A

11. Member Reports

- Holly - My council was wondering how UCAB allocates committees and like what should the next representative do?

- Elijah - UCAB is all part of external board and it typically doesn't deal with committees we ask our own council who wants to be a part of that committee, UCAB as a position is like just bring information
- Xavier - To be on UCAB for AS, going into that position they know it is something they must commit to
- Will be public relations challenge

12. Open Forum/ Announcements

- Shreya - This Thursday the costco club will be hosting an event, you can support this!
- AS - There will be upcoming sungod ace channels that will have updates

13. Adjournment

- **The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 PM on 04/29/25.**
- **Next meeting is set to be at 2PM on 05/13/25.**