

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Meeting Date: Spring 26, Week 5, 04/28/26

Meeting Location: Warren College Room

In Attendance

Jess Huang, Holly Menninger, John Payne, Scott Strong, Camila Anaya, Vicky Huang, Julianna Ybarra, Tianlai Huang, Grace Gibson, Britney Nguyen-Bui, Mateo Song, Gabriella Ayala, Aditi Parthan, Justine Vuong, Nitin Pramnath, Vanessa Baba, 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 2:05 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in the Warren College Room.

II. Approval Of Minutes

- Motions to approve the meeting minutes - Vanessa Baba
- Seconds the motion - Gabriella Ayala

III. Public Input

- N/A

IV. Special Presentation

- N/A

V. REPORTS

A. Chair Report

- Budget committee meeting, it will be held on May 1st from 1-2pm at Marshall College Room
- UCAB applications are open for anyone that is interested in being vice chair or chair, next time we meet will be elections, looking to close applications on the 8th
- Any questions about the positions feel free to ask!
- Returning members, anyone interested in their roles feel free to let Holly and Jess know, college appointed are different

- End of the quarter lunch/dinner, during this meeting block, if everyone wants to we could also do dinner, not being decided right now

B. Vice Chair Report

- Tech fee subsidies, from last meeting to today 4/28
- Skaggs Got Culture approved for \$150.00
- Fusheng Chinese Drama Troupe Performance approved for \$50.00
- FMO Spring Concert approved for \$375.00
- Hanbit Church Campus Ministry approved for \$100.00
- Mariachi La Joya del Sur End-of-Year Concert approved for \$240.00
- ACS-SA 19th Annual Symposium approved for \$200.00
- Need 3-4 people for space allocation committee, will meet week 7

C. Executive Director Report (Interim John Payne)

- IPO Fusion bbq - passed health inspection, food delivered, getting ready to open real soon
- Lease signed, got new operator for Starbucks got signed last week, back in the fall kept starbucks so this has happened, current Starbucks staff has been notified, issue layoff notices to 4 UCEN members
- Starbucks' last day will be Sunday of graduation weekend, will operate as University Centers, then will shut down until new operator opens again
- Reorganization of UCEN, multiple divisions, created triton reservations and event services, unique unit they will serve as campus role, shared spaces, triton center coming online, ease of helping people around campus this has been created
- Holly - how does this affect UCAB in any way?
- John - It does not
- Tianlai - Does it affect the general student body population?
- John - If anything it should be better, getting all different venues on the Tres platform, easier for reservations!

D. Member Reports

- N/A

VI. BUSINESS

A. Old Business

- Graffiti Art Park
- Julianna - Brought to association and it seems like a lot of people are concerned about this, the best one was that we could have student orgs consistently checking the space, to monitor, putting it back in student hands, doing like weekly or daily checks, regulating and preventing hate speech

- Establish new frameworks, who would like to volunteer in terms of student orgs, thoughts on this solution against Title 6
- John - Interesting, challenge with consistency with student orgs, premise is student policing students so that could be a solution, graffiti art park is a medium that can be used for hate speech, in terms of Title 6, maybe it meets the criteria
- Vicky - Wouldn't it be the same as people protesting in front of Geisel or posters that showcase a lot of free speech? Protection around art, try to move to theater district as well
- John - Library walk has accountability, the message occasionally leaves with the person showing it, there's a variation in the 2 that don't make it the same
- Idalia (Slack) - Relating to the front of Geisel, is there any way to make it protected likewise? Town hall from students to collect feedback, would that be done by students first?
- John - Location won't help, just boards themselves, no one accountable for their messages, you walk away from their messages
- Mateo - Who's final decision is this up to?
- John - We can vote on it, it will come down from people above me who will determine what level of risk they are willing to take, vice chancellor level
- Mateo - Administration as a whole, need more student leaders and student voices, federal pressures, doesn't make sense why interpretation of the same law can change so much, is this really a title 6 violation? People's individuals discomfort was mentioned, students will want to express themselves and if this medium is taken away, graffiti will start showing up everywhere
- Tianlai - How much is student voice valued in this decision?
- John - Heavily valued, no doubt that they don't want to see park change but outside pressures, but need solutions that don't get to the complete removal of the park. Where are the acceptable compromises? No right or wrong answer
- Julianna - Could make form more frontfacing, complaint form, a QR CODE in the middle, more centralized, AS President William could have a conversation with the vice chancellor and maybe prove that there is less hate speech or being monitored in a better way
- John - Right now is just a conversation they're having about the park, getting feedback on ideas as UCAB as student leaders, and then we take that on next levels that then come, not a battle just a conversation
- Julianna - I think when students hear about the park being taken away it does become a battle, I don't think they need to be completely separated, to have people come and talk about it, I am presenting a solution I can execute plans on, unless you have another idea or this is just something that wouldn't work at all

- John - Timing is not rushing, no one is making any decision, just having discussions, UCAB bringing feedback to me, which is a subcommittee and then reports to the bigger committee, discuss the solutions, thoughts, clear desires, so that subcommittee can make a recommendation on how it moves forward
- Grace - Park is not a right but basically how big of a deal is this to Title 6? Is this worth putting all that time in? Graffiti will probably pop up in unwanted spaces, pushback from students, moving it away from where it is would be good
- John - Overarching question goes back to Title 6, don't know the severity, one of the pieces of that Title 6 complaint is about the graffiti art park
- Carter - General store being there, employees consistently there maybe someone start a shift and then end a shift, students who are constantly checking for hate speech, clear guidelines instead of student orgs because they might not be committed or not many volunteers
- John - If a student org or co-op takes ownership of policing of the speech what is that correlation towards administration? Administration doing the censorship
- Idalia (Slack) - Currently are there are materials at the park or one has to bring their own?
- John - We could not leave the materials there so one has to bring their own materials
- Julianna - The association could have more conversations about this, they have more access
- John - Not there yet, once subcommittee has recommendations then that will move up the chain, may not even have a need to have those conversations if the subcommittee settles on something that is appropriate
- Kamran - Is it possible to provide licenses for those that want to spray paint? A little far fetched, because it's at night and anyone can just come and go, possible to put covers at night, and those who do come already have that training complete
- John - Good thought but problem is location, it is wide open, if you put a cover then it'll just be spray painted over
- Britney - While all solutions are good, big social thing if we bring this conversation into a bigger framework before it does move up students will take action before its actually necessary, not that it should be kept quiet but bringing it to light can cause the issue to escalate when we're not trying to do that
- Holly - Sometimes when we let it spread too big then it might become a bigger issue than it is, for now when we don't have a lot to go off on, it is good to keep it here so no info is spread

- Mateo - Desire is to have an administration working more for students, making sure students are well represented, not putting more restrictions on what is put on the boards, it will be taken out of proportions, if this does end up being restricted students will, without a doubt end up graffitig other places on campus
- John - No one wants to take it away, but dealing with a different environment with the Title 6, strongest it has ever been, in its current state validates some of the Title 6 issues, then will look for solutions to help minimize the risk in Title 6 complaint, would be a good idea to take it off the visual walkway, deeper in the park, not moving it elsewhere off campus, could even add an extra board if moved deeper in the grove
- Mateo - One thing that confuses me, why campus is trying limit the student voices, instead of advocating for students, their goals is to make world class campus but that is not what we see, trying to make sure all their assets are
- John - Title 6 is a direct student experience complaint
- Carter - So Mateo, you're saying all freedom of speech should be protected? That is not how any law works, there's a limit, I can't shout whatever I want just because, legally there is line all we're saying is if we can move it or monitor it better, then we won't have to worry about
- Mateo - My problem is the hate speech is not set in stone, does not stay there for all of time, anyone can go and change the messages on board
- Carter - so if it's temporary anything is okay, is what you're saying?
- I think this depends on the park and the nature of title 6 violation, there have been people that protest and I avoid that area
- If you feel like something is hate speech, file a complaint
- Aditi - I agree on we don't want to remove the park, the rule is you can go and spray paint, but combating with "we don't even feel comfortable with going and covering it up", makes it a difficult situation, I would argue that administration is not trying to silence students but the spray paint argument won't hold up
- Vicky - Admin is not trying to censor us but just trying to find the best solution, best to calm the situation down so its not a big skill thing
- Vanessa - I agree, right now just trying to contain it especially if student feels so uncomfortable, moving front billboards to back is better solution
- Vicky - If you do move it back, adding another board will help alleviate it
- Tianlai - Did we get sued already or potential?
- John - Title 6 complaints against the University but I'm not sure by who

- Jess - Getting rid of graffiti art park is off the table but as far as solutions go, maybe monitored by students or even just moving it deeper in the Grove, John are you able to take that and advocate for students?
- John - Yes, so preference goes in order, 1. Moving from front to back just switching the front to back into the grove and adding a new board, 2. Keep it as it is and reiterate that anyone can paint over it, 3. Student orgs/co-op based situation consisting of student monitoring to address

B. New Business

- Jamba juice lease is also coming up, need to decide soon because of summer vacation
- Up in January 2027, but because we like to have 6 months in advance, wanted to make sure to have decision before, Kay scheduled to come in last meeting, ask around how students feel about Jamba
- Vicky - I love jamba juice so much
- Carter - I like it too, just placed an order for it
- Tianlai - I've worked with student orgs and Jamba Juice is one of the top choices to cater from
- Vanessa - Prefer other juice places
- John - This advisory board had the busiest vendor year, not usually this much going on

Open Forum / Announcements

- Jess - Chair and vice chair applications are coming up, application itself is not very long, everyone that applied will come and do their speech, we will then vote!

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm on 04/28/2026. The next meeting is scheduled to be at 2pm on 5/12/2026.