

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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

Friday, April 14, 2023

12 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Davis, Randy Southall, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Mia Sanchez-Bejar (Zoom), Telma Cruz, Megan Kurtz (Zoom), Katie Chai

MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Cox, Melanie Lopez,

OTHERS PRESENT: Curtis Sicheneder, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Katrina Robertson, Eliza Miller, Jon Slaughter, Hugh Hammond, Thang Ho, Kelsey Torres, Andrew Staples, Anna Paladini, Atlas Jackmon, Bridget Nichols, Charlie Foor, Christina Zorich, Christopher Sorter, Daisy Rolon, Janice Stryker, Keith Crawford, Kimberly Scott, Kristin Chelotti, Kristina Barger, Olivia Caselles, Nate Gyugyi, Sarah Wilson, Thomas Rider, Wyatt Alpert, Teresa Clements, Kendra Wright, Leah Mercer, Colin Chambers, Christopher Sorter, Danielle Fierro, Sean Murphy, Brooke McCall, Sharleen Krater, Claire Abele, Ella Stewart, Thad Walker, Brenda Locki Knight, Whitney Garcia, Zachary Meisel, Cassie Faith, Noah Williams Marissa Sammananu, Makenna Hazel, Nate Soleeki, Scott Harris, Michael Tippett, Carlyn Laughlin, Moragn Murray, Brian Soleki, Steve Wildhaber, Joc Clark, Roland McNutt, Marin Wright, Dustin Bohn, Mallory Hedger, Chantyl Estes, Kayla Herron, Victoria Tobol, Brian Coffet, Olivia Wiemann, Owen Cross, Tessa Coffee, Kelly Greenberg, Jenna Walker, Clemieus Strigl, Ryan Pickering, Amy Elsenbauner, Owen Boggeln, Kira Culp, Brendan Ivey

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Davis, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
 1. Thanked all for coming. Said they will go over how the meeting works.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 4/14/23 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 4/14/23 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Cruz/Sanchez-Bejar) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 3/30/23 regular meeting minutes. **Motion to approve the 3/30/23 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Cruz/Sanchez-Bejar) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Jenna Walker, Joc Clark, Tessa Coffee, Scott Harris, Mallory Hedges, Kelly Greenberg, Amy Elsenbauner and Owen Cross all spoke on Adventure Outing's impact on them and listed a variety of reasons to keep the program.
- VII. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of Student Union Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2022-23 and proposed budget 2023-24. **Action Requested: Motion to approve Student Union Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2022-23 and proposed budget 2023-24, as presented**

Davis asked for a motion to open a discussion about this action item **(Cruz/Chai)**. Davis explained she has asked for a modified budget proposal after last week's meeting, and asks Sicheneder to please present it. Sicheneder stated he has created an alternative budget. This alternative budget will be presented to the committee and he will be focusing on the decrease in the Student Union budget. He explained the left hand column shows what was proposed at last week's meeting, which is 10% student wage reduction across all union departments, the elimination of travel and professional development and sunseting Adventure Outings, totaling \$500,000 in savings. The right hand column

shows what Davis has requested. The top two things listed, the 10% student wage reduction across all union departments and eliminating travel and professional development, have stayed the same. Under this, we see the proposed Adventure Outings reductions, which include: freezing the secondary program coordinator position, reducing student labor: which includes reducing hours in the climbing gym, decreasing hours in the equipment room and overall restructuring of how Adventure Outings trips how trips are made-up as multi-day trips involve heavy overtime. If Adventure Outings is not sunsetting then the trip's income is reinstated as well. Next is reducing the non-labor operating budget which includes some small-equipment, some permits and others. They would also reduce the Program Director from a 12-month position to an 11-month position. All of this totals approximately \$164,000 and after adding the Adventure Outing income back, leaves us to looking at the rest of the Union Budget to cut out approximately \$288,000 from other areas to make the reductions still equal to \$500,000. Sicheneder's proposed suggestions continue, with a reduction in the WREC facility hours by 8 hours a week. This is followed by freezing a floating custodial position. There would also be additional reductions in student labor, impacting the Well, WREC and Marketing & Design. In addition, he proposes a WREC small equipment budget reduction of \$50,000 followed by a reduction of OPS programming budget by \$20,000. In total, all adjustments would total \$499,717. Sicheneder explains this alternative budget spreads the pain out across the Union and he understands it's a difficult decision to make. In this scenario Adventure Outings still takes a deep cut, and it should be interpreted as a right-sizing effort under the budget circumstances we are in, but allows them the opportunity to remain. The Associated Students uses conservative enrollment numbers intentionally to ensure we do not commit dollars that we do not have. This year in particular, we anticipated numbers that were nearly spot-on. However, next year's enrollment is extremely elusive and Sicheneder and Robertson received some information earlier in the week that suggests enrollment numbers will be even more elastic than originally thought, and may be more positive than when this budget was produced. That said, Sicheneder does not want to sunset a program pre-maturely, and it is his suggestion that ASFC adopts the budget with the changes listed in the right-hand column. McAllister-Knutson asked what the impact looks like for maintenance and across the board, and is curious if we would be cutting a position, eluding to the freeze regarding the floating custodial position. Sicheneder states while looking at student labor, and what that means for the WREC, that we currently use an outside, 3rd party to do updates and such on our cardio machines. It can be argued that that wasn't completely necessary, and they raised student labor by having students perform some of that work in-house. This budget would be a direct reduction to that. Cruz inquired what the WREC hours would look like with this budget. Sicheneder said the original thought was questioning if the WREC could save funds by closing on Saturdays during the academic year. In lieu of saying that the WREC would close on Saturdays, he said they would reduce funds to the WREC that would equal the amount of funds typically used the cover 8 hours' worth of operation a week. It would be up to the administration to determine when those hours would be taken. This would impact not only WREC employees, but maintenance and custodial as well. Kurtz thanked Curtis, Davis and Robertson for going back and providing the committee with an alternative budget. Kurtz asked if we were proposing a 25% decrease of programming across the board? Sicheneder stated that is the proposed decrease for contract programs. He explained that contract programs are a part of a separate budget. He explained that OPS in particular has already taken a \$50,000 reduction from the previous year, and this budget would decrease by an additional \$20,000 allocated to them. Sicheneder stated that if anything was not stated in the new proposed budget it should be assumed there was no change from the original budget proposed last week and this alternative budget. Sanchez-Bejar asked for clarification regarding the student wage reduction. Sicheneder stated this was carried over from the original budget proposed last week, with a 10% cut across the board. He does not anticipate job losses, but does anticipate hours and shifts being reduced. Southall appreciates that they have been given he chance to look at this new budget. He claimed that Adventure Outings was important to his success here at Chico State in the past when he was a student. He also understands, that with so-few unique users, Adventure Outings is not sustainable. He highly encourages the leadership to grow and evolve or warns we will be having this exact same conversation next year. McAllister-Knutson said she loves the opportunity to assess and make changes to keep Adventure Outings, but moving forward they need to really analyze the costs of trips and such. She pulled the numbers and has concluded that Adventure Outings only serves approximately 1% of the population here at Chico State. She said we need to be looking at student programs across the board to how many students are being served. The amount of funding being allocated should be sure to serve our entire student population. McAllister-Knutson concluded, we need to be mindful that all other cuts across other programs needs to be considered for the amount of students they are serving. Kurtz said that she is at Cal Poly Pomona at a middle leadership

conference from the Chancellors Office discussing issues on campus around enrollment and what entices people to come to Chico State. She stated Adventure Outings was apart of her college experience at Chico State as well as her husband. She agrees with Southall and McAllister-Knutson's points and says that looking at this from a number's perspective, encourages the students and trip leaders to include others in Adventure Outings. She suggests programming and looking at the trends for what students on campus are looking for. She believes that this alternative budget is an example of extending an opportunity for Adventure Outing to look at how more students can be a part of Adventure Outings. She hopes that they will serve more than just the 1% with the 162 unique users stated earlier. Davis announced that if the committee would like to move forward with approving this modified Student Union budget, they will need a motion and second. **Action Requested: Motion to approve Student Union Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2022-23 and proposed budget 2023-24, with modifications as presented: Robertson reported: The presented modifications are as follows: A 10% student wage reduction for all union departments(\$50,000), the elimination of travel and professional development (\$50,000), Adventure Outings reductions which include: freezing the program coordinator position (\$70,000), reducing student labor (\$67,745), trips income reinstated (\$46,700), reduce non-labor operating budget (\$21,375), reduce program director to an 11-month position (\$5,854), along with the WREC facility hours reduced by 8 hours a week (\$66,105), freeze floating custodial position (\$33,218), and additional student wage reductions as follows: WELL student labor (\$3,566), WREC student labor (maintenance)(\$9,446), AS Marketing & Design student labor (\$5,708), along with WREC small equipment budget reduction (\$50,000) and OPS programming reduction (\$20,000), with the total impact being \$499,717. (Cruz/Chai) 5-0-0 MSC.**

- VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Sicheneder told everyone about the IT division giving out hotspots and laptops to students that qualify. He has requested the number of students who received one but believe it was very successful. It was an IT venture and he is glad students have access to those resources. Sicheneder stated we had another successful Bike Auction with earnings just below \$3,000, and said it was a well-run event. Kurtz and Sicheneder are sitting on the Student Affairs Strategic Plan Committee, where they are working with a 3rd party from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities to develop a strategic plan for this division as a new president will be coming along. It's been an interesting process.
- IX. CHAIR REPORT** – Davis stated that the Student Union budget that the committee has approved will now move forward to the Board of Directors meeting for final approval. This meeting has been rescheduled and will be moving to May 3rd due to quorum issues.
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS** –
- XI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Jenna Walker said thank you for the chance. McAllister-Knutson commends all in the space for their commitment and Walker willing to take cut to own position's salary for this program alongside the freeze on coworker position. Thanked her for showing her commitment. Hopes all at Chico State can follow suit. Ryan Pickering said thank you for giving the program a chance. Marissa Sanmaana thanked Sicheneder for taking time out of his schedule to impact more people. She is beyond excited to see where program will go in future. Stated: "Chico State is cool." Bryan Soleki stated that Adventure Outings is much more than trips. He asks the committee to look at a larger number as he believes 162 unique participants is not an accurate representation.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Davis, adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.