

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N-1-22, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

11 a.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kiley Kirkpatrick, Art Cox, Anthony Ruiz, Sofia Askari, Dominic Patrone, Victorina Jeffers, Mike Guzzi, Alejandro Marquez, Jeremy Olguin

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Curtis Sicheneder, Shar Krater, Katie Peterson, Hugh Hammond, Katrina Robertson, Thang Ho, Kelsey Torres, Reynaldo Trejo

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Kirkpatrick, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
- III. **AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/2/22 regular meeting agenda (Askari/Ruiz) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meetings of 11/16/21 and 11/30/21. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of 11/16/21 and 11/30/21, as presented (Marquez/Askari) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Olguin was welcomed to the committee.
- VI. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Facilities Committee Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2021-22. **Motion to approve Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Facilities Committee Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2021-22, as presented (Marquez/Ruiz) 7-0-0 MSC.**
 - B. Information Item: Butte County Elections (BCE) Partnership –Torres said this is regarding a proposal they'd like to present to BCE. She said In the past, the AS has provided BMU 203 or the auditorium at no charge for primary and general elections with a commitment of 10 days each time. She noted having a voting center on campus allows students to vote easily; however, it takes away availability of space for students to reserve. Torres said they would like to propose to BCE using our site for a four-day voting site each time during November and June. In addition, they would like to begin charging BCE \$1,200/day for vote days in November for use of the auditorium and \$800 for setup and takedown. Proposed charges for June elections at \$1,200/day for vote days on the weekdays, \$2,000/day for vote days on weekend dates and \$800 for setup and takedown. In addition, June election dates must not conflict with Summer Orientation and November election dates must not conflict with Chico Preview Day. She noted that a ballot box is placed on campus. Torres reviewed rate comparisons and said that we met in the middle to give BCE a reduced rate, but not give away at no charge. Marquez questioned estimate of profits and Torres said we're not here to make a profit but more to cover our expenses. Sicheneder said space for elections has been provided for free but they continue to ask for more days and more voting cycles, which starts to affect students. He said this item would be brought back to the committee to vote on.
 - C. Discussion Item: Conference Services Presentation – Torres provided an overview of Conference Services and what they do, which includes complete conference and event planning for all of the BMU

spaces. She said they serve student groups, the AS, state funded groups, non-state funded groups and outside groups, with student groups having first priority. Rates were reviewed and she explained that student groups and the AS are not charged room fees. She said in order to avoid confusion regarding conference room rates, they are going to begin charging the same space rate for meeting rooms. Torres reviewed building usage through COVID, noting from August 2021 through December 2021 they served 27,912 students and expect this to increase this spring. She explained room upgrades and noted community partnerships with Vitalant Blood Systems and Butte County Elections. She said the BMU is currently open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Twelve meeting rooms and the auditorium are available to reserve and the auditorium can seat up to 900 people

- D. Information Item: The Well – Sicheneder said it's possible that this project may be completed toward the end of March; however, they are having supply issues regarding sleep pods and some other furniture. He said they may plan a soft opening in the spring, with a grand opening in the fall. Teresa Clements will be the supervisor of the Wellness Coordinator, who will be running The Well. Sicheneder said the Wellness Coordinator has been identified and is going through background checks before final hire approval.
- E. Information Item: The Oasis – Sicheneder shared the most current rendering of the space outside of the WREC. He said students would check in at the WREC to assure use of space by students only. He said this area in front of the WREC will have waterfalls, fireplaces, quiet spaces, similar to the Northridge Oasis, and noted they're using the same architect for this that Northridge used. He explained that we were granted \$200,000 in HEERF funds for this project and we had capital expenditure funds of \$300,000. He said this committee voted to put \$500,000 towards the project. Sicheneder said FMS has priced this project out, and it's now closer to \$1.8 million. Discussions are being held regarding obtaining possible additional HEERF funds. Marquez asked if additional HEERF funds aren't obtained, if the project would be downsized and Sicheneder said unlikely. Kirkpatrick asked if it would be built-in sections based on what could be afforded and Clyde explained that building in phases would likely incur additional expenses, which would be problematic. She said she has been working with Stacie Corona to find out if the AS and HEERF provide a little more funding and FMS finds some wiggle room in terms of fee allocation, and does some value engineering, if it would be feasible to move forward. She noted that to move the project forward, it will require a little give from all of those areas. Discussion was held. Kirkpatrick asked if staff and faculty will be using this space as well and Sicheneder said it would be available for those staff and faculty that pay fees to the WREC, which is approximately 50 people from the entire campus. He said students pay \$350 for an entire year and staff/faculty pay a little more.
- F. Discussion Item: 10/31/21 and 11/30/21 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statements – Sicheneder reviewed with the committee, noting the benchmark for this period was 41.67%. He said the Student Union expensed 30.06% of the approved annual budget and generated 42.10% of projected income.

- VII. VP APPOINTEES' REPORT** – The first ASBC meeting of the semester was cancelled and they meet next week.
- VIII. INTERIM ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Sicheneder said Adventure Outings (AO) was on a training trip as part of an intern/volunteer process for becoming an AO a trip leader. When they returned to their vehicle near Butte Meadows, the vehicle and trailer had been broken into and several thousand dollars in AO gear and personal items had been stolen. He said Bang is working on the insurance claim. He updated regarding other theft/damage issues that AO has recently been hit with. • Sicheneder shared that since COVID started they've changed the way students enter into the WREC, noting that biometric hand scanners were removed and an app with a QR code is now used for access to the WREC. He explained that they have caught non-students coming in to use the WREC by using their Chico State student friend's QR code. Sicheneder said they'll have to put a stop to this and may return to biometric hand scanners at the WREC. Discussion was held regarding cleaning protocols.
- IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Clyde said coming back to campus, there has been a lot of fear and anxiety and what it would look like. She said they anticipated that there would be additional COVID numbers, which we are seeing. She explained that the AS has taken a stance through all of this that we would continue to operate as many services as we can for students for as long as we can operationally do so based on having staff on hand. Clyde said she's impressed and proud of what the AS has brought to the table and noted we're one of the few areas that have expanded services during this time. She said some of the areas are struggling and when someone is out, it definitely falls on the backs of other staff. She noted the AS has a

very stretched staffing workload, especially in operational areas like Dining, which can't opt out of feeding people. She said it's critical that the committee understands and recognizes this. She also noted the CDL is also seeing the same issues and that they have to keep a ratio of children to teachers. • Clyde said the Bookstore has taken a real hit and she'll be presenting numbers to the Board. She said they are anticipating a \$300,000 loss at the Bookstore. Since ASFC is landlord of that area, she wants them to be aware that there becomes a point of inability to make debt service payments and the Board will have to look into this. • Clyde said the Board will be discussing wages as campus did an increase of minimum wage above the state's current \$15/hour minimum wage, for student wages, which is estimated at an increase of \$10,000/week for the AS. She said minimum wage for career staff is now moving to \$18/hour, which would be an increase to the AS of \$60,000/year. She said in addition, the decrease in head count doesn't help. She said they'll be looking at staff and what that affects, and may spread workloads a little differently. Clyde said results of the Recruitment and Retention talks will be a part of the budget talks as they unfold. Marquez asked if there has been a decline over the years in bookstore sales. Clyde said we used to operate the bookstore ourselves over 7 years ago, and sales were declining at that time. She said ASBC decided to outsource the bookstore 6 or 7 years ago and Follett has also seen a decline in sales. She said COVID made it worse in addition to textbooks now also being available on line. Clyde said this is challenging for the AS as there's a flat fee associated with the bookstore that we pay campus no matter what kind of sales we get and noted that currently we pay more to the campus than the bookstore actually gives us. Clyde said Business and Finance is aware of this and trying to make some changes. • Guzzi said he's on the COVID Pandemic Management team and thanked everyone, noting that things are going remarkably well on campus overall. He said Chico State is one of only five campuses between the CSU's and UC's that is open other than those that started this week due to a delayed start. He said currently there are 140 COVID cases on campus out of the 16,000 to 17,000 people that come to campus daily. He reminded that the Booster clinic was held yesterday and continues today in the BMU auditorium.

- X. **CHAIR REPORT** – Kirkpatrick said being a student back on campus, that it's really exciting to see how many more students are walking around campus. She said being a senior as well, that it's nice to come full circle to end in person and is excited about that.
- XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Peterson said the Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy position is open and the application is on the AS website. This position closes next Monday at noon. She also noted that two new senators are in the process of being appointed.
- XII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Kirkpatrick, adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.