



## University Union Advisory Board

May 9, 2006 3:00 p.m.

UU-216

### Meeting Notes

#### Voting members present:

Mike Motroni	Chair, UUAB
Shannon Shutts	Vice Chair, UUAB / ASI President's Designee
Aidan Jobe Sea (arrived 3:18)	College of Business
Gary Fisher (left 4:00)	College of Liberal Arts
Brandon Souza for Jared Samarin	College of Agriculture
Athena Norton	ASI Board of Directors Representative
Michael Juner (arrived 3:38)	College of Engineering
Darren Fraser (arrived 3:26, left 4:07)	College of Science and Math
Liz Lee	College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Kim Gannon	Alumni Representative
Scott Bloom (arrived 3:25)	University President's Representative

#### Voting members absent:

Jeannine Richison	Faculty Representative
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#### Non-voting members present:

Dwayne Brummett	ASI Director of Business Services
Denise Fritz	Cal Poly Budget and Analytical Budget Services

#### Nonvoting members absent:

#### Others present:

Daren Connor	ASI Assistant Director for Programs
Ron Skamfer	Associate Director, ASI Recreational Sports
Jay Hann	ASI Board of Directors
Adam Buttgenbach	ASI Board of Directors
Tom Reay	Omni Design
Jon McAlpin	Omni Design
Brian Wenler	Omni Design

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m.

#### **1. Chair's Report (Mike Motroni)**

Mike announced that membership applications for the UUAB two-term positions representing CAED, CAGR, COSAM and CEDU are available on the web and in the Student Government office. The due date for return of applications is Tuesday, May 23, 2006.

Mike also announced that there will probably be an additional UUAB meeting on May 16, 2006 (note: this addition was confirmed later in the meeting).

Mike requested that members complete the assessment survey, copies of which were passed out. He stressed that input from members is important as it will be part of the recommendations to next year's UUAB, will assist in developing a comprehensive plan for the future and will promote a smooth

transition. Assessment forms are due in the Student Government by Friday, May 26, 2006.

Mike then opened nominations for the 2006-07 UUAB Chair. Athena Norton nominated Brandon Souza. Brandon accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations. Nominations were closed, but will be reopened at the May 23, 2006 meeting prior to the election of the Chair. Mike invited students to discuss the position with him if they would like more information.

The topic of the condition of the conference table in UU 216 was raised.

**Motion (Shutts/Second) – “Move to have the conference table in UU 216 fixed or replaced as soon as possible.”**

**Motion passed, unanimous voice vote.**

## **2. Executive Director’s Representative Report (Dwayne Brummett)**

No report.

## **3. UU Staff Representative Update/Discussion (Daren Connor)**

In addition to the written report attached to the agenda, Daren reported that he has been investigating programs the control TV screens like those observed at a conference he attended in Kansas City, MO. One program investigated would interface with Resource 25, allowing display of scheduled events. There is no requirement for advertising with this program. He will be doing further investigation and will be reporting back to UUAB in the Fall.

## **4. Rec Center Staff Representative Update/Discussion (Ron Skamfer)**

Written report attached to agenda. Ron also announced that there will be a student customer appreciation event on June 1 in the UU Plaza during an expanded UU Hour. The theme is Beach Boardwalk and the four-hour event will feature inflatable games including a bungee trampoline, food and bands

## **5. Use Committee Reports (Shannon Shutts)**

Shannon reported that the Use Committee met last week and discussed possible locations for the basketball courts that were removed when the parking structure was built. The best location of three considered is the dirt parking lot by the upper sports fields. Construction would undertaken in about five years.

## **6. Discussion Item: UU Plaza Design**

Mike introduced Tom Reay and Jon McAlpin from Omni Design who were present to present an updated UU Plaza design incorporating input from previous meetings and master plan goals. The presentation included drawn designs and a three-dimensional computer rendering. Incorporated into the design were previously identified issues concerning connecting campus spaces, circulation, sustainability, hierarchy of spaces, augmentation of the campus identity and the creation of a “sense of place”. This design ties the plaza visually to Mott Lawn, moves the bus stop further down Perimeter to get rid of noise and exhaust, moves or replaces the fountain, moves the stage, provides openings to Perimeter and includes an organized club area.

There are four use areas:

1. The entertainment area, which includes the stage
2. An informal, shaded study/relax area
3. An area to dine and socialize
4. A support area for activities/booths for clubs

Signage and improved lighting will be incorporated into the design. The marquee would need to be relocated. Discussion of potential locations included across Perimeter by the Davidson Music Building, attachment to the balcony area of the UU and possibly being incorporated with the stage. It is important that the marquee be visible to both passing and seated students.

Improved handicapped access is incorporated with gentle slopes not requiring handrails and an access to the stage without stairs behind the informal space.

#### Dining/Socializing Area:

The development of this area will be in conjunction with Bldg 19 as it incorporates some of their outside dining area. The stage will be relocated to the area next to Backstage Pizza.

#### Entertainment Area:

The stage would be 40' wide, which is twice the width of the current stage. The wall between the plaza and Perimeter would be lowered to be seat height from the Perimeter side. There would be room to move table and chairs around the plaza, to include the area in front of the stage, without blocking pedestrian flow. Concern was expressed about visibility of the stage from the balcony in front of the Epicenter and the proximity of the stage roof to the balcony. It appears that the stage roof is not too close to the balcony. Visibility from this balcony will have to be investigated.

#### Focal Point:

An area for a central focal point is included in the plan, but input is needed on what that focal point will be. Discussion included a water element and a vertical element for visibility from outside the plaza. Additional possibilities included a clock tower and a see-through sculpture. Consensus supported a water element.

#### Activity Area:

Proposed shade structures on the tree side of the activity area were discussed. These may not be necessary as they might limit the structure of booths in that area. It was also discussed that many clubs already have constructed booths and there needs to be flexibility for their placement. The current maximum number of booths allowed in the plaza is 25 8x8 booths. Concern was expressed that this activity area might be too restrictive on space. This design allows for approximately 12 booths, but there is room for booth placement in the other areas of the plaza. Concern was also raised that people might go around the activity area rather than through it. It was brought up that this design treats the activity area as a "market destination", attracting people to the area but not requiring that everyone go through the area.

#### Study/Relax Area:

Input was requested about the planting material to be incorporated around the trees in the raised areas behind the edge seating. There was discussion of grass being used to attract students to sit in that area. Concern was expressed that grassy areas attracting students needs to be more secluded, so vegetation should be used. It was suggested that it might be started with grass, and then depending on student usage, either maintain the grass or switch to vegetation. There was no consensus on this issue.

#### Sequencing of Project:

After discussion, it was decided that the best sequencing of the project would be –

1. Entertainment area
2. Dining area – includes removal of old stage
3. Activity area
4. Study/Relax area – would require moving bus stop and somewhat dependent on plans for Perimeter

The focal point can be developed at any time during the project.

## **8. Announcements**

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.