

## **University Center Policy Board**

Friday, May 6, 2011

University Center – UC Rodeo

**Members Present:** Pooja Ashar, Jared J. Gogets, Daniella Garza, Mike Harding, Lee Hilyer, Kevin Nguyen, Craig Premjee, Jeff Syptak, Tanea Tahir and Anna Vuong

**Members Absent:** Sandy Coltharp, Johnnie Jackson, Dr. Richard Olenchak and Prince Wilson

**Support Staff Present:** Keith T. Kowalka, Cheryl Grew-Gillen, Lawrence Daniel, Linda Jauregui and Micah Kenfield

### **I. Call to Order**

- Chair Gogets called the meeting to order at 12:00Noon

### **II. Approval of Agenda**

- Agenda was approved.

### **III. Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2011**

- Minutes from April 15, 2011 were approved.

### **IV. Guest Speakers (Lorenzo Cano and Maria Jimenez)**

- Mr. Cano, Associate Director for the Center of Mexican-American Studies, thanked the members for giving them the opportunity to come to a meeting and explain the origin and significances of the UC Cougar Den mural.
- He stated that the mural was proposed by the Mexican Youth Organization in 1973 to be painted in what is now the UC Cougar Den but at that time was the Mexican Youth Organization meeting place. The C.E.O. group requested the funds which were used and the mural was painted.
- Ms. Jimenez, who was a student here then and instrumental in having the mural painted, informed the members that at that time there were only approximately 400 Mexican-American students at the university. Most were involved with the Mexican Youth Organization and felt that they needed to leave a legacy for future students representing the history and struggles of their ancestors. The mural went on to remind all of the struggles of many ethnic groups during that period in time.
- The mural was given the name of “Chicano Student Mural” during the Chicano movement in the 1980”s.
- Both Mr. Cano and Ms. Jimenez asked that all efforts be made to preserve the mural as part of this building when the UC goes through the upcoming projected transformation.
- They also asked that they please be included in discussions with the architects/construction company on options available to preserve the mural.
- Mr. Kowalka thanked them for coming and giving some insight on the mural and stated that consideration would be given to the mural. He said he would be in

contact with Mr. Cano when the time came to make a decision on the options available for the preservation of the mural.

#### **V. Chairperson's Report (Jared Gogets)**

- Chair Gogets did not have anything to report at this time.

#### **VI. Committee Reports**

##### Facilities Use and Policy Committee ( Kevin Nguyen)

- No report at this time.

##### Lease Operations Committee (Tanea Tahir)

- No report at this time.

##### Long Term/Current Projects Committee (Pooja Ashar)

- No report at this time.

#### **VII. UC Staff Reports**

##### *Report from Assistant VP for Student Development (Keith T. Kowalka)*

##### Organizational Changes/Personnel

- There is a new staff member starting in Center for Student Involvement. Mr. Selby Lo, Activities Advisor I for Risk Management, will be starting next week. He is coming from Florida State University.
- Facilities Management is still scheduled to transition our housekeeping and maintenance staff. Mr. Henry Anderson will be physically staying on our staff for a while. It appears that he will be responsible for all of the maintenance in the auxiliary areas, not only the UC but also RLH and Campus Recreation.

##### UC Transformation Project Update

- The Student Government Association passed the legislation presented to them so with this approval the project can move forward.
- Mr. Kowalka stated that the next step is to present this to the Board of Regents meeting on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be asked to approve the second phase of the project.
- The Board has been very interested and supportive of this project ever since it began a couple of years back so we should be moving forward.
- We are still looking to break ground a year from now. So people parking in Lot 1E should be able to continue to park there until May, 2012. Ms. Grew-Gillen is working with parking and transportation to come up with other parking options after construction begins.
- Mr Gogets and Mr. Kenfield are on some committees that are helping to select the architects and construction managers. All of those interviews will be on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. We should have a final selection for both the architect and construction risk management team shortly after these interviews.

##### SFAC Update

- No update at this time,

##### S-STAR Report

- No S-Star update at this time.

*Report from Director (Cheryl Grew-Gillen)*

UC Building Services Transition to Facilities Management

- Ms. Grew-Gillen reported that details for the transition of the UC Building Services housekeeping and maintenance staff to Facilities Management are still being worked out.
- There are meetings scheduled to begin next week concerning staff, the assigning of work orders, etc.

UC Underground Fountain Lettering

- The lettering to be installed on the rim of the UC Underground fountain arrived today.
- They still need to be mounted on the base for installation and should all be installed hopefully by the end of the month.

*Report from Director (Lawrence Daniel)*

UC Food Court TV's, Student Leader Wall and Interactive Updates

- i) UC Food Court TV's - This project is completely finished.
- ii) The Student Leader Wall - All the pictures are there with name plates. Everything is ready to sign and we hope to have that done by May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- iii) Interactive Updates – No update

Marketing and Events Updates

- The Bleep Finals Week Event that was held last week had the participation of about 2,000 students. That count does not include those that went to the Rockwell Pavilion at M.D. Anderson Library for the Finals Mania Pancake Event.
- The Specialty Finals Week website had over 2,000 hits. Some were from around the country and beyond, for example Japan, India, etc.
- Hats off to SPB, CEO and everyone else who was involved in these events.
- Now we begin to focus on Cat's Back to hopefully make that a success for students.

**VIII. Old Business**

- No old business to discuss at this time.

**IX. New Business**

Women's Resource Center and LGBT Center Request

- Mr. Kowalka met with Ms. Beverly McPhail and Ms. Lorraine Schroeder to discuss a request they had made concerning the level of noise in the UC Arbor when music is played.
- They said the music has been too loud for them to be able to conduct business in their offices and asked if the decibel level allowed could be lowered. Currently the allowable decibel level is 90 and they would like it lowered to around 80 or 85.
- After a discussion the UCPB members voted and agreed to have the decibel level lowered to 85.

### UC Ground Floor Lounge Space Naming

- Mr. Kenfield provided a handout with the names he had received electronically as suggestions for the naming of the Chili's Too vacated space after their closing on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The space will be divided into two areas with one becoming a study lounge and the other a meeting room which will be able to be reserved.
- After reviewing and discussing forty (40) names the reserve-able area will be named "The UC Down Under"
- There are four names being considered for the lounge area.  
A vote will be taken electronically to decide from the four following proposed names:
  - The UC Cougar Lounge
  - Coog's Lounge
  - The Coog's Relaxation Station
  - The Breathe Easy

### **X. Announcements**

- Bleep Finals Week – Home based de-stress activities will be provided at the UC for students during Finals Week.

### **XI. Adjournment**

- Chair Gogets adjourned meeting at 12:53PM.