

Highlander Union Governing Board Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2023
12:30 PM-1:30 PM, HUB 265

I. Call to Order

A. Call to order start 12:37PM

II. Roll Call

A. Present

1. Aram Ayra
2. Mufida Assaf
3. Sarah Tran
4. Orlando Cabalo
5. Sean Nguyen
6. Dhvani Patel
7. Jeanine Nassar
8. Ivett Gabriella
9. Vanessa Gomez-Alvarado
10. Marina Murillo
11. Gerardo Medina
12. Dr. Kerry Mauck
13. Brendan O'Brien

B. Absent

1. Angelina Chavez

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#search/meeting+minutes/FMfcgzGrbRQshFRNJGHBZbnFvKmtlzg?projector=1>

1. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes (Sean Nguyen), second (Marinna Murillo), motion passes 10-0-0

IV. Approval of Agenda

A. Motion to amend current agenda to add Food Services Report before HUB report and add Advanced Meeting Requests after HUB Report under new business (Orlando Cabalo), second (Mufida Assaf), motion passes 10-0-0

V. Chair Report

A. Aram Ayra

1. Upcoming board retreat this weekend. Visioning out the year in advance and the next couple of years to get a foundation for future work. Everyone has received information about it already, if not, have a talk with either Brendan or Aram to have you looped in.
2. Committees launch: Met with Brendan to take our committees seriously this quarter and open it up to the general public. Hoping to get it launched

within a short time of retreat once they have discussed it more in depth. Thinking about executive, finance, and one or two new committees once discussed as a group and see what it looks like. Expand the committee participation with the UCR community who wants to be more involved with the HUB.

- a) Provides a good roster/ladder of engagement to be great candidates for future HUB board representatives.
3. Tabling winter quarter: keep it reasonable how much we do outreach wise. Thinking about maybe three or four events before the end of the year so we can ease into it, do trial and error. Talked with Brendan to secure HUB polos. Putting together marketing material; have already seen great work from the HUB marketing team to make pamphlets. Will have more information once we meet at retreat.
4. Met with grad reps to discuss what grad students need, spoke with Jeanine about what undergrad students need as well.

VI. Food service report

A. Marcus On Dining

1. Opened Halal Shack and goal is to have a bowl prepared within 30 seconds and will take some training.
2. Vegan, vegetarian, halal options at the Barn, Chronic Tacos are still evaluating their halal chicken. It was a popular seller so they will encourage them to keep it but the challenge is that it is not in their contract. This became a big issue where they couldn't source it a couple of years ago so they will still be able to source it. Reach out to him about other dietary restrictions so that they can expand more food options.
3. Working with Brendan to test in February to expand hours of operations at night time. Asked partners to test, will start at one or two restaurants. Will need help marketing and promoting this hour expansion to the UCR community
4. Question from Brendan: ASUCR Senators asking about the Pepsi contract and how far along we are in the contract. Regarding sustainability efforts and practices in place
 - a) 6 more years left in the contract
 - b) Elimination of single use plastic vessels and working with Pepsi on this. All the UC's are in unison to challenge Pepsi to get us there. We are willing to go there and they are as well, but the availability on the products of the plastic versus aluminum side is heavy since there is just more plastic.
5. Question from Marina: can students bring their own cups and get some money back?

- a) During COVID, we stopped doing this, but have brought it back at Starbucks. We haven't approached the subject to get a discount if you bring your own cup, but I will bring it up to the board.

VII. Jeanine enters 12:53PM

- 1. Announcing the hours
 - a) Get the word out and get a meeting together to devise a marketing plan via social media etc.

VIII. HUB Report: Brendan O'Brien, HUB Director

A. Introduction to Dr. Kerry Mauck

- 1. Associate professor in the Department of Entomology. Has been on the board for a few years and is back from sabbatical last quarter.

B. Introduction to Gerardo Medina (Jerry)

- 1. Student life office coordinator for leadership and welcome engagement efforts on campus for 9 years. First time on the board.

C. HUB Furniture Revamp: Revised layout and colors

- 1. Feedback about update on furniture (Rotunda):
 - a) Costs, colors, and finishes will be discussed next time. At this point it is just about what we want and think is best for students.
- 2. Fish bowl lounge
 - a) More communal, more spacious
- 3. Fireplace Lounge
 - a) More common thing, same colors, style, and some furniture pieces in other HUB spaces
 - b) Continue to have them work through with the same furniture types to have consistent and uniform theme rather than disjointed
 - (1) More convenient for cleaning materials, to rearrange for accommodating events
 - c) Having as many outlets where we can put them, but the problem is the infrastructure to do so
 - d) Extension cords (like the ones in the SSC)

D. Electric Scooters in the HUB

- 1. Banning electric scooters because facilities managers have been seeing burnouts from scooters on the carpet floors.
 - a) Scooters being charged at outlets where laptops/phones should be charged
 - b) Getting more racks installed, making a program out of it (come to HUB to get a scooter lock)
 - c) Educate students to let them know it's coming, alleviate their concerns, and have them feel safe about their property.
 - d) Where is TAPS on scooter specific racks

e) Have board members participate in educating students about this initiative.

E. Advanced Reservations

1. No student organization events during that week, student activities start when school actually starts rather than training employees like we see here on the spreadsheet.
2. Motion to approve the advanced reservation requests (Sarah Tran), second (Jeanine Nassar), motion passes 9-0-0

IX. Public Forum

A. N/A

X. Subcommittee Reports

A. Will develop these further within the year

XI. Old Business

A. Sarah on ACCA:

1. Have reached out to the ACCA Board and have started talks with Erin Schuster, Professor Kiril Tomoff (Chair) and LaDonna Ardary (assistant to admin duties for board) to start the project on getting one or multiple pieces of art installed in the HUB. Please reach out to me if you would like to join this meeting, art installation ideas, etc.

XII. New Business

A. N/A

XIII. Adjourn

A. Adjourned at 1:29PM