University Center Governance Board
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2023

Voting Members Attending: Anna Mudica, Samantha Sugita, Kaustav Banerjee, Leslie Brodbeck, Lauryn Bradley,

Voting Members Not Attending: Lindsay Belichesky, NEED NAME (MG), Madison Collins, Rachel Green, Stephanie Raya, Becky Martin

Ex-Officio Members Attending: Louis Reynaud, Carol Dreste, Romi Benasuly, Willie Brown

Ex-Officio Members Not Attending: Nick Engebrits, Felicity Stone-Richards, Gurleen Pabla

Advisors Attending: Marilyn Dukes, Anne Berry, Onar Primitivo, Kasen Barraclough

Advisors Not Attending: Danielle Quinones-Ortega, Marisela Marquez, Bee Schaefer

Additional Attendees: Lisa Milstead, Jill Singletary, Kristi Kirkpatrick, Hugo Rios, Michael Zargari
1) Meeting Called to order by Anna Mudica at 12:35pm. No quorum.
2) Kristi Kirkpatrick presented an idea for an art display/interactive area outside the UCen. It is a project spearheaded by the UCen Admin Social Media team. There will be a contest on Instagram for best original artwork, the display will be wings for selfies, the supplies (paint etc) will cost approx. $350, the UCen would supply the materials. The area is 12x9.5 feet. Kristi showed examples of other artwork as well as the proposed location, to give a better idea what it is. Marilyn mentioned it was a cool idea and since it would be a permanent art installation, do we need campus approval? Loves the idea. Willie said yes, run by the small projects committee, but doesn’t predict it will be an issue. It was clarified this contest was open to current UCSB students, must have painting experience. Lisa said it looks great! The vote is tabled but per Willie, suggested sending it out to a mail vote.
3) Michael Zargari, who currently works with the Hub as Assistant Manager, and is also on SFAC, presented information about a grant we can apply for to help upgrade all the UCen doors. He mentioned that the current situation is creating issues for staff scheduled to work at all hours of the day. He personally experiences it as well as his coworkers, while working Hub shifts. If we do not have reserve funds and the situation is an emergency, their grant money could help. It takes time to get going so he mentions IF we have the money in house, the project would go quicker. Two years ago, Michael helped create the emergency funding request and really wanted us to know about it. Louis said the doors have been on the major maintenance list since August. Our door system has not been functioning and part of the problem is they do not work with the LENEL system (what the campus uses). We were supposed to go to LENEL but we don’t have the $. The emergency grant requires VC approval and once gained, SFAC takes the request to the Chancellor. Louis questioned if this was viewed as an emergency. Marilyn said she doesn’t know what the problem is, but wants to know what is the fix and the cost. Willie said we do have reserves and we need the parts/doors to transition to LENEL. Our doors are programed individually where LENEL doors can be run remotely.
Willie suggested it is a logistical not financial situation. We may just replace the doors rather than fix. Willie thinks we can handle this internally. Lisa asked if we need the funding for the ECen, we can reach out? Michael said yes. There is an SFAC member on the ECen committee. Marilyn asks if this would be voted on in the next few meetings when we can change out the locks? We only vote if it comes from reserves. AS has the same locks and problems. They may want some of our older locks as backup. Hugo clarifies that we inherited some of their old lock parts. Lisa asks when the project will get done. Is there a timeline in 2023? Willie is checking into it. The whole system went down in the new year and Hugo hasn’t gotten any responses when asking for help. Looking at getting actual keys. Willie is looking into it. Lisa comments it is a true, real problem and students DO consider it an emergency. No status reports thus far.

4) Committee updates? Louis asked Hugo for a 3rd floor update. Starting next week, they will be painting, patching and getting it ready for renting. No asbestos, new ceiling, lighting.

5) Marilyn asked for a financing update. Lisa asks what she needs specifically. Lisa mentioned that she had sent out details (beginning balance $2.5 million, approval for $38K, vote on locks, roof and air conditioning). Questions about whether it is out of our reserves if we would get help for it. All confirmed by Willie, coming out of reserves and we need to vote. Roof costs: $250K for each roof (3 of them) for a total of $750. We should be able to vote at the next meeting. We have about 4 million in reserves, $350K-$500K for chillers, $750K to repair roofs but not done at once. Costs may go up since the quote is 2-3 years old. Marilyn asked about a mid-year report for updates from all units like Campus Store, Dining etc to see if everyone is on track for the year. We are now on general ledger. Lisa no longer has that information. We all still report together per charter but reality is the store is no longer part of admin and neither is dining. They merged with campus dining. Carol and Jill H. (or Nick) need to report on their financial reports. Lisa asked Anna to reach out to Nick because we need a rep from Dining.
6) Jill S updated on the Access transition. It is moving to Rochelle Abraham-Floret and Danny Bahamondes. It will be relocated near the post office. The desk will become an information desk.
7) Anna reminded the graduating seniors about the grad packs.
8) Anna Adjourned Meeting at 1:12pm