

## University Centers Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Fall 2022, Week 6.

Nov 1, 2022

### I. Call to Order

- The regular meeting of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:05p on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022 by Sharon Van Bruggen via Zoom.

### II. In Attendance

- Voting Members: Ben Lynch, Danielle Sim (Sixth), Jane Li (Warren), Pamela Fruge
- Non-Voting: Amanda Marples, Sharon Van Bruggen, Alex Jung, Ella Parsley, Rain Lins, Sylvana Northrop

### III. Public Input

- Rain/Ella/Sylvana: We are concerned about the food waste in Price Center and would like University Centers to be transparent about the composting practice online. We suggest utilizing EdCo services for both restaurants and customers as well as training employees on how to compost properly.
- Sharon: Thank you for your public input - we will discuss this further under 'new business' or 'open forum' but you are welcome to stay or come back for the results another time.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

- No opposition to approve last last week's minutes (week 4) - week 5 minutes not yet finalized.

### V. Special Presentation

- n/a

### VI. Chair Report

- No Report/Recruiting Applicants for Chair
  - Available on our website at [ucab.ucsd.edu](http://ucab.ucsd.edu)
- Sharon: We are getting a number of applications so if you haven't had a chance to take a look, I encourage you to take a look. Applications close on Nov 18 and we will review applicants as a board the following week.

### VII. Vice Chair Report

- No Report/Recruiting Applicants for Vice Chair
  - Available on our website at [ucab.ucsd.edu](http://ucab.ucsd.edu)

### VIII. Director Report

- Sharon: Our parent department (Student Affairs) does an annual staff award ceremony and two of our staff have been nominated! One for the Student Health Award (Kia Neri) and one for the Team Player Award (Adam Weaver). Adam you have met already and Kia you will meet later on! We will now move on to Amanda and the facility use survey.
- Amanda: The Facility Use Survey is sent out to a randomized student population (graduate and undergraduate students) and we are looking to send another survey out

in Spring 2023. The questions are related to which spaces students use and how they are using our services. The answers to this survey can affect our staffing, hours of operation, etc.

- Sharon: One of the main reasons why we do this is to assess what the students need. Since campus retail has changed quite a bit, I wonder if there are other retail-focused questions that can be included in the survey?
- Amanda: We will need to review the survey and add/remove questions depending on feedback.
- Sharon: Any thoughts or comments or suggestions for Amanda?
- Alex: How are these questions being sent out?
- Amanda: Official campus application survey (most likely Qualtrics) and receiving email from University Centers.
- Jane: Is there a question asking how well the students know the facility?
- Amanda: I think it just asks if the student has visited - not really 'how well' they know the facility.
- Sharon: My recollection is that our assessment partners recommended we provide context in the beginning about University Centers and there are some questions on how often the student has visited and the types of services they used while visiting which could give us some context related to your question. But if you have any suggestions, let us know.
- Sharon: Great question, Amanda can look more into that. Any other questions or comments for Amanda?
- Sharon: Alright, thank you Amanda. You'll let us know when you get approval to send it out, right?

## IX. New Business

- Public Input: Sustainability/Composting in Price Center
  - Sharon: John Payne who oversees our facility operations will be here next week and the week after to manage the meetings and hear from all of you and can share a lot more about compost. One thing I will share is that we have a program for pre-consumer composting (meaning restaurants can compost before the meal is served). Once you have your meal, we cannot compost. We have done some research (last Spring) to see if post-consumer composting is something we can reasonably do and measured how much waste was collected. This was a two-part series (one with an instructor, one with just the graphics). Results can be shared by John during our next meeting.
- Jane: Where does the compost go for pre-consumer composting?
- Sharon: Starbucks - Roger's garden. Trash - EdCo. John can answer more directly
- Jane: Does each restaurant have their own composter?
- Sharon: No, everyone uses the same providers. The exception would be those who use Roger's Garden. Again, John can tell us more details about how we can do a better job.
- Pamela: I think it is exciting that we are pursuing this with transparency, but it's the education piece that I think will be great for our campus as a whole.

- Sharon: Thank you, our marketing team will be instrumental in educating our students on this process. We will also double check the website to ensure that our information is up to date.

#### **X. Old Business**

- Sharon: Santorini Renewal - Jane has already brought some feedback but if anyone else has questions, now is the time to share. One thing I will add is that we can always contact our vendor with feedback if you have any questions.
- Sharon: Okay, well we don't have quorum so I suggest we keep this in old business until we get a Chair/Vice Chair or until we get to a point where we need to make a decision and revisit this.

#### **XI. Member Reports**

- Jane: Last week, I asked my constituents their opinion on Santorini Grill - the response was overall positive - they emphasized the price point and posed the question - if we do not renew - how long do we need to wait to replace?
- Sharon: Typically varies between a year to two years. The location of Santorinis is good but we are now dealing with the after effects of post-covid. We are most likely looking at a two year vacancy.
- Jane: How will we choose a different restaurant?
- Sharon: If the decision is to not renew, we would then need to start looking at other options. That would need to come at a later time.

#### **XII. Open Forum**

- n/a

#### **XIII. Announcements**

- Jane: Canyon Vista is hosting a Día de los Muertos Event where the coffee house is selling two specialty drinks. Encourage you all to attend.
- Sharon: Please encourage your peers to apply for the Vice Chair/Chair position

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 2:42p by Sharon Van Bruggen. The next general meeting will be held at 2p, Tuesday, Nov 8, 2022 via Zoom.