

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

STUDENT CENTERS

Student Centers Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 24, 2026

Senate Chamber

Attendees: Micah, Ali, Yhoali, Daniela, Christie, Donna, Rob, DaNesha, Tsion, Dr. Greer, Tav, Keith

Voting Members: Yhoali Becerril, Donna Schneider, Tsion Neguisse, Kerry Creelman, Dr. Tomika Greer, Jordan Porter, Lucy Lerma, Ali Mirza, Tav Cockrell, Christie Penzien, Daniela Gonzalez, Olivia Candelaria

Nonvoting members: Dr. Rob Stagni, Katy Kaesebier, Micah Obregon, Keith Kowalka, Bridget Portier, DaNesha Allen

Subcommittee Assignments

Call to Order & Introductions 12:06 p.m.

- I. **Approval of Agenda** - Approved
- II. **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (March 27, 2026)** - Approved
- III. **Chairperson's Report**
 - At-Large position/s
 - Member TBD at later meeting (August virtual?)
- IV. **Committee Updates**
 - Facilities Use & Policy Committee - Yhoali
 - Temporary suspension of events due to University Drive construction
 - Above includes bike and scooter policy suggestions, as well as popcorn machine
 - Recommended change for bike and scooter policy approved
 - Recommended change for popcorn machine addition to policy approved
 - Edit suggestion for construction announcement
 - This edit is approved; 'Stage' was removed
 - Map in Facilities Use & Policy agenda is unofficial
 - Lease Operations & Student Organization Space Committee
 - Trooh Media Display Screens
 - Need updated contractor timeframe
 - Long-Term & Current Projects Committee
 - Groundbreaking early fall
 - Do something fun?
 - E-Sports is operational
 - Furniture and equipment tweaks over the summer
 - Suggestion to create more charging stations in Student Center North; could move the one from Student Center South here
 - Sustainability Committee

- Dr. Olga Bannova
- Good turnout
- Art Board
 - Went to first art show (MFA Thesis) and had [some great possibilities](#) emerge!
 - 2026 Annual Student Show on May 7
- FSAC
 - Summer hours
 - Vote in next meeting
 - Starbucks – Jordan
 - Several students wanted Starbucks removed
 - Franchise locations run by Chartwells, not technically connected to the larger chain
 - Pizza Hut still on track
 - Menu to come in upcoming Policy Board meeting

V. Staff Reports (Informational Items)

- Report from Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs – Student Life
 - Back to 2 weeks of WOW
 - Clifton Strengths launching during orientation; can take module during pre-orientation; 1-on-1 sessions
- Report from Executive Director, Student Centers
 - Kudos to Student Centers team
 - Setup team looking for Event Specialists
 - Lots of cleaning and upkeep
 - Prepping for orientation
 - Staff work on goals
 - Launched Emergency Procedures Working Group
 - Clifton Strengths
- Report from Director, Center for Student Involvement
 - Offer for position
 - Applications open for student position
 - Thanks for Frontier Fiesta
 - Shoutout to campus leaders
- Report from DaNesha Allen, Sr. Director Auxiliary Services
 - April 20th - launched 25-26 meal plan rate
 - Developing staff meal plan
 - Meal plan loyalty program
 - Campus Mobile Credential
 - Dining vision plan
 - Supported Frontier Fiesta
 - Cougar Q – virtual online system, students will receive food pickup notifications
 - Added express lane

VI. Old Business

- [Secret Shopper program](#)
 - New sign-up round to come out
- Fall 2026 meeting dates (Downtown)
 - September 18th
 - October 16th
 - November 20th
 - December 18th (virtual)

VII. New Business

- Reflection space availability
 - There are plans to add one to Student Center North during the expansion
 - Something we can do in the meantime?
 - Tav offered SGA office as a possibility
 - DaNesha pointed out that there are certain policies to keep in mind
- Tav moved to SGA position, At-Large position open
 - Potential Candidate
- Ali is graduating, another At-Large position open
- Virtual August meeting – August 28th work?

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment - 1:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: