

UNIVERSITY CENTER GOVERNANCE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 13, 2026

Voting Members Attending: Tiffany Jordan, Jose Montano, Brynn Iby, Kaustav Banerjee, Skylar Burke.

Voting Members Not Attending: Oralia Vega, Nathalie Ramos, Yeshua Rodriguez, DeAnna Rodriguez.

Ex-Officio Members Attending: Hugo Rios, Nestor Covarrubias, Willie Brown, Nick Engebrits, Carol Destre

Advisors Not attending: Joaquin Becerra, Afiya Browne, Kris Ehrman, Marylu Diaz.

Additional Attendees: Mira Than, Ernesto Villegas, Arlene Contreras.

1. Meeting Called to order by Tiffany at 1:05PM.

2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes (02/27/26): Due to the absence of a quorum, approval of the previous meeting minutes will be conducted via email.

3. Project Updates:

- a. Stairwell and Drywall Repairs: Repairs are scheduled from March 20–27. The area will be closed for the full week. Signage will be posted starting this Friday to notify everyone that the space will be unavailable while the work is in progress.
- b. UCen Main Entrance Doors: A request has been submitted to replace the double doors due to security concerns. The project is underway, but a schedule has not yet been established.

4. Guest Updates and Proposal:

- a. "1st Floor TI for Conference Services": Ernesto Villegas, Director of Projects and Maintenance, presented this active renovation project, which is 100% in construction documents, with the bid package approved by the Chancellor. Next step: permission to solicit bids. The existing first floor is underutilized, formerly administrative offices and bookstore storage. Renovation (~2,300 sq. ft.) will provide 10 offices, 3 open workstations, and a new entry to support CHS operations, including student staffing. Funding: Provided by Housing, Dining, and Auxiliary Enterprises; CHS will pay rent once occupying the space.
- b. "A Resolution Supporting Institutional Support For Repatriation and Cultural Restoration at UCSB: Mira Than, Associated Students representative and student, shared a resolution supporting cultural restoration and NAGPRA compliance and inquired about possible Indigenous artifacts in the UCen; it was shared that a campus committee under the Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services has been conducting multi-year reviews in collaboration with local tribes, with no indication the UCen is involved, and that related reports are public and available upon request through the Vice Chancellor's office.

5. Committee Updates:

- a) Campus Store: The Grad Fair was held Wednesday and Thursday with a strong turnout and was very successful, highlighting a positive and celebratory atmosphere for graduating students.
- b) Space Allocation: Creative Use for All (CUFA): The board discussed space allocation for a cabinet of free creative materials, considering similar models, maintenance, sustainability, and potential collaboration with Associated Students Zero Waste. No space has been allocated yet; the board will vote via email on approval and location. The administration team will support logistics and setup if approved. The board's decision takes priority, and CUFA will coordinate with the admin team on implementation details once approval is granted.
- c) Programming: UCensation event will take place on Earth Day in April, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will be a carnival-style festival for students to enjoy, highlighting engagement and demonstrating the impact of student funds.

7. Future Meetings: Friday, March 20 at 1:00 PM

8. Adjourn Meeting at 1:22PM.

