

# Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Time:** 2:00 - 3:30 pm

**Meeting Date:** Fall 25, Week 1, 9/30/25

**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, Olivia Ghilardi, Tianlai Huang, Vanessa Baba, Aditi Parthan, Emily Trask, Elijah Cheng

## 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, September 30, 2025, in the Warren College Room.

## II. Approval Of Minutes

- Elijah Cheng - Motions to approve meeting minutes
- Olivia Ghilardi - Seconds the motion

## III. Public Input

- William, Mosma, Zain, and Ricardo from asu introduced themselves and gave ideas and collaborations for conversation around contemplation lounge
- Have had concerns about space being too small for amount of students that use it, possibly expansion to the space
- Relocation of the alumni center from third floor to new triton center and also have other spaces opening up
- Perhaps moving contemplation lounge to a bigger space on campus and just bringing it up as we work together

## IV. Special Presentation

- N/A

## V. REPORTS

### A. Chair Report

- Background for UCAB itself, we all work towards the student experience and that includes anything in price center or old student center
- In charge of retail, storage rooms, meeting rooms,etc.
- Whatever position you're in, you represent that group of people
- Goal is to give your perspective and influence these decisions that are made all year round
- Tech fee subsidy, we fund student events that are in price center and old student center
- Space allocation, very similar storage rooms and they are for clubs to store their stuff, end up sharing their space, space allocation opens up in spring quarter
- Smaller committees like budget committee of university center, to be able to review everything insight into what we do and what staff and faculty do with the money we have
- If anyone thinks a committee is necessary then that can be brought up with the board, join at least one committee
- Expectations: attendance, should meet every other Tuesday in Warren College room, if you skip of one or more meetings then you lose information
- Make sure to be on slack and check all the message, with the tech fee subsidy there will be a lot of messages, be alert on slack
- It's important to know that the way you vote really does matter so be mindful;
- Be sure to reach out, to Scott, Jess, Holly, John etc,
- When we have any voting we have motions and votes
- Motions are proposal for action, you can motion to approve or to vote, not as formal you only require one member to approve
- Votes are formal think if we have any lease agreements, that ends in a final decision and we would need  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority to pass
- With a vote you can say yay, nay, or abstain, everyone needs to cast a vote

## B. Vice Chair Report

- Tech fee subsidy, none right now but there should be some coming up soon they may be mentioned in meetings but will also be shown in slack and that is where subsidies will be put so they can be reviewed
- Space allocation does not start until Spring quarter which is when people can apply for the spaces
- What committees should go into what spaces there is a whole system for it
- For tech fee just need over half of board to approve over slack and that is how they will be reviewed

- Tech fee subsidies do fall over participation and attendance for the sake of the clubs to have their things approved on time
- Julianna - For space allocation you're saying that it opens up in Spring quarter and that's for next year but if there are any issues with space allocation right now when are they talked about?
- Jess - Holly is the one that takes care of those issues but if she can't address them directly then she will bring them up to the board

### C. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- Advisor to board
- As we have topics he will share information to make decisions
- Helps execute vision of board
- Involved in managing outdoor events, huge events, team sustainability
- Goal is to help facilitate vision of this board
- Gameroom - student grand opening Friday the 10th, around the evening
- Tacobell - tracking for possible opening on 10/27
- Space above Taco Villa being made into large meeting room and getting bids for how much the construction will actually cost
- First Friday and Funzone was a huge success, over 12 hundred people participated
- Student Affairs reorganization completely changed the organizational model, University Center will be placed in Art and Cavitation cluster
- Can be taking place around the end of October, what will that hold for University Center?
- Olivia - What's going on with the room near Panda?
- John - We purchased that from book store, paid over 300 hundred thousand dollars, working with campus retail working with dry retail to enhance retail portfolio, too hard to manage a quiet area down there
- Jess - 300 hundred thousand dollars, gives a good idea of what we work with, we work with millions there are always big numbers and so our decisions have a very big impact

### D. Member Reports

- Anything any member thinks is important and wants to bring up to the board

## VI. BUSINESS

### A. Old Business

- Motion to move meeting into close session - Julianna

- Tianlai - second
- SAAC (Student affirmative action) meeting rooms within Price Center, the committee no longer exists so rooms fall back to university center we haven't quite come to a consensus of what to do
- John - University centers UCAB has space allocation, around 20 spaces for student orgs for storage and there is a whole system for that
- In 2008 a set of room set aside for SAAC, moved to price center east, over time that committee has dissolved, does not exists anymore now these rooms fall back into university centers space allocation inventory
- The question is, how do we want to move forward with these new inventory rooms and how should we work to see them allocated ?
- Elijah - I think the rooms coil fit around 24 student orgs and right now 6 are using them, all cluttered and messy so I think it should become another one of our storage spaces, kicking them out would be interesting to have to deal with but I think they should reapply and we give them a space..
- Shreya - Agrees we should give them a couple months of grace period and we can reintroduce that space into the normal system, we would probably give them space but reintroduce them into process
- Jess - So what I'm hearing is that we convert them into club storage rooms but add grace period since they've been there for so long
- Julianna - I'd like to get an image of how big those spaces are to make a decision
- Another ongoing piece of business talks of moving the triton statue to another location, do students even want to move the statue?
- Alumni center wanted to fund a new project to improve fountain and in working with them to make a new design other members on campus felt like the current location is not the most appropriate, thoughts of moving it to liontree or fountain right by target, has been pushed back but some leaders should talk
- UCAB do you want to move it or not? If so, where?
- Elijah - How much was it to move it to liontree?
- John - Did not have any price, but would vary depending
- Tianlai - Did they give any reason as to why they would want to move it?
- John- No, 15 years ago when we put statue there there was a big group of people who did not like the location at all perhaps the cycle is repeating
- Aditi - If we choose to keep it in the same place will the alumni still carry on their project of changing the fountain?
- John - Yes, but cant start campaign until they know where it will be, a lot of things being held up

- Vanessa - I don't think the location is an issue but I have heard some students say like that's it there nothing else? Could've been better?
- John - The new fountain design does look cool
- Aditi - With the amount of money to move, what about maybe making a new thing somewhere else? We can have different things this one spot on campus
- Emily - So often see newly admitted students taking picture, is a natural location right there where it is it is a landmark
- Aditi - So much of UCSD is changing so having some things that build legacy is important and makes a difference just keep it there
- Emily - The location where it is also has the triton steps behind and groups of people often take pictures there
- Elijah - Motion to vote to keep the triton statue
- Tianlai - Seconds
- Motion to vote whether or not the king triton statue should remain in original location
- Yes - stays - 11
- No - 0
- Abstains - 0
- We have a unanimous vote - it stays

## B. New Business

- Student health center building
- With triton center opening in late spring early summer one of the building next to center hall is the student health center building, its got all student health needs and physical needs and mental needs, moving out of the one right now and university center has been approached to see if we'd like to become the new owners and operators moving forward
- That building had a facility condition analysis done within last 5 years and it needs about 5 billion dollars of maintenance work to get it back to a usable state, would need a major interior renovation
- What would university centers use it as? What are students lacking right now?
- Aditi - We can never run out of commuter spaces and study spaces because of the space especially since Geisel being cut
- Elijah - It is a heavy price just to bring back to its original state and it is weirdly built and out of space, we lack space for a garden seeing green is a good thing and our campus could always use more of that, maybe demolishing it and putting something else in place?

- John - Grass is expensive, hard to maintain but when they remove the old chancellors place mulch will be put in
- Emily - Student org space near library walk, coffee shop with some tables and chairs to make it more of a destination space in the public exchange of that area, meeting room that would be popular among student orgs for meetings in particular
- Emily - Will it be there for 10 years or longer? What is the life span for that space
- John - It'll last
- Olivia - Will CAPS be included in the student health center building?
- John - CAPS will be there
- John - Entertainment space, dance space for students, contemplative space, retail that might work there? The first five billion might get covered by campus...Will need 10 million dollars to fund a significant interior renovation and good news is we have no major construction projects in our que for next years
- Emily - Sorority and fraternity life have been interested in space so that could be another section of the space
- Benefit students long term

### **Open Forum / Announcements**

- Jess - Make sure to contact Scott about HR, to start getting paid
- UCAB is a year round thing so try as hard as you can to keep the 2-3:30pm slot open, if not someone will replace you

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm on 9/30/2025. The next meeting is scheduled to be at 2pm on 10/14/2025.**