

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Meeting Date: Winter 26, Week 5, 02/03/26

Meeting Location: Warren College Room

In Attendance

Jess Huang, Holly Menninger, John Payne, Scott Strong, Camila Anaya, Gabriella Ayala, Julianna Ybarra, Aditi Parthan, Nitin Pramnath, Maansi Kesani, Vicky Huang, Idalia Fernandez, Julianna Ybarra, Tianlai Huang, Emily Trask, Grace Gibson, Britney Nguyen-Bui, Carter Imrie, Kamran HajiBayli,

I. Call To Order

- The meeting to elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the University Centers Advisory Board was called to order at 2:04 pm on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in the Warren College Room.

II. Approval Of Minutes

- Nitin Pramnath - Motions to approve the meeting minutes
- Tianlai Huang - Seconds the motion

III. Public Input

- N/A

IV. Special Presentation

- N/A

V. REPORTS

A. Chair Report

- New member incoming - Graduate-at-large, Kamran Hajibayli
- Committees will begin forming soon, be prepared to join them, good for looking into depth at how University Centers work
- General attendance, being active on Slack, more participation is always good and needed, if you are unable to make it please send a message and try to send another representative especially when voting!

B. Vice Chair Report

- Animefest 2026 - approved for \$500.00
- ACS-SA Chemistry Career Day - approved for \$70.00
- ATFL x LSA Networking Panel - approved for \$105.00
- SAAC offices email has been sent out, letters have been posted on the doors, included in next year space allocations

C. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- Gameroom this month should be able to start taking in group reservations for student orgs, special events, during certain times of day you could almost get the whole gameroom available
- Working with retail broker to promote the space across from Panda eExpress as a non-food retail opportunity - just one proposal sent right now, no food no plumbing, etc
- Added signage on library walk for petitioners asking for signature, "Think before you sign" to help educate everyone to think before signing, don't just give away your information
- Have notified Taco Villa of not renewing lease once it is up at the end of April
- New study nook furniture on PC east, level 3, maybe we can add more around the facilities let us know your feedback on it!
- Vicky - Gameroom reservation? Will there be a time block when students can't go in?
- John - Let's say a student org wants to have an event they can rent 4 pool tables 1 bowling lane and 1 karaoke room, lets say your student org wants to rent on a Saturday morning we might take whole thing for them to use in the morning, goal is to always keep it open for non reservations

D. Member Reports

- N/A

VI. BUSINESS

A. Old Business

- Taco Villa has been notified that their lease will not be renewed at the end of April

B. New Business

- Start thinking about food concepts now that Taco Villa will be taken out of their spot after lease, do we want to keep the same style of food? Location to be taken into consideration, feasibility of new vendor, etc
- John - We know Taco Villa will be vacating their spot in old student center and when they vacate we have opportunity to fill that with a new food vendor, we

start with concepts in mind that allow our broker to go out and solicit those type of food specialties, Taco Villa was brought in because we did not have any Mexican authentic food on campus, submit 5-12 options then bring down to 3-4 then committee gets back and we will go to do tastings, look at their menu, and finally UCAB will decide which is the winner

- Grace - I discussed with my roommate and we like the Hispanic serving part, maybe Caribbean or Colombian food
- Google form can be done and sent out to have some responses as to what would be some concepts or restaurants we want
- Kamran - We rarely have any soup places, maybe Vietnamese pho?
- Emily - Authentic Mexican places sound good because we are in Southern California, really good taco shops around
- Jess - Has University Centers itself come up with any ideas they want?
- John 0 No, just more places have been opening up, getting the full retail landscape will be critical so we can understand a little better what will be offered in the near future
- Gabriella and Britney will be creating a google form, initial phase and then we can narrow it down
- Kamran - Will equipment be left there, so we don't go to a completely different concept?
- John - Depends on vendor, we don't know what Taco Villa will leave us so what we tell a restaurant is, 'This space is available but kitchen equipment may not be guaranteed', ultimately depends on their concept and how much they want to invest
- Britney - Has UCAB ever tabled for something like this? I feel like this is something big and we would get a lot of opinions
- John - We haven't done retail survey in a while, I'll look back and see, maybe we can get marketing team to do that next week
- Carter - Woodfire pizza place would be cool
- Britney - Korean? Dessert too..
- John - Dessert concept sounds good, yogurtworld is doing very well, apart from that there is not another place, Mochinut is very popular, must focus on price point and value how much you get for price
- Grace - Maybe a brunch place or breakfast place was recommended by my council
- Vicky - My council also said something that opens earlier, we don't have places open before 7am

- Jess - I like something like a snack place, korean-wise, something dessert related would be very good
- John - While gathering the information you have to balance what might be cool, fun or if we want to be niche and if there is an ethnicity that is not being represented on campus is that something we want to bring in as well

Open Forum / Announcements

- N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm on 02/03/2026. The next meeting is scheduled to be at 2pm on 02/17/2026.