

**UCAB Meeting Minutes**  
**Week 6**  
**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

**I. Call to order**

- a. Meeting called to order at 2:06
- b. Present: Ashley Awe, Megan Chu, Alexandra Coronado, Natalee DeBruin, Robert Gougelet, Katie Hosch, Evan Jan, Gary Le, Toby Le, Dennis Mahaketa, John Payne, Andrew Thai, Emily Trask, Luke Wang

**II. Public Input**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Week 5 minutes tabled until next week by Luke

**IV. Special Presentations (reordered at 2:48pm)**

- a. Daniel Juarez, AS President
  - i. Here to talk about the space where AS lecture notes and soft reserves is currently. We are closing them permanently and it frees up that space. We are hoping to expand the Triton Food Pantry, to better serve the basic needs of students. Hoping for this space to be a basic needs hub. Thing included: full-time employee to be housed there (helping the pantry, one-on-one support for students)
  - ii. I will pass around the layout, so y'all can see it. Have been working with John on layout and cheapest possible construction.
  - iii. Full-time employee office: One-on-one and private meetings with students, applying for CalFresh (students don't know that they may qualify for it). Have already secured funding for two years of FTE, from AS, VCSA, Provosts, and UCOP, working on longer term funding for this position. Developing of more resources for students: emergency housing, meal vouchers
  - iv. For main space: hoping for a more malleable, for meetings or programming to take place
  - v. Keeping the storage space, to be able to store food, because the Food pantry stores food kind of all over campus. The pantry right now is a very crowded space, so having storage space is really great
  - vi. Community closet: idea came from folks from SPACES. Having nice business-type clothes for interviews, jobs. Return when done with them
  - vii. Book lending program, another piece of basic needs, another thing out of SPACES. Before the beginning of the quarter, they try to get your books so you can borrow some books for those classes. Academic success, and how basic needs tie into that. Students that are food insecure have lower GPAs. Very difficult to get textbooks, so having that affordable option for students is awesome.
  - viii. We are trying to be strategic and maximize the space
  - ix. Essentially we like the layout, the next step moving forward would be to look at the furnishing cost. Building costs: chancellor committed 20,000; 30,000 from VCSA and 30,000 from AS.
  - x. Very useful for students to have a central place for basic needs relief.

- xi. Gary: Thank you, I was on the Food Insecurity committee last year. Revisit the storage space, wouldn't fit the additional fridges that the food pantry looks like. How do you address the new editions of textbooks for the book lending program? Clarification: space too small for all storage that is wanted.
  - 1. Fridge itself is separate. We have a fridge and the fridge is going to stay where it is right now. The storage aspect is like canned goods and such. That's an already established program and it has the funding from the SPACES lock-in. The program is going to re-continue next quarter, we are hiring full time staff for SPACES. They are looking at ways to support in other ways. For example the online homework. Revamping of how some of the book lending for those instances
- xii. Andrew: have you gaged student population on all these new things? How would affordable textbooks happen?
  - 1. I don't mind competing with Bookstore. It's the book lending program, borrow the books. All of these conversations have happened in the basic needs committee. Following protocol, there was no survey or anything. Can't do anything without the consent of the Basic Needs Committee. Using the food pantry because they are the ones that interact with students everyday. As for Grad students, I have communicated with the Acting GSA President to collaborate. Funded by undergrad fees, reaching out to try to get help with funding from Grad students
- xiii. Rob: Visits, 13% what does that mean
  - 1. Just that. 13% of all visits to use the services (food) are grad students.
  - 2. Rob: so grad students are benefiting from undergrad students?
    - a. Daniel: yes
- xiv. Ashley: Wouldn't be competition with the Bookstore because of financial difficulties. Could we get a CAPS counselor in this space?
  - 1. Daniel: I will reach out, maybe we could set it up like the Campus community centers do it, by having hours there
- xv. Emily: Would they hire a social worker?
  - 1. Daniel: we have been looking at other job description. Hoping for case management and social work past. Revised the original job card. 25% of job is doing one-on-one case management work.
- xvi. Gary: CalFresh, I know the initiative on campus is new. You should get a dedicated case worker. Vice Chair's point about having a CAPS counselor. Not enough visibility of these ideas. Students are main stakeholder since they are funding it.
  - 1. Daniel: 25% of coordinator is case work. Only have funding for one right now. CAPS is so at capacity, not sure if we can have a dedicated person. But definelty look into drop in hours. Student input: Food Pantry does a lot of data and outreach, its such a hard thing to manage because we would like to normalize, but also it's a

very personal thing, that is private for many people. Intentional to who we cater to, specific needs of students who use the space because it means that they are food insecure. I think we need to do a more wide-spread outreach. Future: on syllabi, put Basic needs resources. We don't want to out students, but also that we are targeting those that are insecure

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xvii. Move to re-order into new business: Ashley

1. Second: Toby

## V. Chair Report

- a. Retreat is this Saturday from 9-3 here in the Warren College Room. Lunch will be provided. Please let me know if there are any last minute emergencies
- b. Mystery shopper tabling next week. Please sign up on the tabling sign up sheet
- c. Charter approved by VCSA, updated it and it will be sent out to as, gsa, and the college councils as well as the website
  - i. Applications for the additional at-large positions live
- d. Sustainability efforts: what can UCEN do in relation to being sustainable. Last year toward the end of Winter Quarter, SSC came in to talk about banning plastic water bottles on campus. We will get an update during week 8

## VI. Vice Chair Report

- a. Last of student orgs to pick up their keys, another email over student org listserv
- b. Advertising Tech Fee Subsidy more often
  - i. Luke: are we seeing less than usual?
    1. Ashley: there's been a drop off in my tenure as VC, but im not sure about last year
  - ii. Gary: does it have to do with AS having more funding?
    1. Ashley: possible, but AS usually doesn't run out of money until spring
  - iii. Emily: AS has referred students, anything to do to work with them on that communications
  - iv. Evan: last year, AS didn't run out of money. Referencing to tech fee subsidy comes from what AS cannot fund or fund fully. I talked to AVP Student Orgs to let orgs know who cant get their entire event funded by AS

## VII. Director Report

- a. Today, bid walk at the pub. The four contractors came by. Nov. 15 bids are due.
- b. Sharon, interim AVC, couple requests about privacy around contemplation room
- c. Trying to figure out solutions for seating for food. Cost effective ways to mitigated at
  - i. Gary: contemplation room, has to do with the table outside of the room?
    1. John: it depends, signage might be good as you approach the room. Some privacy panels inside the space. Table requested by students who frequent the space. Depends on point in time.
  - ii. Dennis: I walked by and I saw a group of 3 or 4 students who were being loud and someone who was trying to do something quietly. Any way to help that

1. John: hopefully self-policing. If there is major issues, I might
- iii. Andrew: the student org offices are right there, and getting ready for events can be very loud.
  1. John: that can be helped hopefully by messaging to student orgs and on that hallway

### **VIII. New Business**

- a. Hi Thai Lease renewal
  - i. Luke: Hope you had a chance to talk to your constituencies and councils. Expiring soon, need to decide if we want to renew their lease and for how many years if any.
  - ii. Natalee: motion to move into closed session at 2:20pm
    1. Gary: Second
  - iii. Motion back into open session at 2:32pm by Luke
    1. Second: Ashley
  - iv. Evan: consensus with undergrad population, there isn't a strong feeling towards Hi Thai, nearly half said they don't really go there except for TA Office Hours, a couple that loved it, and a few that said get rid of it. Something to consider there are a lot of drastic changes in the university. Hi Thai has been here for 10 years and it is a good opportunity to get something new. People go there for convenience. Not looking to create zones that people just go there for convenience. We want them to want to go there
  - v. Dennis: Sixth college council, only about 4 had been to Hi Thai. General consensus that they liked Hi Thai. They said it is one of the only asian food place, they don't like the price, but they wouldn't mind getting it replaced
  - vi. Andrew: similar to Dennis, Warren students too far to get to Hi Thai. Majority of council wouldn't have a problem to seeing it replaced as well as changes to the menu and such
  - vii. Gary: I don't think we need to revitalize this area, there are already lots of new things happening in the Original Student Center, don't fix something that isn't broken. Replacing the hole that it would leave in campus would be tough. Reiterate, can you summarize the arguments on both sides?
    1. Luke: in summary, we see majority of grad students to stay or make changes to prices, food quality, menu choices. Do most councils feel like they don't care if it is removed?
      - a. Natalee: Revelle wants it removed
      - b. Andrew: Warren wants changed, don't mind its removed
      - c. Luke: consensus seems to be don't mind if its removed
  - viii. Megan: I work in Revelle, and many grad students are bio or chem, while the feedback is not awesome food, reminding that grad students is here when campus is closed, when none of the other food places are open, may not necessarily be the best or most authentic food, but sometimes it is the only option if they are working on campus and they are here all day. There have been delays in pub project, if there are more delays what do we have.

Taco Villa is great, but taking away one choice instead of allowing two choices

- ix. Evan: to clarify, I wasn't necessarily supporting removing the vendor, I just think we can revitalize the space, spruce it up. Old building could use some new decorations to give it some new energy. Change the space or change the
  - x. Alexandria: Talking to ERC Students, nobody really cared if Hi Thai is removed but people use it as a study space. Boba is apparently really bad. If they enhance their menu, maybe give them another chance.
  - xi. Gary: Can I ask for a straw poll. Need more time?
    - 1. Need more time to gather better idea of constituents: 4
    - 2. Already have a good idea of constituents thoughts: 7
    - 3. Abstain: 1
  - xii. Move to close discussion and reorder to special presentations: Evan
    - 1. Second: Dennis
    - 2. Objection: Rob
    - 3. Evan: planning on re-opening discussion after special presentation so that the AS President can give their presentation
    - 4. Rob: withdraw objection
  - xiii. Move to table this item for one week: Evan
    - 1. Rob: Second
- b. Food Pantry Expansion
- i. Luke: we have to approve the new concept, so they can move forward
  - ii. Evan: is there going to be any significant financial contribution from University Centers?
    - 1. John: currently there is no funding, but we are helping coordinate
  - iii. Ashley: Focused on the change, not personal
  - iv. Ashley: move to approve the change in the as lecture notes and soft reserves MOU to a Food Pantry expansion and Basic Needs Center
    - 1. Second: Toby

**IX. Old Business**

**X. Member Reports**

**XI. Open Forum**

**a. Sustainability**

- i. Luke: Some vendors are still selling plastic water bottles: Jamba Juice and TapEx, Initiating a plastic bag ban in PC, compostable to-go containers (shogun and lemongrass use plastic). David Liao will come in during week 8 to present on some updates
- ii. Andrew: how much revenue is based on water bottles for Jamba Juice?
  - 1. Luke: for Tapex its generally bundled with meals
- iii. Evan: is there a possibility to get a study on fiscal impact of the revenue plastic bags, and how much it will change the revenue.
  - 1. John: we would need to make an official lease agreement or campus-wide policy. We strongly encourage vendors to be sustainable. Panda is so corporate, that local change is very

difficult. Visitors to the campus tend to not carry water bottles with them. We can definitely ask the vendors. We put pressure on them

**XII. Announcements**

- a. Ashley: retreat 9-3 Saturday. Roster. Listserve see me
- b. Luke: Amazon campus opening tomorrow

**XIII. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 3:31pm