The UC – The Last 45 Weeks
The UC – The Last 45 Years

[Images of historical photos related to the university center, projects, and activities]

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University Center To Have Facilities And Activities For All

UC to Become Hub Of Campus Activities

Local Talent Being Sought For UC Opening Programs

UC Bowling Alley Opens

William C. Scott, UC director, rolls the first ball down the bowling lane in the new UC Bowling Alley. The bowling alley is open from 9 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1 to 10:45 p.m. on Sunday.
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The UC Transformation Project

» An entirely student-centered project in response to feedback from the student body about the state of the University Center facilities

» After a number of site visits and a comprehensive master planning process, a student-led initiative was born (Spring and Summer 2008)

» The UC 2010 Referendum
  (November 18 and 19, 2008)
  > Over 4,000 students voted during the 2 day voting period
  > 77% of student ballots—close to a national record—were in favor of a referendum that would raise the UC Fee to $160 per fall and spring semester in order to finance a comprehensive transformation of the existing University Center with a $100 million cost
  > Due to the financial downturn coupled with creative planning, the final UC Fee will only be $135 to finance an $80 million project
Improvements in The New UC

» 106 Student Organization carrel spaces (up from 36 in the UC pre-construction)
» 450-seat Theater
» 600-seat Ballroom
» Transformed and Enclosed Arbor featuring “Word Cloud” highlighting student perceptions of UH
» New Food Options including McDonald’s, Chick-Fil-A, Starbucks, Panda Express, and (in 2015) Freshii
» Expansive new lounge spaces throughout building
» Drop-In Study Rooms
Exterior Design – South Facade
Exterior Design – Southwest Corner
Exterior Design – New UC Plaza
UC Exterior – UC North Exterior
Floor Plans – Level 0

- Bowling
- Games
- Arbor
- Bookstore
Floor Plans – Level 1

- Student Organizations
- Legacy Lounge
- Arbor
- Retail
- Food
- Bookstore
- Theater
Floor Plans – Level 1

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

LEGACY LOUNGE

ARBOR

FOOD

BOOKSTORE

THEATER
Floor Plans – Level 1

- Student Organizations
- Legacy Lounge
- Arbor
- Retail
- Food
- Bookstore
- Theater
Floor Plans – Level 2

STUDENT MEDIA

STUDENT SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION

ARBOR

LARGE EVENT SPACES
The Transformed UC Arbor
UC North – Collaborative Lounge
New Dining Options
Legacy Lounge (Phase 2 – Spring 2015)
WTC Artifact / Sculpture Garden
Art – “La Marcha Por La Humanidad”
Art – “Free Dive” and “Remembering Next Summer”
From University Center to Student Center

» During the UC Master Planning Process, students noted that many schools call their UCs “Student Centers” or “Student Unions”

» In Spring 2013, SGA and the UC Policy Board both considered proposals to rename the University Center to the Student Center

» Given the significant financial support for the UC Transformation coming from student fees, both SGA and the UCPB feel very strongly that this name change recognizes and honors the voluntary fee increase the student body supports.
Student Support of The New UC

Funding Sources for UC Transformation
- Student Body ($76 Million)
- Campus Dining Partners ($4 Million)

UC Fee Increase Schedule
- Phase 2 Increase
- Phase 1 Increase
- Original UC Fee, 2008

- Original UC Fee, 2008: $35 Total
- UC Fee, FY11: $85 Total
- UC Fee, FY13: $135 Total
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» April 17, 2013 – UC Policy Board approves resolution to change name of facility to Student Center

» April 17, 2013 – Student Government Association approves resolution to change name of facility to Student Center

» September 2013 – Presentation to Faculty Senate

» September 2013 – Presentation to Staff Council
Questions & Answers