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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BUSINESSES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 7, 2020  3 p.m.  Via Zoom

Members Present: Austin Lapic, John Barron III, Mattea Bertain, Michelle Korte, Stacie Corona, Megan Odom, Dan Herbert, Duncan Young

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recorder), Tom Rider, Susan Jennings, Hugh Hammond, Katrina Robertson, Thang Ho, Connie Huyck, Corinne Knapp

I. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Lapic, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

II. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.

III. MINDFUL MINUTE – A one minute meditation was done (Barron joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.).

IV. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 12/7/20 agenda (Odom/Corona) 7-0-1 MSC.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 11/9/20 regular meeting. Motion to approve amending the 11/9/20 Minutes (Herbert/Corona). Lapic explained that “spring of 2020” needs to be corrected to be “spring of 2021” in Section VIII. of the minutes. 8-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve the amended minutes of the 11/9/20 regular meeting, as presented (Corona/Herbert) 8-0-0 MSC.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Lapic said Happy Monday and wished students good luck with their finals. He noted that ASBC will not be meeting again until next semester and thanked staff and faculty for their patience with students. Young thanked everyone for helping him get his appointment to ASBC and said he looks forward to learning more about this committee, and participating. Lapic welcomed him to the committee.

VII. BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: 10/31/20 Dining Services Financials – Rider explained that the financials were prepared using a new format. He explained that it’s more relevant to what our budget is now, compared to the previous large statement that was prepared based on an annual budget. He provided an overview of the new format. Rider reviewed the Executive Summary with the committee and noted the YTD numbers are from the newly formatted monthly statement. He also noted the Total Budget column is a fixed item on the summary, unless the contract is changed, and are the target numbers. The Percentage of Budget column shows where we are currently at. Herbert asked why Net Income was zero in the Total Budget column and Rider said this is where Dining Services will end up due to our contracted terms. He said assuming our YTD comes out positive, we will give all of that back to Housing. If negative, will come back to the AS. He said that either way, we will be left at zero at the end of the fiscal year. Rider said 100 student residents are still scheduled to stay in University housing for Spring 2021. Regarding the Wages-Student & Part-Time line item, Corona questioned why the YTD and Budget numbers match. Rider said they are no longer employing any students; these numbers are for students that worked for Dining Services until the end of August, before all were laid off. He said assuming nothing else changes, they won’t be hiring any new career employees, nor students during spring 2021.

B. Discussion Item: 10/31/20 AS Wildcat Store Financials – Jennings provided an overview of the financials for the month of October. She noted they had a negative Interest Income adjustment of ($1,479) for the month due to LAIF rates and how the rates are anticipated each month when booking estimates. She said they didn’t have the true rate of return for the quarter from LAIF and overestimated the interest amount for the previous quarter (July-August-September).

C. Discussion Item: 10/31/20 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Pulled from today’s agenda as Lauren Lathrop was absent. Will be presented at the next ASBC meeting.
VIII. DINING SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Rider said a student’s proposal regarding Dubias cockroaches was approved at Friday’s SFAC meeting. He said the student will be growing cockroaches for consumption and Rider will be offering him some of our compost. He said the student is interested in working with Dining Services regarding using the cockroaches in some of their food. Rider said he suggested the student partner up with the University farm because if he wants to do anything commercial and produce them as a food source, he will need to have inspections and go through all the proper channels. He also suggested the student team up with one of the Food Sciences classes, and perhaps make a Chico State Dubias cockroach food bar that could be sold in Urban Roots. Rider said the implementation part is being worked on and that he’s not sure when they would be available on campus. Rider said he has personally been working with a community group since the Camp Fire, who first conducted a food resiliency census. He said they are a partnership looking for partnerships for food storage and preparation throughout the county. This group started after the Camp Fire due to concerns regarding our freeways being closed, which caused all kinds of problems, including this community being beholden to people and supporters outside of our area. Rider said they are looking for an industrial grade kitchen and packaging facility that enables the farm to fork concept, looking for a learning lab for on the job training, and operational capacity for emergent crisis scenarios. He noted who was involved in this group, which now includes Mike Guzzi of FMS. He said Guzzi mentioned hoping to establish a facility which is a collaborative effort between the community and Chico State. Rider said we have facilities, opportunity and down time and he’s putting this out there that maybe there’s something with our business, the community and county that we could be a part of. Young asked if this is primarily community support or emergency support. Rider said it's two part – looking for a way to deal with local food insecurity ongoing as well as pulling together resources during large emergencies, such as having a plan in place that sets parameters for responding to emergencies, where to store supplies, how to distribute supplies, etc. Rider said there's also a big push in this group for local composting and noted having an onsite compost site would save the AS money as well as give us the ability to compost more materials.

IX. CHICO STATE WILDCAT STORE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Lauren Lathrop was absent.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Clyde said the EOC took a break for a bit and just started meeting again on Friday. She said there is minimal talk regarding the spring semester because per the email that went out today to everyone, there is not much changing for spring. She said they are talking more about what fall will look like and are looking at what a phased in approach would look like. She noted the guidelines are pretty well laid out, based on color tiers. Clyde said the CDL has been able to remain open. The WREC has very specific guidelines and was open for a small time. During the time they were open, she said they served 5,000 appointments. Clyde said the only event held was the Halloween event, which 200 students attended. She said at EOC she will continue to push student engagement in a safe and protective way, explaining that it’s about how to stay within the tiers and the guidance produced by the CDC and higher education guidance. She said they are also continuing to push for outdoor education. She said the guidance is very clear that we cannot open the WREC while in this purple tier; however; they are working on opening an outdoor WREC space. Conversations will also be held regarding what Dining will look like for next fall. Clyde said if we go into the new modified lockdown, the bookstore will be able to stay open, but at 20% occupancy. She said none of our other services will be affected.

XI. VP APPOINTEE’S REPORT – Barron said he missed the last BMUC meeting as he was out of the area due to work. He said he’s excited to talk with Kaylee Biedermann regarding the SFAC information. He wished students good luck with their finals. Clyde said the Facility Master Plan was approved by BMUC at their last meeting and noted it is updated and approved annually.

XII. CHAIR’S REPORT – No report.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Lapic, adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.