

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format

Thursday, November 6, 2025

9:00 a.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aylai Murzakulova, Leyla Mirza, Art Cox, Tom Ussery, Randy Southall, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Andrew Ly, Isaac Pena, Nick Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Eliza Miller (Recording), Jon Simmons, Teresa Clements, Hugh Hammond, Kendra Wright, Kendra Clark, Windy VanDam, Anna Paladini, Keith Crawford, Joe Dorgali, Colin Chambers, Vic Trujillo, Aaron Schwartz, Cherie Higgs, Steven Vue, Brooke McCall, Amanda Dubner

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 11/6/25 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 11/6/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Pena/Nelson) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meetings of 10/23/25. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of 10/23/25, as presented (Nelson/Pena) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**- None.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.
- VII. **BUSINESS**
 - A. **Action Item: Proposal for Department Name Change – Marketing and Outreach. Motion to approve department name change to Marketing and Outreach, as presented (Mirza/Nelson) 7-0-0 MSC**
 - B. **Discussion Item: Request of Capital Expenditure for Thermal Pool Cover Replacement –** Colin Chambers, Assistant Director of the WREC, presented on the request to purchase new thermal pool cover. He shared that the tarps are at the end of their life and were last replaced in 2019. They are also seeking to replace the original reels from 2009, as they previously caused issues on the pool deck that was recently resurfaced.
 - C. **Discussion Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes**
 - 1)**BMU Equipment Policy**
 - 2)**BMU Posting Policy**
 - 3)**BMU Room Reservation Policy**Simmons reviewed the changes to the three codes resulting from the recent change in the name of Conference Services to Event Services.
 - D. **Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Money Market for quarter ending 9/30/25 -** Simmons reviewed the investment balance for the union for the first quarter ending 9/30/25. The student union, which this committee oversees, reported a daily average investment of \$2,603,601 and interest earnings of \$113,000 over the three months, yielding a return on investment of 4.3%. The investment balance stands at \$13 million.

- E. Information item: 9/30/25 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Summary. – Simmons reviewed the September financials for the Student Union. He shared that at this point in the year, the target for the percentage to budget is 25%. Income is at 45.42% and expenses are at 19.64%.
- F. Information Item: SFAC Process Presentation - Cherie Higgs presented to the committee on the process that SFAC will be utilizing to grade and deliberate on proposals, which will report up to ASFC in a future meeting. She covered the structure of SFAC and the philosophy behind the SFAC Committee and AS Sustainability Program. She reviewed the rubric used to grade proposals and the steps the proposals will undergo for approval after grading. Murzakulova asked if they could amend the requested amounts if they feel a student's request isn't enough funding. Higgs clarified that the voting members can amend the requested budgets. Pena asked if the student applicants also received the rubric. Higgs clarified that the rubric is public and shared with students who are submitting proposals. Ly asked if the unspent funds would be returned to the account. Higgs clarified that yes, if all funds aren't spent, they remain in the SFAC reserves.

- VIII. **STAFF REPORTS**— Southall announced that the first food truck electrical installation is starting, so people may see some construction outside the SSC. Murzakulova asked how many outlets will ultimately be installed. Southall shared that they are starting with six locations. Cox announced that ECC capstone projects will be presented on December 12 in Clousa Hall from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. McAllister-Knutson shared that there are currently hundreds of events on Cats Connect and encouraged everyone to get involved. She also announced that SNAP-eligible students can eat at the dining hall for free once a day through tomorrow, 11/7.
- IX. **VP JOINT APPOINTMENT REPORT**—Ly shared that ASBC has been discussing the 10-year pouring rights contract and the formation of a sub-committee to work on that contract. He also shared that a Canvas announcement was recently sent to all students, sharing resources for anyone who might be experiencing food insecurity during the pause in SNAP benefits. He also shared that renovations are underway at the bookstore, including the installation of a new entrance.
- X. **ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**— Simmons shared that the elevator maintenance in the BMU continues. He shared some additional context around the food truck electrical project, including its initiation as an SFAC project that went through the ASFC Committee last year. He added that another large project is forthcoming, which will be a partnership between the AS, Chico Unified, the state, and the city to make improvements along Warner Street and West Sacramento Avenue, including bicycle access improvements. He shared an update on finding a new practice space for Ballet Folklorico, as discussed at the recent Town Hall, noting that they are still searching for an appropriate location for the club to use for practice space, due to their specialty dance shoes. He concluded by sharing that SFAC will be revising the collaboration form process for the next funding cycle due to challenges with students accessing Adobe Sign.
- XI. **CHAIR REPORT**— Murzakulova thanked Higgs for all her work on SFAC. Additionally, she shared that she attended the BOD meeting and an AS Executive Committee meeting last week.
- XII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**— Ly shared that he recently chatted with Southall about shared locations for bike racks. He was hoping to add some parking under the library breezeway, as he has seen many bikes locked to benches in that location. He asked the committee to share any ideas they may have for solutions to this issue.
- XIII. **PUBLIC OPINION—Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for the entire topic**— Aaron Schwartz shared his feedback on the recent allocation of one free meal to students, clarifying that this one meal is per visit, as the dining hall is all you can eat. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the lack of clarity regarding accessing funding through SFAC outside of the \$4,999 that was advertised. He concluded by discussing the funds in the Board Designated Fund. He encouraged any students present who serve on the AS BOD to start thinking about how it could be utilized to benefit students sooner rather than later.
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Murzakulova, adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.