

University Center Policy Board Minutes
Friday, October 10, 2008
University Center – San Jacinto Room

Members Present: Mary Elhardt, Ashton Herring, Judah Johns, Micah Kenfield, Andrew Michael and Christopher Zimmerly

Members Absent: Carol Barr, Diane Bruxvoort, Zenaida Chairez, Kevin Covington, Marilyn Golub, Vanessa Nwaozo, Dr. Richard Olenchak and Sean Tarver

Support Staff Present: Keith T. Kowalka, Cheryl Grew-Gillen and Linda G. Jauregui

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Kenfield at 12:10PM

II. Approval of Agenda

- There was no quorum present so agenda could not be approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

- There was no quorum present so the meeting minutes from August 29, 2008 could not be approved.

IV. Chairperson's Report

- Chair Kenfield reminded everyone that the UCPB had not met for six (6) weeks due to the cancellation of the September 19, 2008 scheduled meeting due to Hurricane Ike. There have been significant happenings: a resolution for support of a Student Referendum for the UC was approved by the UCPB by an e-vote; SGA President, Mr. Sam Dike presented a similar bill to the SGA; and SGA billed passed unanimously. The UC 2010 Initiative has tentatively set the referendum voting dates as November 18th and 19th, 2008.

V. Committee Reports

- Facilities Use and Policy Committee
Chair Michael stated there was no report at this time.
- Lease Operations Committee
Chair Herring stated there was no report at this time.
- Long Term/Current Projects Committee
Chair Zimmerly stated there was no report at this time.

VI. UC Staff Reports

Reports from the Director

Updates

Organizational Changes/Personnel

- Not much has changed in this area since our last meeting.

Associate Director Interviews

- Associate Director candidates are scheduled to come in on Oct 15th, Oct 20th, Oct 21st and Oct 22nd for interviews; invitations are forthcoming to each of you to attend open meetings to meet these four (4) candidates and provide feedback on who you feel would be best suited for this job. We are hoping to have a recommendation from the search committee by Monday, October 27th, and hope to be able to make an offer by the end of October.

Commuter Services – Official Opening/Ribbon Cutting

- UC Underground, Room 52 UCU, is being cleared out now that the Cougars Helping Cougars initiative has closed down. We are looking at having the Commuter Services ribbon cutting sometime in the week of October 27th. Ms. Jackson and the Commuter Services team hosted the first Commuter Services breakfast this past Wednesday at the UC Satellite. They were able to engage with 178 students to get the word out about the new Commuter Services area.

SFAC

- The tentative dates have been released: the reports will be due by the 29th of January, 2009. We are hoping to get a draft report done by the end of December (2008) to provide members of the UCPB ample time to review the draft and provide feedback, changes and recommendations. Presentations for all areas of the UC and Associated Facilities (University Center, Commuter Services, Student Program Board and the Child Care Center) are tentatively scheduled to occur on February 9, 2009.

Wii Nights and Karaoke in Chili's Too.

- Karaoke continues to grow in participation, which is great. Discussions have taken place to consider extending the time until 8:30p.m. Wii nights appear to have started out slowly but it's to be expected. Both will continue throughout the fall, Ms. Salo is looking into other game options possibly for the spring.

UCC – UCS Master plan of Renovation Project – Final Report

- Chair Kenfield, Mr. Chin and Mr. Dike were on the executive committee for this project. Holzman Moss consultants made a presentation to the Executive Committee including providing the "Final Report". We will obtain copies of this report for each of you within the next week or so. Mr. Kowalka passed around the copy for reference.
- A "Concept Survey" for the UC 2010 Initiative Plan is going out on Thursday, October 16th to all students. The last item of information needed is the Plant Operations version of the cost of a new UC.
- Mr. Zimmerly asked if all of the options, including a new building would be up to ADA code standards. Mr. Kowalka informed the members that the cost on all of the options reflect following ADA compliance standards.

Issues

UC Marquee

- No new update on this item.

mtvU Agreement

- No update from last time.

Report from the Associate Director

Student Learning Outcomes Pre-Assessment Tool

- We are in the process of compiling all of the forms from all of the different units and areas. All of the student staff in units as well as the UCPB, SPB and Dance On areas.
- If any of you who are filling out this form have not completed it, please fill it out and return as soon as possible and drop that off at the UC AS&O office.
- Results will be sent out to all who participated as soon as the information is compiled.

Magazine Rack Usage

- The magazine racks that are by the C3 Store and the ATM machine on the first floor area are being used first-come, first-serve by departments, organizations and off-campus publications. We are in the process of contacting previous publications that had been utilizing that space and letting them know of the update that it's first-come, first-serve.
- As new requests come in they will be advised on the new updated policy.

VII. Old Business

WAL – Flag Policy

- This is an issue which came up last year. The issue at hand is that there are a large number of students who still identify with the South Vietnamese flag and would like to see it installed along with the Vietnamese flag and the other flags in the World Affairs Lounge. The reason that the South Vietnamese flag is not up is because it is not recognized by the UN since there no longer is a South Vietnam.
- SGA passed a bill last spring stating that they would like the UCPB to start working on developing a solution to feature the South Vietnamese flag but some research has been done to see if the proper wording can be found to no avail.
- Currently the UCPB is still looking for a solution. This might involve the UCPB going to legal services and asking for advice.

VIII. New Business

ACUI Region 12 Conference Report from Participants

- Chair Kenfield, Ms. Elhardt, Mr. Johns, Mr. Michael and Mr. Zimmerly shared their experiences at the ACUI Region 12 Conference held at Texas Tech on October 3rd through the 5th. All of them felt that they were able to contribute at the conference as well as learn from the sessions and other schools' participants. They especially liked the mentor/mentee program, leadership sessions and the session held by Ms. Salo. They were able to exchange ideas by networking with other students. They were very proud and acknowledged both Ms. Salo for having her session voted the "Best of the Best" session and Mr. Kowalka for winning the ACUI Shirley Bird Perry Outstanding Professional award.

UC 2010 Initiative – Referendum

- Chair Kenfield explained that the "UC 2010 Initiative" is the name they came up with for the transformation/new building project. A committee is coming together; hopefully it will consist of at least fifteen (15) students. Chair Kenfield with Ms. Nicole Sopko are Co-Chairs of the committee. All of the UCPB members are invited to join.

- November 18 & 19 have been set as the dates for a referendum. Mr. Kowalka pointed out that it was only six (6) weeks away and would only be successful if students got involved and excited about the project.
- Chair Kenfield said Dr. Simon Bott was the only faculty member on the committee, anyone is welcome to join. Also there should be a website available during the week of October 31st to promote the referendum and provide a plethora of details related to the selected concept from the “Concept Survey”. Plans are also in the works for posters, yard signs, etc.

XI. Announcements

- UC Halloween Event – October 30
- Poetry Slam – November 11
- UC Student Referendum – November 18 & 19
- UC Student Appreciation Days – December 8 & 9
- UCAF Holiday Reception – December 10
- ACUI Region 12 Tournament at TAMU-Corpus Christi – February 27th & 28th

X. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned by Chair Kenfield at 12:49PM
- Next Meeting Date(s)

Friday, October 31, 2008	UC Lone Star Room
Friday, November 21, 2008	UC Lone Star Room
Friday, January 23, 2009	UC Bayou City Room
Friday, February 13, 2009	UC Lone Star Room
Friday, March 6, 2009	UC Bayou City Room
Friday, March 27, 2009	UC Bayou City Room
Friday, April 17, 2009	UC Bayou City Room
Friday, May 8, 2009	UC Bayou City Room