

# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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

**Friday, February 27, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Aylai Murzakulova, Tom Ussery, Randy Southall, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Isaac Pena, Andrew Ly, Kimberly Espinoza Salgado

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Leyla Mirza, Art Cox, Manna Jose

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Eliza Miller (Recording), Jon Simmons, Teresa Clements, Hugh Hammond, Emily Berry, Kendra Wright, Keith Crawford, Vic Trujillo, Kendra Clark, Cherie Higgs, Colin Chambers, Tom Rider.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 2/27/26 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 2/27/26 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Pena/Ly) 5-0-0 MSC. Roll Call Vote: Ly: Yes, Pena: Yes, Espinoza: Yes, Ussery: Yes, Southall: Yes.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meetings of 2/13/26. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of 2/13/26, as presented (Ly/Pena) 5-0-0 MSC. Roll Call Vote: Ly: Yes, Pena: Yes, Espinoza: Yes, Ussery: Yes, Southall: Yes.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**- None.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.
- VII. **BUSINESS**
  - A. Discussion Item: Presentation for SFAC Projects \$5,000 and Over
    1. Tom Rider - Ozzi Box Collection Project SFAC Project 2026 - Tom Rider presented his SFAC Proposal requesting funds to purchase additional Ozzi box collection bins. He shared that AS Dining is already using these boxes, but has identified that many are not making it back to AS Dining for reuse. He is requesting funds to increase the number of drop-off locations for used boxes to help ensure boxes make it back for re-use. He is requesting \$37,500 to purchase up to 10 new drop-off bins for strategic locations across campus. Current loss rates are about 30% per month, meaning stocks are depleted roughly every three months. Rider shared that Campus approval is required for the placement of these collection bins, but he is seeking to obtain funds first. Simmons inquired what happens when the Ozzi boxes are placed in the trash rather than the drop-off bin. Rider shared that they are not manually separated during waste collection, so they go to the landfill, which is what this project aims to address. Ly asked if some of the educational graphics from the presentation could be used to promote the Ozzi boxes across campus as part of sustainability efforts. Ly shared that he thought some affiliated programs, like the CCLC, could benefit from having a drop location, as many students take food from the BMU to eat at the affinity centers, but the bins wouldn't need to be as large or expensive as the ones proposed. Rider shared that the proposed bins are built specifically to collect used boxes, with a cart loaded inside. Simmons shared that this committee is receiving this presentation today because this project is seeking more funding than SFAC can approve without permission from ASFC first.

- VIII. STAFF REPORTS—** McAllister-Knutson started her report by thanking AS Marketing for their help with the Leadership Summit. She asked everyone to look out for Choose Chico next weekend.
- IX. VP JOINT APPOINTMENT REPORT—** Ly reported that ASBC recently discussed Wildcat Store financials, the SFAC project ASFC saw today, and the recent decision to fund regalia for all AS employees, interns, and affinity center students.
- X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT—** Simmons shared that the students on the Board have taken over the financial reports, which is great to see. He shared that the teamsters strike has ended. He updated the committee on the Bike Hub moving to Holt Station. He also shared that he has been discussing adding covered bike parking near the new Bike Hub location. He shared that the SFAC committee meeting is coming up and reminded the students on the committee that they will also be serving on that committee. He shared that Cool Cat Closet, a previous SFAC project, is joining the Well, and space was made this week for them to move in. He shared that the budget is coming up soon. He also reminded the committee that the applications to run for office close next week.
- XI. CHAIR REPORT—** Murzukulova reported that SFAC is coming up. She reported on updates to the Immediate Access program from this week's Board of Directors meeting, explaining that it makes discounted digital course materials available before classes start.
- XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS—** Pena shared that the FFA field day took place this last weekend, and over 1400 students came from the surrounding areas, as far as Nevada and Oregon. He shared that AS was there selling brisket sandwiches, and he was very happy about how everything turned out. McAllister-Knutson reminded everyone about Wildcat Wednesdays and spirit Fridays. Simmons shared that the Immediate Access program is also a benefit to students due to it being part of their educational expenses covered by financial aid.
- XIII. PUBLIC OPINION — Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for the entire topic—** Cherie Higgs shared the importance of supporting the move of the Cool Cat Closet to the Well, and they are looking to bring it under the umbrella of the Associated Students. She reminded the room that the SFAC deadline is March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm sharp. She also expressed support for Tom Rider's proposal to increase campus drop-off locations to divert those containers from the landfill.
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair, Murzakulova, adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.