ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, April 11, 2024  3:30 p.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vincent Sy, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Madison Parella, Zackary Machado, Randy Southall, Lily Fletcher, Matthew Bosnan, Joshua Day
MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Cox, Megan Kurtz
OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Chela Mendoza Patterson, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kendra Wright, Kyle Alsberry, Keith Crawford, Jon Simmons, Shar Krater, Teresa Clements, Katrina Leach, Brooke McCall, Cassie Flenagan

I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 3:29 p.m.

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

III. AGENDA – Approval of the 4/11/24 regular meeting agenda. Motion to approve the 4/11/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Fletcher/Brosnan) 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approval of the 3/28/24 regular meeting minutes. Motion to approve the 3/28/24 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Machado/Brosnan) 6-0-0 MSC.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sy introduced Matt Brosnan to the committee.

VI. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

VII. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Student Union Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2023-24 and proposed budget 2024-25 (under separate cover).

Simmons said they will be voting on this in a week and presented the budget. He said that wages and salaries are going up due to the strike and other factors. There will be some adjustments made. The interest rate is up as well. Simmons will showcase the facility condition report, specifically looking at the BMU. He started with the Student Union Fund, Capital Expenditures (local and campus), and reserves. He highlighted the Local Total income. Income is expected to increase. Fees are going up overall. Programming that is happening is also increasing. Next he touched on the largest increase in the budget, being the salaries and wages. Increased expenses are due to corporate service increases as well. We also will see an increase in professional development. Insurance has also increased from approximately $200,000 to $300,000. He also pointed out an increase in cost from programming as well. Southall asked why sustainability increased so drastically. Leach said that it’s due to the fact we have a specific number of funds that are allocated to programming and also have a career position open. The facility condition report keeps track of everything within the building. They do it to help make sure we budget to ensure we the maintenance is kept up. If we didn't spend anything to replace, change out and replace, then they are going to spend funds to ensure its all staying up to code and okay. The proposed capital expenditures are custodial equipment and others for approximately $250,000. Looking at the campus building repair and capital projects there is the elevator and BMU air handlers. The locks approved by this board in the past allowed this to increase. They are hoping to have a full replacement of an elevator from 1969. The other one also needs to be renovated as well. This would total approximately $1,700,000. In terms of campus capital project funds, they have the dining area facilities upgrade of approximately $5,000,000. Dr. Patterson said that this does not exactly reference Chartwells, we are looking to upgrade the dining service areas regardless of who we use for consultation.
Next Simmons discussed reserves and said we need to utilize these reserves to ensure that everything stays up and running. We are required to maintain a specific amount of reserves. You can see the decrease in reserves over time, as they utilize it to make upgrades. These are all budgeted at having an enrollment number of 13,600. For the 2024-2025 budget terms are new: wage increases, consolidation and less vacant positions, and increased attendance in programs and spaces. If enrollment increases it ensures our numbers look better. There's also an increase in most costs due to inflation. McAllister-Knutson asked about the updates to the pool deck. Simmons said that the pool deck is scheduled to be done this summer.

B. Discussion Item: AS Facilities Upcoming Events – Sy said we have an International Festival on May 4th.

C. Discussion Item: AS Facilities Current Projects – Sy said the pool and Mac flooring will be pushed back to the end of summer.

D. Discussion Item: AS Facilities Current Budget – Sy said we will skip as this was already discussed before.

VIII. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Dr. Patterson said we had a great Choose Chico and she thanked all for their help. They are optimistic enrollment will be above 13,600.

IX. ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Simmons said he encourages all to get their classes done, himself included. Parella asked how the pool deck construction will impact student jobs? Simmons said it won't because they will look for other work they can do. Clements agreed and said they would find alternative work for the students.

X. STAFF REPORTS – McAllister-Knutson said thank you for the revenue sharing and everyone’s help at Choose Chico. They believe there were approximately 5000-6000 people there. She believes that the things Student Life & Leadership and the AS are doing are what students remember and why they Choose Chico. She shouted out McCall. Recruit-a-cat is an opportunity on CatsConnect where students can fill out a form if someone they refer comes to Chico State, and that person will be in a raffle to be able to allocate $1,000 for a student organization of their choice. Southall shared that it was more than 5000 people who attended Choose Chico but less than 6000.

XI. VP APPOINTEES’ REPORT – Machado said in ASBC they also had a budget preview last meeting. Rider will be making a trip down to Cal Poly Pomona to check out their dining facilities to see if we can try any of their ideas here. The apple store will be having a discount coming up.

XII. CHAIR REPORT – Sy said we are moving into the end of the semester and we have transitioned to weekly meetings. He is glad Choose Chico went great.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Clements said that being out there and visible to people visiting if so fun for her. She also heard great comments regarding the Well. Adventure Outings has been super busy between the Film Festival and Bike Auction, which have brought in over $6,000 towards the Get Outdoors fund. Krater said that they fund the OPS team They will have Earth Day on the 22nd, with a live band and baby goats. The Well is working with Adventure Outings and the Wrec and OPS team to put on De-Stressfest events. They had 4 interviews for the sustainability candidate. They will also have the SFAC deliberation next Friday.

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Krater welcomed the newest member.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Sy, adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.