

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Meeting Date: Spring 26, Week 1, 03/31/26

Meeting Location: Warren College Room

In Attendance

Jess Huang, Holly Menninger, John Payne, Scott Strong, Camila Anaya, Maansi Kesani, Vicky Huang, Julianna Ybarra (proxy), Tianlai Huang, Grace Gibson, Britney Nguyen-Bui, Carter Imrie, Kamran Hajibayli, Idalia Fernandez, Elijah Cheng, Mateo Song, Shreya Nagunuri, Gabriella Ayala

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, March 31, 2026, in the Warren College Room.

II. Approval Of Minutes

- Britney Nguyen-Bui - Motions to approve the meeting minutes
- Vicky Huang - Seconds the motion

III. Public Input

- N/A

IV. Special Presentation

- N/A

V. REPORTS

A. Chair Report

- Scheduling, keep meetings on odd number weeks make sure you know when these meetings are and you have that time blocked off
- SAAC Org meeting, towards end of last quarter we discussed main issue, UCAB as did not know SAAC was functional as a whole, main thing that came up was when they came to UCAB for keys and we did not handle that so we did not have keys, what happened to SAAC?

- Asked them to let them know they were still functioning as a committee, like meeting minutes, people in position, they were able to send it over, important stuff that shows they are meeting regularly is there
- Tianlai - We searched online and did not find any post updates of the committee, they have a constitution, where should we find it?
- Mateo - SAAC has been a thing since 60s, 70s and advocating for issues on campus however, after covid a lot of structural changes happened, we have been trying to rebuild that's why there is not a lot of online presence, we are not a registered org. just a committee we advocate for similar issues, email is best way to reach; ucsdsaac@gmail.com
- SAAC rep in UCAB team - Mateo song
- Jess - Since they are functioning I don't see any reason why that decision should still be in place we can repeal that decision to give them rooms back, use to have position on UCAB but that contact got lost but with SAAC becoming active again will serve as good reminder, provide any updates on SAAC

B. Vice Chair Report

- RxConnections (by IPhO) - approved for \$120.00
- Spring Kickoff (by ACM) - Approved for \$175.00
- Interministry Joint Praise Night (by New Life Student Ministries) - Approved \$500.00
- Art Spark Mega Life Drawing - Approved for \$60.00
- ECONference (by Undergraduate Economics Society) - Approved for \$240.00
- Dine With a PA (by PPASO) - Approved for \$116.00
- Get as many votes as possible in slack tech fee subsidies, feel free to ask questions on event

C. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- Forum patio painted price center east, just one more coat needed
- Student center started phase one of renovation of courtyards, trimmed ficus and installed concrete bench, summer will be full renovation mode
- Fire sprinkler testing throughout building over spring break
- Sponge bob and Patrick on nooks
- Deep cleanings every quarter for carpets, hard wood care, windows, etc
- Che cafe contractor selected will cost 275k but had budgeted more
- Team working diligently for triton day less than 2 weeks away now
- Grace - Contractor for what?
- John - Project roof replacement but also got a report for upgrades facility and room replacement
- Gabriela - When is Triton day?

- John - April 11 on a Saturday
- Jess - How regularly do we do big maintenance stuff?
- John - Every quarter at the breaks, windows get done twice a year though
- Holly - Do you expect more students this Triton day?
- John - More than last year numberwise but Bruin day is on same day, last year around 15000 people total

D. Member Reports

- Add Mateo Song to the "Member Reports"

VI. BUSINESS

A. Old Business

- Tacovilla - last time mentioned tabling on library walk, any findings?
- Report from Tianlai and Carter - connected survey to figure what people will be interested in and narrowed down to Mexican, desserts, Asian, breakfast, fast food
- Authentic mexican option was clearly what people wanted the most
- The second question was more specific at what restaurants, ice cream shop, tacos el gordo, taco stand, mikes red tacos, Robertacos. Vallertas, 85 degrees, shaved ice, bagel shop, korean barbeque, thai, hot pot, etc.
- Jess - How many total people were polled and was there just one option per person?
- Carter - People could choose per 3-4 options, we did not track the exact number of total people, but most people selected 1, around 150 people
- Jess - Consensus is Mexican and dessert for top 2, are those a good start?
- John - Absolutely can focus on that and with some of the names too that is going to help a lot
- Britney - What if we brought those categories back to council and majority of people voted for an authentic restaurant, if we could get a list of restaurants that we could bring back to council that would help too
- John - But we won't bring restaurants back to you, instead bring them to me so we can get it to retail team and from there it goes
- Idalia - Do you know if there is a timeline we're working with?
- John - So we will start right now with broker so they can come in rolling basis our goal is we want to come back to UCAB to try and weigh in what the best options are looking like so we can narrow it down, now that we know what to focus on
- Grace - My council mentioned finding a place that combines breakfast with Mexican, extensive menu

- Holly - mentioned that timeline might go in summer, we could have a subcommittee to narrow it down, earlier part of summer or?
- John - There's no way I can know that right now

B. New Business

- Blue pepper lease renewal
- Blue pepper lease will be up at beginning of fall, because summer break is in the way we will need to decide with this UCAB committee, Kay will be in 2 weeks, start reaching out and getting feedback on Blue pepper that would be helpful
- Jess - Topic of timeline, we want a decision made before the end of the quarter correct?
- John - Yes, have to end of quarter but we have to make the decision with this board
- Jess - Previously we've done google forms, John do we want to poll students outside of councils?
- Start with your boards and see what your response is, if you get negative response you might want to expand but if its positive then it might be the same
- 26-27 UCEB Budget
- Just want people looking things over and giving any thoughts, make sure to join subcommittees
- John - Will start meeting with individual team, goal is sometime in early May we should be voting to approve budget or not, subcommittee will need to meet in 2 weeks
- Usually meet outside of normal meeting times, like hour and a half

Open Forum / Announcements

- John - Library now open 24 hours again, the Sungod lounge and open desk area had extended their hours because of the library closing, we will keep them those extended hours just to see how many students are using those spaces

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm on 03/31/2026. The next meeting is scheduled to be at 2pm on 4/14/2026.