

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Meeting Date: Winter 26, Week 1, 01/06/26

Meeting Location: Warren College Room

In Attendance

Jess Huang, Holly Menninger, John Payne, Scott Strong, Camila Anaya, Gabriella Ayala, Julianna Ybarra, Britney Nguyen-Bui, Vanessa Baba, Aditi Parthan, Nitin Pramnath, Carter Imrie, Maansi Kensani, Vicky Huang, Elijah Cheng, Shreya Nagunuri

I. 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, January 6, 2025, in the Warren College Room.

II. Approval Of Minutes

- Vanessa Baba - Motions to approve the meeting minutes
- Gabriella Ayala - Seconds the motion

III. Public Input

- N/A

IV. Special Presentation

- N/A

V. REPORTS

A. Chair Report

- Welcome back
- Carter is a new representative, he had not been here for the last 2 meetings.
Muir college representative
- New quarter ahead, taco villa is the main thing we want to talk about, finalize it
- Spring allocation is important

B. Vice Chair Report

- Space allocation in spring be on the lookout
- Waitlisted orgs are moved into the previously occupied but now open spots

- Look out for tech fee subsidies some will be sent out today/tomorrow!

C. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- Happy new year!
- **Some renovations done over the break:**
 - Gameroom construction completed, redid entire ceiling over pool table
 - Walkways PC level 2 and 3 were completed resurfaced
 - Student center exterior building painted completed
 - West ballroom door installation - still in progress
 - West ballroom floor refinishing completed, deep cleaning crews etc
 - Fire alarm system and fire sprinkler inspections completed
 - PC west 3rd level office furniture installed completed
 - Tree fell onto student center and tree fell on PC also fell thankfully the buildings were fine
- **Winter quarter look ahead:**
 - Movie series coming up - Adam Sandler
 - Garden workshop at student center, bingo nights, line dancing yarn art installation, pin and win vendor promotion
 - Triton fountain will stay where it is, however the project to fix fountain is not completely held in place
 - Jess - Poker night and line dancing for activating Shores Diner movement but do we have any numbers on how successful that was on their selling
 - John - It has not been as successful as they hoped
 - Emily - No question but the doors look great
 - Holly - Has Shores Diner reached out to students on what they would want to see happen
 - John - That wouldn't be Shores Diner, that would be us, we are the student connection
 - Shreya - Do they think it is the menu or..?
 - John - I don't think they can point out one thing , the menu prices you have to find that value point but it did not hit

D. Member Reports

- Elijah - Just wanted to say that it is great to see a lot more students involved in UCAB!

VI. BUSINESS

A. Old Business

- Taco Villa decision, go back and get some final opinions, assuming afterwards we can make a decision on it or giving it more time if it is needed
- Vanessa - I did a survey but so far from what I have been reading a lot of people have gone 1-2 times or 3-4 times, people like the authentic Mexican cuisine, not big fans of Taco bell so it is good to have a second option, Taco Villa is a place that people want to keep on campus
- Gabriella - I want to have a form on tabling by next Thursday, my council said that it was really good for catering though
- By next meeting we will have more opinions hopefully and form responses to then maybe arrive at a decision
- Vanessa - I did go and try it and it was really good and they had specials too

B. New Business

- Student health building
- The triton center will be opening this Summer, health building as well, vacating the current student health building across library walk looking at that building one of the questions will we a lot of departments are looking at that building
- 4 million dollars of maintenance that needs to be done, the layout, anticipating that by 2030 if Uni centers approved, we could renovate that building for student use in an effective
- John - Putting together a presentation on the building
- Thoughts on possibility of inventing 10-15 million dollars in this building, nothing is finalized that will go in the building right now or do we save our money to buy the land when the chancellor's building is being thrown off
- Shreya - How much would the second one cost?
- John - We would probably need 70 million to build something
- Shreya - Do we have reserve savings
- John - No we do not, we will start further building that savings this year
- Emily - I think it is a great idea for all the activity that happens all the time, there is a large meeting room that could be great for student activities, creative ideas for how that space could be used
- John - There are a lot of opportunities such as a student org space, meditative space, dance room, large meeting rooms, entertainment space, the list is ongoing, student disability space
- Shreya - CAC orgs there is not enough space and really truly on demand having that would be really nice
- Jess - Business departments too, there is not enough room so more event space and more flexibility on when and how we book it

- John - One of the challenges is the rooms used to be used all day long then they thinned out because of COVID, a lot of daytime emptiness, when a room sits empty all the time is that really the most effective use of it
- Shreya - Podlike meeting rooms, individual it would be nice
- John - Should Uni centers put in a bid to try and acquire the former student health building, we don't want to get something and try to use it in its current space we want to put the time and effort to renovate it so that it is effective for the students to use, we should have plenty in our budget or our other option is now that the chancellors complex is torn down do we look at something bigger?
- Elijah - Do we know what other departments are trying to take over this space, I'd like to see a bigger space for students
- John - I'm not sure that information has not been answered
- Shreya - Could you add food centers in the student health building?
- John - Yes, with money you probably could in the current layout
- Emily - Perhaps building a coffee building
- Yulianna - hard for all of us to commit to think about acquiring, having more community spaces that are fun and extroverted, a different hangout spot for students designated club meetings, etc
- The biggest thing right now is are we interested and want to acquire this space?
- Jess - How urgent is this answer needed?
- John - Next meeting
- Carter - But you don't foresee increasing student fees - carter
- John - No
- Be ready to make a decision at the next meeting!

Open Forum / Announcements

- Emily - MLK day service and MLK day parade awesome events and I will put this in slack there is a link to sign up for a day of service on Friday it is a half day at a local elementary school working on projects identified by the school, city-wide parade
- Check slack!! Make sure all tech fee subsidies are answered

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm on 01/06/2026. The next meeting is scheduled to be at 2pm on 01/20/2026.