

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

STUDENT CENTERS

Student Centers Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 19, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.

Student Center North – Senate Chamber

Attendees: Jordan, Yhoali, Lucy, Brisa, Ali, Katy, Esmeralda, DaNesha, Kerry, Micah, Bridget, Keith

Voting Members: Debbie Samuels, Brisa Gossett, Kerry Creelman, Dr. Tomika Greer, Jordan Porter, Keyera Joseph, Lucy Lerma, Diego Arriaga, Ali Mirza, Tav Cockrell, Omar Castanon

Nonvoting members: Keith Kowalka, Bridget Portier, Katy Kaesebier, DaNesha Allen, and Micah Obregon

Special Guests: Esmeralda Valdez and Nalan Giannukos

Amazon Hub Lockers Proposal

- 24/7 operation
- One already installed at 4211 Elgin St @ General Services Building
- Can be used by students, faculty, and staff (this is a soft restriction)
- Outdoor unit so that no one has to worry about buildings being locked
- The only cost the university would be covering is to create an electrical outlet; this billing would be separate from the Student Centers
- There would no longer be an in-between of dealing with our UH mailing facilities when it comes to Amazon packages
- Lockers hold packages for approximately 3 days

Approved by voting members.

Call to Order & Introductions

Voting for Chairperson

Ali

- Has done work with Career Fair, BAP, was a President and Vice President of a business club
- Wants to be chair because he wants to make improvements to the Student Centers as a social gathering location

Yhoali

- RHA president and SOMOS president this year

- Wants to be chair because she wants to help make the Student Centers a home and be a voice for students
- Wants to be make sure we have a team of at-large members that show up and participate, not only in Policy Board but in events happening at the Student Centers

Yhoali elected Chairperson.

Voting for Vice Chairperson

Lucy Lerma

- Leader of Council for Cultural Activities
- Eager to support Chairperson
- Looking to tackle challenges with the Centennial Project

Jordan Porter

- Director of MVP and Treasurer for BSU
- Would like to support student enhancement and Student Centers

Jordan elected Vice Chairperson.

- I. Approval of Agenda –**
- II. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (April 2025) & Virtual Meeting May 2025**
- III. Chairperson's Report**
 - Voting for FY26 Chair/Vice Chair
 - Expectations, Bylaws & Constitution
 - ◆ Constitution and bylaws can be found on Student Centers website; everyone to make themselves familiar with these
 - Subcommittees:
 - ◆ Facilities Use & Policy: Katy, Bridget, Brisa
 - ◆ Sustainability: Micah, Bridget, Jordan
 - ◆ Lease Operations & Student Organization: Yhoali, Kerry
 - ◆ Art Board: Ali, Micah
 - ◆ FSAC:
 - ◆ Long Term & Current Projects: Lucy
- IV. Committee Updates**
 - Facilities Use & Policy Committee –
 - Lease Operations & Student Organization Space Committee -
 - Long Term & Current Projects Committee -
 - Sustainability Committee – Lunch & Learn recap (9/18/2025); upcoming Lunch & Learn, October 15, 2025
 - Art Board -
 - FSAC -

V. Staff Reports (Informational Items)

- Report from Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs – Student Life
 - SC North Expansion
 - Interviews coming up with Facilities management, feedback for new designs
 - Weeks of Welcome
 - Mixers were lower in attendance this year
 - Glow Party was lower, may want to do something different
 - CliftonStrengths
 - Over 1,000 students tested
 - Adaptability is an example of a common strength amongst students
 - Students may be taking modules before coming to campus
- Report from Interim Executive Director, Student Centers
 - Staffing Updates –
 - Vacancy –
 - Program Updates – UH Football Away Game Watch Parties
 - Year-End Highlights
 - Our number of visitors to campus went up by 6% from FY24: 3,147,998
 - Recycled 231 tons of cardboard containers during FY25, an increase from FY24; 214,235 plastic bottles recycled
 - CARS earned \$770,390; Games Room \$333,634; Shasta's \$487,908; CreationStation \$227,705
 - Overall great customer satisfaction for CARS, Games Room, and CreationStation
 - Upcoming Events
 - Energy Career Fair
 - HPC Recruitment Weekend
 - Street Fighter Tournament
 - Football Watch Party
 - TACUSPA Centennial Conference
 - Family Weekend
- Report from Director, Center for Student Involvement
 - ◆ Around 500 RSO's registered
 - ◆ Classrooms just became available for RSO's to reserve
 - ◆ 85 carrels assigned, 69 lockers filled
 - ◆ Students can apply to be SGA candidates in December
 - ◆ Program Manager position in CSI open
 - ◆ Cougar Experience Board focused on night and weekend programs, 3 student leader positions and 1 full-time staff member
 - Event Recap
 - Homecoming on October 13th, marketing coming out; wants more applications for Homecoming King & Queen
 - Upcoming Events

VI. Old Business

- Policy Review - shared-revenue model for fundraisers is violation of policy

- Reservation Cancellation and No-Show for Registered Student Organizations
 - ◆ Warnings sent out for both
- Reservation Cancellation and No-Show for Campus Departments
- Expressive Activity requests – uhfoe@uh.edu
 - ◆ FOE now goes to Student Life as opposed to Dean of Students
- Temporary Outdoor Signage Requests – uhfoe@uh.edu
- Restrictions on fundraisers for vendors competing with UH Dining
- Alcoholic Beverage Distribution Request – uhabd@uh.edu
 - ◆ Also goes to Student Life as opposed to Dean of Students

VII. New Business

- Non-UH Grad School Tabling request
- Student Center Study Rooms
- Amazon Locker – voted to move forward

VIII. Announcements

- Pizza Hut will officially take McDonald's spot in the food court area
- Candidate forms for Executive Director to be sent out over the weekend

IX. Adjournment

9/19/25, 1:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2025 (Senate Chamber)

- Propose date change to October 24, 2025 (Senate Chamber)