

## University Centers Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Fall 2022, Week 8.

Nov 15, 2022

### I. Call to Order

- The regular meeting of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:03p on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022 by John Payne via Zoom.

### II. In Attendance

- Voting Members: Ben Lynch, Jane Li, Michelle Pham, Carlos Gonzalez, Danielle Sim
- Non-Voting: John Payne (on Sharon Van Bruggen's behalf), Alex Jung, Samantha Moynihan

### III. Public Input

- Samantha: I'd like to discuss food waste in the Price Center. Through a group research study, we discovered that Price Center has discontinued their pre-consumer organic matter composting programming. With the pandemic being more contained, we'd like to call on University Centers to continue this program.
- John: We never stopped pre-consumer composting. We divert 4 tons of waste per week and have 9 compost bins downstairs. You may be thinking about Roger's Garden which works with a couple of vendors but this system is now fizzling out due to lack of student support. This is not a program University Centers runs or operates.
- John: In terms of Post-consumer composting, we tried a trial run for 2 weeks which was a disaster. The first week we had an attendant assist, then we ran an independent week to compare. Two things happened: 1. We collected a very small amount of food waste 2. Every load got contaminated. Since we cannot compost items that have been contaminated, these all turned to trash.
- Samantha: Another thing that we discussed is to perhaps donate to the food pantry.
- John: This is where COVID did the most damage - student orgs would help support this (donating to food pantry) + composting with Roger's garden but they have not been continuing since post-pandemic. It will be up to the students to re engage and be part of the solution.
- Samantha: Can catering be repurposed?
- John: Yes, if you download the UCSD app, there are often notifications of food leftover from events.
- Samantha: I will take this back to our group and will try to get the support of student organizations to re-engage with food pantry donations and Roger's Garden.
- John: That sounds great - that is where most of the change comes from.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

- No opposition to approve

### 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)

## VII. Vice Chair Report

- No Report/Recruiting Applicants for Vice Chair
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## VIII. Director Report

- John: There will be construction going on during Winter Break this year. We will be doing a complete shut down for a couple of weeks to finish the West Dining Room Renovations (we are expecting new furniture to arrive), refinish the West Ballroom floors, and put a new roof over the East Ballroom area. Additionally we will be adding acoustical paneling throughout the Stage Room to improve acoustics. Starting in the summer, we are looking to rip all the concrete out of PC Plaza and build canopies to transform the visual effect and shape of PCW. We will share these drawings with UCAB in the near future.

## IX. New Business

- n/a

## X. Old Business

- Santorini renewal: no updates
  - Carlos in chat: The Sustainability Collective agrees to renew Santorini.

## XI. Member Reports

- Michelle: the Revelle College Council has asked if there is a way to measure the amount of student tractions made at Santorinis compared to other vendors since cost seems to be the main concern with the renewal.
- John: Cost?
- Michelle: Cost to purchase food from Santorinis from a student's perspective.
- John: What do you mean by measure?
- Michelle: Measure how much traction they are getting compared to other vendors in PC
- John: I don't know if there is a system that differentiates students from staff or outsiders. In terms of cost - what you will see is that all vendors are asking to raise their costs due to inflation - we've had at least 3 vendors submit a request to increase. None can raise more than 10% a year. These are safeguards put in place to protect students.

## XII. Open Forum

- n/a

## XIII. Announcements

- John: There is a Gratitude Rocks event from 12-1p by the Dirty Birds entrance.
- Jane: Could you please specify if the PC closure is the entire PC or parts of it?
- John: All of PC will close from Dec 23 to Jan 2nd. There will also be reduced hours for the weeks from Dec 12 to Jan 7.

## XIV. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 2:36p by John Payne. The next general meeting will be held at 2p, Tuesday, Nov 21, 2022 via Zoom.

