

University Center Governance Board

Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2024

7 needed for a quorum- Madam Chairwoman we do/don't have a quorum

Voting Members Attending: Alejandro Ordaz-Gutierrez, DeAnna Rodriguez, Skylar Burke, Susan Ortiz, Lauren Kim, Bedlam Oak, Stephanie Pantoja

Voting Members Not Attending: NEED REPLACEMENT, Kaustav Banerjee, Dina Hassan,

Ex-Officio Members Attending: Louis Reynaud, Carol Drete, Willie Brown

Ex-Officio Members Not Attending: Nick Engebrits, Felicity Stone-Richards, Tessa Veksler, Romi Benasuly

Advisors Attending: Phil Pineido, Jose Montano

Advisors Not Attending: Dr. Emma Parker, Marisela Marquez, Anne Berry, Bee Schaefer (NEED REPLACEMENT FOR BEE), Onar Primitivo/Joaquin Becerra,

Additional Attendees: Kirsten Brinlee, Andy Johnson, Chawn Lemons, Rai Ameli, Hugo Rios, Mario Jimenez Jr., Marlene Cohen, Nestor Covarrubias, Jill Singletary

1. Meeting Called to order by Alex at 11:34am. Welcome to those that are new! Past minutes are in the process of being approved via email vote. Will let us know outcome.
2. Willie introduced the New Senior Executive Director Nestor Covarrubias. He will have direct supervision over Campus Store, Auxiliary, and UCen Admin. Willie will still attend board meetings.
3. Nestor replied he is happy to meet Alex. He worked in Conference Services, res Ops, Director of TPS and will start new position on 6/1/24.

4. Alex introduced the stakeholders attending. Kristin Brinlee who is the Marcom Director, Chawn Lemons the Meetings and Events Manager, Mario Jimenez Jr UCen Custodial Support, Andy Johnson the SR Superintendent with Maintenance, Dom Gianola the Superintendent Life Safety with Res Ops, and Marlene Cohen Lead for Grounds and Custodial Team for UCen/ECen. There will be a concerted effort to support the UCen and devote more resources.
5. Updates on School Pride: Chawn spoke about the interior of the UCen and what would students want. This was prompted by the ACUI conference in Denver. It showed us we were lacking visual support for students to be seen, heard, celebrated and have fun. Chawn showed slides of the University and all their student support. They celebrated Greek orgs, they had a game room. We need to show our Mission statement. Showed a QR code so folks can chime in.
6. Hugo spoke about the summer projects: roof, chillers, Hub tables, game room. Roof: shared photos of what will be replaced (old equipment, trees are growing on the roof, cracks, water builds and leaks at Romaines). Demo starts 6/19. Chiller: crane coming in to remove chillers on 6/18 and by 8/6 we should have AC. Hub tables: end of June and getting rid of old tables since they are terrible. Getting 24 24X36 and 33 36X36. They will have locking castors and we are also getting 7 cocktails rounds and 3 cocktail squares. Game room: new quotes are coming. We are bringing back the game room. Currently the room is storage. Reaching out to HDAE to see what they can do to help.
7. Rai is going to speak for the AS Commission on Disability and Equity. She has some slides to share. Background: student group on campus would like a Disability Cultural Center for students, faculty and staff. Establish open space. They would like to have it in the UCen and have identified space but it isn't wheelchair accessible so the space needs to be widened. Doors need to be widened as well. New officer next year has an electronic wheelchair. There needs to be a plan for emergency evacuation as well. They are talking to the Fire Marshal. Elevators would not run. Need approval to make permanent changes. They have funding from their lock-in fee to partially fund it and are also asking the UCen to partially fund it. Cover final \$10K of project. Total project is

\$34,775 and can cover \$25K now. It also needs accessible fire alarm for hard of hearing. Willie asks where? It will be on the 3rd floor of the UCen to the left, 1st door. It is currently being operated by AS Food Bank. Louis thanks Rai for her presentation. She was the Chair of the ECen Governance Board. Alex asks if it is just focused on renovating the 3rd floor or lower floors as well. Just this specific space now. Would be great to make all areas accessible. The rest of the board would also like it to be more accessible.

8. Quorum reached! Call for funding of \$10K. 1st Skyler, 2nd Lauren. Vote approved!
9. Committee updates: Carol-sale at Campus Store! Last day for discontinued or overstock items. Events: showed American Superstar photos. Space: Louis mentioned the 3rd floor has had a lot of repairs and almost ready to rent.
10. Student recruitment: last meeting until Fall. Alex will return. Stephanie will be applying to grad schools and possibly the TEP program.
11. Thank you Willie and Nestor and Chawn.
12. Adjourned at 12:15pm