

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Meeting Date: Winter 26, Week 9, 03/03/26

Meeting Location: Warren College Room

In Attendance

Jess Huang, Holly Menninger, John Payne, Scott Strong, Camila Anaya, Julianna Ybarra, Nitin Pramnath, Maansi Kesani, Vicky Huang, Julianna Ybarra (Proxy), Tianlai Huang, Grace Gibson, Britney Nguyen-Bui, Carter Imrie, Kamran HajiBayli, Idalia Fernandez, Aditi Parthan, Pamela Fruge, Vanessa Baba, 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 2:04 pm on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Warren College Room.

II. Approval Of Minutes

- Kamran Hajibayli - Motions to approve meeting minutes
- Britney Nguyen-Bui - Seconds the motion

III. Public Input

- N/A

IV. Special Presentation

- N/A

V. REPORTS

A. Chair Report

- Make sure to clear schedules for spring quarter, especially because it is when we usually have our committees
- Be sure to join at least one committee, it is a responsibility as UCAB members and gives a good feel of inner workings here at UCAB
- Report back any findings we might have like Tacovilla instance, but could also extend to any topics we usually discuss, important to bring back information to college councils and then bring it back here so we can discuss as a group

- SAAC meeting on Friday, March 5th, with Chair and Vice Chair during that meeting

B. Vice Chair Report

- Swan Lake Tech Rehearsal by Aequora Ballet Company - Approved for \$70.00
- CDA Showcase by Chinese Dance Association - Approved for \$45.00
- Daughters of Triton Winter Concert - Approved for \$100.00
- Space allocation committee will meet in spring quarter, feel free to reach out with any questions

C. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- Taco bell 24 hour experiment started yesterday night, March 2nd, 2026
- Team has been working on library walk because of signature petitioners
- Hard to get them to follow ucsd guidelines, PD seems reluctant to act on certain things, hard to act against
- Important for petitioners to work policies of university
- Hosting of controversial events, sometimes gets called out, once again the content is not relevant in reservations, content-neutral, support first amendment rights on campus
- Every reservation is content neutral when approved
- Freedom of information act requests: 1) Documents associated with SAAC office allocation, 2) Starbucks agreements
- Weekend between 10th week and finals - PC open 24 hours, will accommodate anyone trying to study
- Organizational new assistant Vice Chancellor, Cunningham, in charge of global programs overseeing them, the new AVC
- Vicky - Is TacoBell only Mon-Thur 24 hours?
- John - Yes
- Mateo (SAAC Rep) - Are PC West and East both open 24 hours?
- John - Only East

D. Member Reports

- Vicky - Marshall's council had questions about when Pepper Canyon West will open
- Not sure, moving really slow first one may open up May. all will be open by fall quarter
- John - Pepper Canyon West isn't under UCEN, so I'm not sure, University Centers has portfolio of retail groups in PC, services center, and student center, anything else on campus is all managed through campus real estate
- Vicky - Is Camino farms family owned?
- John - Not sure, all done through campus real estate

VI. BUSINESS

A. Old Business

- Tacovilla sub-committee for replacing genres
- “New food vendor study” slide directed by Carter Imrie and Tianlai Huang
- Campus wide research: interest in cuisines by type, google form, common suggestions: Mexican, Mediterranean, late night snacks, breakfast, etc
- UCAB input suggestions: dessert authentic Mexican, local taco shops, but think about limitations located in old student center, time cannot open before 8 and cannot close after 8
- Broad categories: dessert, Mexican, breakfast, Asian, fast food
- Goals: using student input determine which 2 subcategories have the greatest student interest, using student input to determine 4-8 specific vendors
- Survey plan table library walk, mid afternoon week 1-2 of spring quarter, structure: offer candy, introduce context, inform of the 5 broad categories, ask 1-2 they would be most interested in, ask for specific restaurant based on top categories, surveyors may offer 3-4 predetermined ideas, document response
- John - Better during week 9 and 10 because week 1-2 is too crowded, summer will come before we’re deep in betting process that would be a downside
- Suggestion examples: dessert: shaved ice kakigori, Bingsu, meet fresh, up2you: crepes
- Breakfast - mango cafe, all day breakfast, mexican breakfast, bagel
- Vicky - My council suggested a Michoacana since we are not going to have Taco Villa anymore and it could replace that Mexican cuisine category
- Grace - Taco bell did just open so maybe opening another fast food would be an over exaggeration, maybe healthier food
- Aditi - You mentioned desserts were one of the smaller categories so why'd you bring it up as a bigger option?
- Carter - Came up in the discussion during UCAB a lot
- Jess - Long process when we have new vendors, come back and ask UCAB repeatedly, but overall really fun to decide what we will have
- Grace - Will there be a sign up sheet to help get responses?
- Carter - Yes, it will be posted on Slack

B. New Business

- N/A

Open Forum / Announcements

- John - Basic Needs Hub will open a new location along ridgewalk at 5:40 PM today, March 3rd, 2026
- Jess - Reminder that this is the last meeting of the quarter, will see you next quarter!

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm on 03/03/2026. The next meeting is scheduled to be at 2pm on 3/31/2026.