

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Meeting Date: Fall 25, Week 3, 10/14/25

Meeting Location: Warren College Room

In Attendance

Jess Huang, Holly Menninger, John Payne, Scott Strong, Camila Anaya, Shreya Nangunuri, Gabriela Ayala, Julianna Ybarra, Pamela Fruge, Britney Nguyen-Bui, Tianlai Huang, Vanessa Baba, Aditi Parthan, Elijah Cheng, Nitin Pramnath, Olivia Ghilardi, Emily Trask

I. Call To Order

- The meeting to elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:02 pm on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in the Warren College Room.

II. Approval Of Minutes

- Gabriella Ayala - Motions to approve meeting minutes
- Elijah Cheng - Seconds the motion

III. Public Input

- N/A

IV. Special Presentation

- AS Proposal, notes seen under "New Business"

V. REPORTS

A. Chair Report

- If you haven't already set up HR with Scott
- Attendance and slack reminders! Make sure that you're on Slack so that you can get announcements
- Be here for meetings every other Tuesday from 2;00-3:30
- Slack is for all general but also for tech fee subsidies, they will start ramping on soon check regularly

B. Vice Chair Report

- Main reminders of tech fee subsidy - clubs will need to pick up their keys by week 5 or else they will be kicked out and moved to waitlist, emails will be sent out
- Tech fee subsidy remind, there is a channel on slack that where the ones that need to be reviewed will be sent
- 2 week before event date
- Approve it or deny it
- Jess - you guys need to approve them on time as soon as possible if we're only a few days late that mean clubs won't get funding

C. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- Gameroom grand opening
- After 18 months of planning this phase was completed, feedback was astounding 300 students showed up, still soliciting feedback company needs to come out and fix scoring system
- After nearly 2 years of working with committees on campus we have official lease to fill salon 101 space with Lucky's hair that specialize in curly and kinky hair
- Could be up and running as soon as a month but may be longer
- Taco bell as they continue to work they could open as soon as 10/27 we have to see
- Jess - People that went loved the general atmosphere i know design was something UCAB agreed on and im glad to see people liked it (talking about gameroom)
- John - Nice to use what was needed by students on campus and it is awesome to see it come together all feedback I've heard is pretty positive

D. Member Reports

- Elijah - I'm excited about the gameroom and for whoever is new you will see these results as a member of UCAB, in this case we chose the paint and design for the game room. Also last year we were really bad with the tech fee subsidies, we need to help cubs because they cannot pay out of pocket it is not hard to open phone and click a button

VI. BUSINESS

A. Old Business

- SAAC rooms, any feedback or general thoughts?

- Elijah - Talked to members of council and one former member and we all think its strange that 6 student orgs all have such big rooms for storage, I think we should give them some time before putting those rooms back into the pool for student storage
- Shreya - Have they been contacted about the fact that they are in the process of possibly being kicked out
- Jess - Currently no, I believe last year we mentioned something
- Shreya - Have they considered coming to UCAB meeting to defend themselves
- Jess - The Vice chair will probably send out emails to inform them and see if they will like to come in
- Vanessa - I got to see the room and its just a room for storage that someone could use for good, one room was a complete safety hazard and so I agree with Shreya and Elijah
- Let them know if they want to speak on behalf of that at a UCAB meeting, do we want to make a decision about opening them up for the next cycle?
- Olivia - Potentially they may be distributed but only to cultural groups like the original idea, would we be interested in still doing something like that
- Jess - That could be a good idea
- Elijah - General criteria or saying they're a cultural org, almost everyone can say that they are a cultural org so I'm not sure that we should use that as a criteria for putting them into that group, every org should have ability to store their stuff, were trying to shove more clubs into rooms and I just don't think that them saying they're a cultural organization should mean anything to us personally anyone could argue that they are..
- Olivia - Orgs registered as cultural that is what I meant they can't just change that
- Julianna - Definitely think we should reach out to student org we should give them a chance and that is valid as long as we tell them to clean it up we shouldn't take away the fact that it was for cultural reasons
- Shreya - I also agree with notifying but I think the reason they were established there was because there weren't that many cultural orgs on campus but now it has gotten a lot better and a lot more orgs are cultural, I think it's hard to still use these spaces specifically for cultural orgs the purpose is its not that necessary than it was back then but they should also come and explain themselves, we open up space allocation and that impact is huge
- Jess - Space allocation is based off numbers
- Julianna - We should look at size and necessity but at least keeping one of the cultural just to honor the roots and having at least one impactful cultural org not

just removing people who hold that space, giving them an opportunity to represent themselves

- Elijah - We gave them that as an office space, it was not a storage space letting them come and try a space that is reserved for them as office space while most of cultural orgs don't have offices, I agree we should have one room that is reserved for cultural orgs and if they want to use as storage room having something that would, better compromise than just kicking people out
- Shreya - What percentage of storage spaces that we offer are for cultural spaces vs non cultural orgs? Important to keep if there is a disparity
- Holly - I'm not sure but I could look into that
- Tianlai - How long have the orgs been using that room for storage?
- John - Since 2008
- Tianlai - So we intended it to be an office but they used it as storage?
- John - Yes, SAAC used to exist on campus and they used to have space in PC West, when PC East was constructed as part of expansion a deal was worked out and the SAAC lounge was relocated to PC East so this was the new SAAC lounge in 2008 and what we realized recently is that SAAC no longer exists should these rooms now divert back to normal org space auction
- Yulianna - Having one room dedicated to cultural orgs to acknowledge history of SAAC room is important
- Tianlai - it would look weird if u have 2 applications we could instead say SAAC rooms they could be given priority
- Elijah - Just do old form and look at the top, whatever clubs are cultural orgs that can fit into that room then we wouldn't have to have another form that room could be kept as internally as a known SAAC room honor
- Shreya - I agree we could reposition we don't need to add bonus points, already accepting cultural groups in general could keep them there and call it the SAAC rooms
- Holly - Currently 10% of the space allocation is registered as cultural orgs some more but not registered under cultural orgs
- Jess - So at least notifying orgs and in meantime we mention putting these clubs through same application process
- Emily - Last year we had 72 of our 764 student orgs that registered under the cultural category that's around 10%

B. New Business

- AS proposal, presenting are Willian, Cameron, and Yulianna
- Coming here to in regard to contemplation lounge expansion

- William - Contemplation lounge is outside of here a space for reflection and prayer for students on our campus constantly reaching full capacity, 30 people however like said it reaches full capacity and can undermine peaceful environment, a common misconception is that it is only used by Muslim students however, we have informal testimonials from Hindus, Christians, and other religious students, how often they use it and each week etc can give an informal testimonial
- William - Space is kind of tiny I went in there with friends who were helping me record content, I see how we can maybe in there fit 30 people, it's just too small
- Purpose - since 2008 student population when space opened it has doubled the capacity of prayer space remains the space and is not fully giving students an environment where quiet reflection prayer and meditation is happening enhance sense of belonging to ucsd
- Ensure inclusivity by opening it to all faiths, backgrounds, and beliefs
- As long as there is a space that is well centered like 9521 mandeville old student health building on library walk or PC 316 old alumni center on 3rd floor
- Prioritizing student safety capacity and well-being
- Legislation calls upon ucsd departments to begin expansion and relocation
- UCSD legislation for contemplation lounge
- Letter has been voted on and passed in: Warren college council, Sixth college council, ERC council, Muir college council
- Not only does AS fully enforce it is also starting to be endorsed by different college councils
- Marketing content and guardian feature article coming soon
- What they ask of us is that UCAB formerly recommends to create a new, larger contemplation lounge such as places like old student health building
- If those spaces don't work just make sure some space is found on campus
- Elijah - In the group of orgs that were listed all from around same demographic I did not see any other, as a Christian we pray anywhere we want, while I don't think I've talked to any Christian that uses that lounge, also from what I know the area is crowded it is almost always used as a study space even though it is stated to be a quiet contemplation lounge, I'm not too certain if they use it as a praying space or studying
- William - Yea so we had some different diverse orgs but they're very similar we pulled all nighter and we mostly got endorses from Muslim community, we did not have time so we just went with immediate ones, I will send you the updated list with other religious orgs and testimonials from students, regulated concerns

about people using it as informal meeting space and so whoever would have the new space there would be a regulator

- Shreya - It's really cool that there is a larger space that is being considered, really good reason for why you're trying to move to bigger space, really wonderful to get more student orgs to sign off and be cool with it and promise to use space
- Emily - I know other campuses have similar contemplation lounges and I wonder if they do anything like any division to get new perspectives, center for ethics and spirituality
- William - Similar issue, some religious groups are using it more than others so we're looking into ways that we can work on it
- Nitin - Great idea because a lot of my Muslim friends have had to go to restrooms, would old space be moved out?
- William - It would be given back to you guys
- Shreya - Are you guys on a timeline?
- William - I will talk with next president to continue this push, this process will not be quick
- John - Pepper Canyon East project called out in program to include a spiritual and contemplative space with outdoor and indoor it has been noted and maybe included may not be included in the new complex on the other side of the trolley
- Elijah - something that might be easier for now at least is the idea of getting a student to make sure that area is enforced what if for now we have that student in place for contemplation lounge we can see if it's still overcrowded and if it isn't and if it is then we can continue with that new space
- William - I don't see not one reason that there should not be one new space, would be giving you guys a new space
- Cameron - A lot of college councils unanimously passed, this a lot of roots that students support this, hiring aid is not that simple we have a steps, not realistic
- Shreya - When UCAB is voting on this were just voting that we want a new space and then afterwards we can talk about regulation
- Jess - Subcommittees for special events so do we want to call to create a subcommittee for this so that you guys can come up with ideas?
- Motion to create a subcommittee for contemplation lounge proposal - Jualianna, Niitin seconds

Open Forum / Announcements

- N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm on 10/14/2025. The next meeting is scheduled to be at 2pm on 10/28/2025.