

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO
BELL MEMORIAL UNION COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

11 a.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zach Scott, Lydia Alessandra Rojas, Emily Dimopoulos, Gilberto Maldonado, Cristina Perez, Caitlin Wirth, Zachary Schmechel, Art Cox

MEMBERS ABSENT: Annabel Grimm, Joel Ramirez

OTHERS PRESENT: David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Curtis Sicheneder, Katrina Robertson, Keith Crawford, Michal Hanson, Kelly Scott, Sidney Corvery, Alyssa Myers, Thang Ho, Vic Trujillo

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The chair, Scott, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Scott added Information Item A: Appointment by Vice President of Facilities and Services of Zachary Schmechel as Vice Chair of the Bell Memorial Union Committee. **Motion to approve the 11/6/18 revised agenda, as presented (Schmechel/Maldonado) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meetings of 10/9/18 and 10/23/18. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/9/18 and 10/23/18 (Schmechel/Dimopoulos) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- V. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Information Item: Appointment by Vice President of Facilities and Services of Zachary Schmechel as Vice Chair of the Bell Memorial Union Committee – Scott announced that he is appointing Schmechel as Vice Chair of BMUC.
 - B. Information Item: Sustainability Program presentation – Kelly Scott, the Green Events Coordinator, explained people are encouraged to reduce, reuse and recycle. She said she attends events to divert compost and recycling and provided an overview of Function Junction and the Zero Waste Challenge. Michal Hanson explained that she is in charge of the Sustainability Fund program and up to \$100,000 is distributed for sustainable projects. She said she's also in charge of 25 interns who help with various aspects of the Sustainability Office. Sidney Corvery, the Real Food Challenge Coordinator, said she works with Dining to promote sustainable dining. She said they are currently working on 2016 numbers and estimated they'll jump from 16% to 18% for 2016. She also works on education and outreach.
 - B. Information Item: WREC expansion/Wellness Center – Sicheneder said nationally there has been a push over the past few years to promote wellness for students on campuses. He provided an overview of Chico State data from spring 2018 regarding how stress, anxiety, and sleep issues have a negative impact on academics. He also provided data regarding students seeking counseling or medical services, as well as those reporting being diagnosed or treated for depression in the last 12 months. Sicheneder said anything we can do to counterbalance this trend is important. He noted that various higher education associations have recently committed to promoting cultures of integrated wellness on campuses. Sicheneder said other universities, such as Virginia Tech, Sacramento State and CSU, Northridge have created health and wellness units comprised of recreation/fitness centers and student health services under one roof. He said he would like to begin discussion regarding funding a Feasibility Study to provide space for these wellness programs at the WREC. Buckley noted a Feasibility Study was built into the Facility Master Plan last year. He said they will be meeting with FMS staff next week to discuss the Feasibility Study and would work with an architect/engineering firm to find out the approximate cost. Buckley said a request for approval to move forward with funding a Feasibility Study in the approximate amount of \$15,000 would be on the next BMUC agenda. Scott said this would be a great idea to pursue. Discussion was held. Buckley said the only area of the WREC available for expansion would be at the front of the building where the areas of grass are located.
 - C. Information Item: EcoStruxure building operations, software update – Clyde explained that each building on campus has software that talks to the SFAC system for heating and cooling, which is run by the Boiler/Chiller Department of FMS. She noted the BMU is the last building on the old software from 1994, and it's failing. She said FMS is requiring this software upgrade. Clyde explained that there are three

phases of this system: 1. Software component, 2. Local control module hardware/software controls, 3. Deeper within the HVAC system are modules that communicate with each other. She said cost for the first phase is approximately \$55,000 and will be brought to BMUC as an Action item at the next meeting. Clyde said a similar request for the WREC will probably happen in 2019.

- D. Information Item: Scissor Lift – Clyde said purchase of a replacement scissor lift was approved last year for \$20,000; however, it was discovered that a different lift is needed at a cost of approximately \$25,000. She said this lift is fully drivable, so can be used by the WREC as well. This item will be brought to BMUC as an Action item.
- E. Information Item: WREC track wall repairs – Sicheneder said as reported at a previous BMUC meeting, WREC track wall repairs are needed due to damage. He would like to replace with laminate that has been found to work well in the basketball court area. Approximate cost will be \$35,000 and this item will be brought to BMUC as an Action item.
- H. Information Item: 9/30/18 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statement – Clyde said the benchmark is at 25%. She noted that the Student Union expensed 19.68% of the approved annual budget and generated 46.18% of projected income.

- VI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT** – Buckley said he would be advising the Board that the AS is getting closer to being able to provide EBT in Urban Roots. • Buckley said he received notice that soon the Chancellor's Office will be moving forward with a zero plastic on campus policy that would affect all CSU campuses. He said by 2020 the following would not be allowed: plastic water bottles, plastic straws and plastic bags. He noted that we would be exempt from the plastic water bottles requirement until our contract with Pepsi is up in 2022. • Buckley said one of the issues he has been talking about for years with this committee is student safety in the BMU. He explained that transients come in and out of the BMU and they have had to call UPD numerous times. He noted that the person who was charged with the recent homicide on campus was often in this building. Buckley said the issue of student safety in student unions is starting to become a discussion throughout the CSU, also keeping in mind people's individual rights. He said he would begin reaching out to other campuses about this.
- VII. **WREC DIRECTORS REPORT** – Sicheneder said a WREC research survey was launched last Friday, and they have already had over 3,500 responses. This information will be used to better serve students. • Crawford presented regarding Adventure Outings photography theme trips and showed one of the Find Your Adventure videos to the committee.
- VIII. **ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Clyde said the Facility Master Plan was sent to the committee members, noting the goal is to prioritize projects before the budget is set so they can be included for next year. • Clyde updated regarding upcoming events in the BMU. She said WLI is working on a Women's Symposium scheduled for February 15, 2019, the same day as the Vagina Monologues. Bookstore scholarships will also be a part of the symposium. • Clyde said Panera is at the tail end of a \$500 million venture so we're a bit low on their list right now; however, still moving forward. She said she reached out to Panda that we might want to work with them regarding other locations on campus.
- IX. **VPS' APPOINTEE REPORT** – Schmechel reported that Buckley reviewed with ASBC that the Follett contract is up on June 30, 2019. He said the Board would need to decide whether or not to renew, or do a RFP. Schmechel said the name for the new coffee cart in the BMU is The Daily Grind. He said Tom Rider explained the process for reusing oil in Dining Services as well as that they're switching to Eco-stick sugar packets, which are biodegradable and have less corn fillers in them.
- X. **CHAIR'S REPORT** – Scott said SFAC will meet this Friday at 2 p.m. and that five projects will be presented. He explained that although they normally give out \$50,000 split between two semesters, they can go above this amount if need be as there are funds in reserves. • Scott said Dimopolous is graduating in December and requested if anyone knows of someone interested in sitting on BMUC to contact him.
- XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Sicheneder requested students fill out the WREC survey. Cox said the Career and Internship Fair is tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium.
- XII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None.
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Scott, adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.