

University Center Governance Board

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2024

Voting Members Attending: Alejandro Ordaz-Gutierrez, Skylar Burke, Kaustav Banerjee, Lauren Kim

Voting Members Not Attending: DeAnna Rodriguez, Susan Ortiz, NEED REPLACEMENT, Dina Hassan, Bedlam Oak, Stephanie Pantoja

Ex-Officio Members Attending: Louis Reynaud, Carol Dreeste, Nick Engebrits, Willie Brown

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

Advisors Attending: Phil Pineido

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

Additional Attendees: Jill Singletary, Hugo rios, Chawn Lemons, Paul Kouns Jr.

- 1) Meeting Called to order by Alex at 11:38am. The two previous minutes were approved via email. No quorum
- 2) Chawn Lemons presented the UCen School Pride Project. This was prompted by the visit to another school while attending the ACUI conference in Denver. It was eye opening! He visited the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. It had a sense of belonging, acceptance, student's being celebrated, seen and heard. It created a sense of school spirit. They had a reflection space and the building was branded with the school logo displayed. There were pictures of events, they had a list of organizations students could be a part of, a Greek wall and much more. It would promote comradery, community service and would enhance our

center. With the game room in the works, things like this will make the college experience more memorable. Brand our spaces. Will put out a QR code for students to chime in with suggestions. Phil said THANK YOU! This is great. The UCen could use some branding. Louis mentioned the Admin Staff have been discussing this for a few weeks to identify spaces. The ECen does a great job of branding. Hugo is measuring spaces and wants stakeholders involved. Hopefully we will get ideas from students. Our plan is to start this summer if possible. Students should give a conceptual nod per Willie. It seems feasible. Lauren and Sky were asked for their comments and Lauren thought it was a great idea.

- 3) No campus Store update. Hub is getting new tables at last! Should be here end of June. Nick had a Dining update. RFP is out for old Wahoo space. Will reach out to staff for a taste testing. Open by fall. We got an update on the Starbucks refresher from Paul. There is a lot of interest in the 3rd floor from students as well as groups wanting to rent it for office space.
- 4) We are recruiting for new board members as well as a Chairperson. Reach out to Rai or Louis if interested.
- 5) Alex adjourned the meeting at 12:01pm.