UCAB April 21, 2015 – Meeting minutes

Attendance: Marissa DeFalco, Madelyn Hadley, Jason Thornton, Ashley Awe, Jehoan Espinoza, Steven Partido, Doug Carlowe (UCEN Director proxy), Louie Wang, Handa Yang, Gary Le, Colin King, Claire Maniti

Co-chair report

Colin – Space allocation was finalized. Working with Sharon on last minute changes. Don't think we're going to re-open. Only one new student org interested in space. Will do waitlist we approved prior. ~15 orgs didn't get spaces (will be waitlisted).

Chair report (Claire)

- CHE Collective sent official response indicating they do not want to take the space.
- Since the space is not allotted through space allocation, we should go over the factors governing who should get the space in new business.
- Paid secretary position still vacant.

Director report (Doug)

- No updates.

New business

Undergraduate accounting society – recommended funding of \$0 because the event is not held in university centers.

Gary – Move to fund for \$0. Madelyn second. Motion passes.

F.A.M.E. – 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10. Recommended to fund for \$105.

Gary – Move to fund for \$105. Jason second. Motion passes.

Discussion of factors to be considered in allocating the OSC space

Claire – It is important to create a list of factors which we will consider in allocating the OSC space. We should also send these factors to interested parties so they can better tailor their presentations and proposals.

Gary - Would you explain the timeline for proposals?

Claire – Depends on the organization, and whether they currently have a space or not.

Emily – 1) If it's a registered student organization, they have access to another space, so should we prioritize non registered student organizations? 2) Do we want to make retention of particular populations of criteria? Do we want to consider how they want to use the space? How do we rank or prioritize what they want to use the space for, and which of those would be the most helpful or useful?

Claire – We can make an additional bullet point if we feel that it is important.

Tiffany – In the CHE Collective's email, they indicated that they would prefer the space to be allotted to Books for Prisoners. Should we take this into consideration during the allocation process?

Colin – Ultimately, it's up to the board to decide.

Claire – It's important to have factors to consider, so that they can be evaluated alongside other organizations.

Colin – We should keep factors limited to things we can measure, instead of something more subjective like appropriateness of location for proposal.

Gary – I agree more with Claire, and we should consider which need is the most important at the moment.

Claire – It is very important for the board to think about this. We need some means to justify the decision, and I will make a statement after we allocate the space explaining our reasoning, and a list of factors we took into consideration would help make our decision clean.

Louie – We should look at which org can provide the most benefit to the general student body if they gain the space.

Ashley – We should keep it a list of factors instead of a numbered ranking system. We should also consider orgs who have external connections (e.g. San Diego community and alumni).

Gary – We should try to prioritize factors on this list though, because I think some are more important than others. We should consider whether the org can increase traffic to the OSC.

Claire – Yes, we should consider traffic to OSC. On Emily's point, we'd like to consider not which factors each organization can check off of this list, but rather how they can do so.

Colin – Let's finalize this list, because we will send this document to interested orgs after this meeting.

Ashley – I have a question on the point about organization's funding source/ability to fund proposal.

Claire – I wasn't sure whether to include this point or not. If an org is going to present something, and the proposal requires more money than can be reasonably had in the next year. Some groups have the ability to fund some portion of build out. What they cannot fund will come out of university centers, so we should consider this point. The referendum passing does not mean our budget is instantly where it should be, so we should still consider immediate impacts to the budget.

Gary – I think the bullet point is a bit vague, because I initially thought it was relating to the org's ability to earn money.

Ashley – Since we're interested in increasing traffic to OSC, we should consider how quickly an org can move into the space so that we consider how soon they may impact traffic to OSC.

Jehoan – Since this will be sent out to students, can we be more specific on "appropriateness of location for the proposal." Can we remove the point and still retain the intention in other points?

Claire – This point was suggested by Sharon, and my interpretation of the point was, as a hypothetical example, if we "really wanted a commercial venture," that would not be the most appropriate location.

Claire – We should not limit it to only student organizations, because, for example, one interested party is interested in using it as a t-shirt factory. I don't know if limiting to only student orgs is a good idea, because, for example, resource centers are interested.

Colin – Let's delete it and keep it internal, because the bullet generates confusion when read, and is expressed over other points.

Madelyn – Should the number of people involved in the organization be a factor? How many students can they reach with what they do?

Colin – I think that will be hard to measure

Claire – Let's phrase it as degree of student involvement

Gary – I disagree with something like that, because if we look at BRC, then they target a smaller audience than for example ACMS. Different orgs have different sizes and audiences, and have different needs, one of which may include the necessity of a space.

Claire – POI, ACMS is not requesting the space.

Ashley – Agree with Gary, if this org is something involving student minorities, we don't want to penalize them. Maybe we could say something like, for the groups if it's measurable.

Emily – If we are talking about potentially allocating this to student orgs, would this go into the pool for space allocation committee?

Claire – This is not a space that goes through space allocation in the same way that other spaces are. The proposals that are going to be presented to the board are going to be longer MOU-type agreements. It wouldn't be a proposal that's open every year—it might be an MOU that lasts 2 to 3 years. As far as number of student involvement, I think that may be included in the bullet which says degree to which proposal enhances vitality of the OSC.

Gary – Would it be possible for more than one org in the group to be allocated the space, and for them to share? Early in the year, I remember talk about how there was a need for a library type of space.

Colin – Most of the proposals we've gotten for the space are big enough to where we couldn't fit two orgs in the space.

Claire – I will entertain a motion.

Colin – We can do a straw poll.

Claire – Option A – I'm okay with this. Option B – there are factors we should reconsider. C – abstain.

A: 9

B: 0

C: 4

Old business

Member reports

Tiffany – I went back to my council and talked about Shogun, and to clarify that the game room and shogun are separate entities. I took straw polls:

- Shogun: 7 stay, 9 something different (healthier, currently bad quality and overpriced), 2 abstain
- Game room: 8 stay, 0 no , 11 abstain. Suggested more options aside from billiards and ping pong.

Gary – My council wanted to keep Shogun. A lot of them were interested in participating in the secret shopper program.

Madelyn – We've almost finalized the secret shopper form to distribute to students.

Steven – A lot of people liked Shogun, and several said they've had memorable experiences. One member requested more vegetarian options.

Announcements

Claire – there is a concert series for senior send-off (Magic Man, etc.)

Open Forum

Colin – Adjourn at 2:47 p.m.