

**University Centers Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2013
Warren College Room**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:01pm

In attendance: Albert Trujillo (Chair), Jessica Hsi (Vice Chair), Sharon Van Bruggen (Interim Director), Elina Hood (Sixth Rep), Tristan Britt (Marshall Rep); Jason Thornton (Alumni Rep), Allison Khoe (At-Large), Michael Porter (GSA Rep), Michael Yu (GSA Rep), Leonard Bobbit (Warren Rep), Emily Marx (Staff Association Rep.), Cory Marshall (AS Rep), Justine Alonzo (Roosevelt Rep), Colin King (Revelle Rep)

Absent: Meryem Kamil (SAAC Rep), Proxy-Hope(Muir Rep)

Roll Call

- Sheet being sent around

Icebreaker

Approval of Minutes

- Approved by Jason Thornton
- Seconded by Elina Hood

Public Input

Name, Affiliation

- Pharmaceutical Fraternity. Event to spread awareness about Blood Cancer. Requesting \$450 for tech fee. No admission. Expect 150 to attend. At Loft.

Presentation: Student Veterans Resource Center

- Video presentation stressing the need for student veterans to be able to transition to University
- Challenges of Being a Veteran:
 - Huge gap in understanding who veterans are, including Professors
 - Student hostility to veterans
 - Very different from camaraderie and peer support in military
 - No home for Veterans-Very high age difference
- Establish Veteran Center on campus to provide home
 - San Diego County most densely populated veteran region in the country
 - Losing quality students to other campuses because losing veterans
 - Most veterans than any other UC, yet schools with fewer vetrans have no Vet Center
 - Functions as study space or work space. Area for communication on veteran's issues like PTSD or medical trauma
 - Create UCSD retention program to track graduation data
- Benefits to Campus

- Will attract veterans to campus
- Increase racial diversity
- Easier to collaborate with other veteran's centers
- Veteran Programs
 - Project Unity-Organize Muslim Students with Student Veterans to help the two better understand each other
- Questions and Answers
 - Michael Porter: Current Veteran Resources?
 - Only Student Veterans Organization and Alumni Veterans Organization. But no place for veterans that don't know about these organizations.
 - Jason: How big of a space? Employees?
 - Programming space for events. Deskspace for employees.
 - Average: 1 full time employee for 250 student veterans
 - Cory: Administration support?
 - Legal Services Advisor: Seeking Student Fee Advisory Committee from administration.
 - CAPS: Important for mental health support.
 - Albert: Education programs?
 - Programs to help military personnel to transfer to a civilian environment.
 - Educate the community about cultural sensitivity to veterans.
 - Sharon: How to assess resource center?
 - Can use surveys and counting to assess effectiveness of Center.
 - Gary Ratcliffe already written assessment draft to evaluate impact.

Chair Report, *Albert Trujillo*

- Coops Update
 - UCEN wants Coops to pay only base rent \$.20/sq ft (Option C from previous Meeting). Summer months rent would be cut in half. After two years are up, escalator will be created. If too high, then UCAB and Coops could even for discussion. The rent would be unchanged at \$.08/sq ft.
 - UCEN would pay for any advisor from outside help. And UCEN would take on utilities for first two years.
 - Michael Porter: Reducing rent permanently would be poor way to help. Coops provide service to students and teach students about business so must intermesh these things together. Therefore, coops need advisor for business to grow.
 - Leonard: Want coops become more sustainable, reducing rent not enough.
 - Albert: With UCAB help, would want commitment from Coops on how to prevent the current situation from happening again.
 - Coops: What was reason for 2 year gap?
 - Albert: 2 year escalator exists to re-evaluate whether coops need more assistance.
 - Leonard: Purpose of 2 years is to determine whether that rent structure helped.

- Michael Yu: 2 years is a way to ensure communication about the Coops MSA.
 - Coops: What would happen in regard to rent before?
 - Albert: New rent would be retroactive on previous years.
 - Leonard: Back-rent should be the same as this 2 year period.
 - Coops: Proposal by Coops last week would be sustainable for future and not just 2 years. But will reconvene with all coops to inform them.
 - Sharon: UCAB trying to find solution, not trying to evict coops.
 - Coops: Very high expectations for sales to return to levels from five years ago.
 - Albert: 2 year plan isn't to expect revenue to return to that level necessarily.
 - Michael Yu: 2 year as incentive to reconvene.
 - Leonard: Escalator can be removed in two years.
- Referendum Update/AS Mtg Tonight
 - UCOP Edits
 - 29% of fee will be used to meet financial aid (language change)
 - Change 'students' to 'undergraduate and graduate'
 - CPI adjustments will end after spring quarter 2025
 - Removed clause that would allow UCAB to vote on CPI increases. Must be voted on by students.
 - Removed clause 17
 - Leonard: Sunset CPI acceptable since all maintenance would be included by this. If not, then another referendum is necessary.
 - Leonard: Odd for UCOP to have issue with clause regarding UCAB determining how to additional funds if available from fee increase. Clause was in previous referendums. (Clause 11)
 - Michael Yu: What is the exact language of the campus policy that UCOP is referring to? Is it open to interpretation?
 - Sharon: Paraphrasing, campus policy means that all fee changes must come to a referendum.
 - Tristan: What's the sticking point on clause 11?
 - That all fee reductions are now routed to student referendum
 - Leonard: Inclusion of fee in assessment would increase UCOP revenue. UCEN revenue should not be included.
 - Michael Porter: What is the purpose of this fee assessment?
 - Sharon: UCOP would originally collect application fees to pay overhead costs like legal services and risk management. More recently, the campuses directly receive the money but must still pay for services. So all income from a campus is 'taxed' by UCOP to support things like UCOP legal services, risk management, etc.
 - Leonard: UCSB increased student fees, but campus had to take these fees to pay UCOP 'taxes.' Does not want similar situation to apply to UCSD.
 - Michael Yu: How much does is this tax quantitatively?
 - Sharon: UCOP will assess fee the same systemwide and is non-negotiable.

- Emily: Means to address this UCOP ‘tax’ outside referendum?
 - Leonard: There is, but is best to safeguard.
- Michael Yu: There is inevitability of UCOP doing this regardless of whether sentence is there or not.
- Leonard: Regardless, GSA will make this conversation happen.
- Sharon: Fear that this clause could make this referendum a standstill that may prevent passage.
- Emily: Think creatively to voice concern without derailing referendum.
- Leonard: Could clause change to “No portion of University Centers fee” to “No portion of University Centers budget”?
- Sharon: Student Affairs would still have to pay our portion. And it would shift on to other departments which may not be appropriate.
- Leonard: Would this put pressure on other campus departments to rebuke it? Makes no sense for the calculation to include this fee.

Vice-Chair Report, *Jessica Hsi*

Director Report, *Sharon VanBruggen*

Budget

New Business

- Tech fee tabled.

Old Business

Member Reports

Announcements

Open Forum

Roll Call

- All still present

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at