

# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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**Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

**11 a.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kiley Kirkpatrick, Art Cox, Sofia Askari, Dominic Patrone, Mike Guzzi, Alejandro Marquez, Jeremy Olguin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anthony Ruiz (excused)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Curtis Sicheneder, Shar Krater, Katie Peterson, Hugh Hammond, Teresa Clements, Tom Rider, Duncan Young, Thang Ho, Hudson Grigas, JoJo Tan-Sikorski, Gregory Wiggins, Matt Blazzard

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Kirkpatrick, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Kirkpatrick added Discussion Item: Wildcat Leadership Center Design Presentation to the agenda. **Motion to approve the addition of Discussion Item: Wildcat Leadership Center Design Presentation to the agenda (Marquez/Askari) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of 2/2/22. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/2/22, as presented (Marquez/Askari) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- VI. **BUSINESS**
  - A. Discussion Item: Wildcat Leadership Center (WLC) Design Presentation – Peterson explained that the WLC design project began two years ago and shared an update with the committee regarding how the project is moving along. She said the design is meant to enhance the area, making it inviting and warm. She explained the additional changes yet to be made and noted diversity, sustainability and wellness are being included and showed a sample of a mural for the hallway which will speak to the various values of the AS. Kirkpatrick will email the committee with pictures of what was discussed.
  - B. Information Item: Presentations for SFAC Projects \$5,000 and over

Matt Blazzard – Living Roof for the BMU – Blazzard, Grigas and Tan-Sikorski, the Living Roof Team from AS Sustainability explained the purpose of this project is to install a 1,400 sq. ft. living roof on the BMU roof top, adjacent to BMU 312. They reviewed the materials that would be purchased with the \$58,000 SFAC funding request. Sicheneder explained that SFAC proposals over \$5,000 have to come to ASFC first and if approved, then move forward to SFAC for possible approval, then back to ASFC for final approval if approved at SFAC. He said that \$58,000 in materials would be requested from SFAC and \$200,000 from ASFC. Kirkpatrick said asking for \$200,000 from ASFC is a big ask. It was noted that they need to confirm if the weight of this project would work with the building. Guzzi said that a structural analysis has not been done yet and questioned the timeline. Blazzard said work wouldn't start until a structural assessment is done and the work they'd do would be contingent upon the assessment. Guzzi said FMS would charge at least \$200,000 for structural work and also reminded that water is very heavy. He said to be prepared for increased costs due to most likely needing structural upgrades. Marquez asked about plants and Blazzard said they'd like to use native and local plants but it would depend on

water and soil requirements. Clyde asked when Blazzard would be graduating, noting that if this project is approved to move forward, there could be a lot of time spent on this and it's important that the project be followed through. Blazzard said his graduation date is spring 2024, It was noted that Grigas and Tan-Sikorski are interns.

Sophia Lehmer – Eco3Go – As Lehmer was absent, Rider, who is the advisor on the project, presented. He said a couple of years ago he and Lehmer did a project pre-COVID to successfully bring an OZZI machine to Sutter Dining Hall. Rider said this new proposal is an expansion beyond the Dining Hall. He said they wouldn't be purchasing an actual machine that uses a token but would purchase four Drop N' Go Systems which would be placed in various areas, including the BMU. He said the idea is to live our values in an aggressive and extreme way by using reusable containers everywhere. He reviewed the project summary with the committee, noting the funding request is for \$33,120. Marquez asked if they've seen theft of containers at Sutter and Rider said the first container is free, additional containers cost \$5. He explained the token system and said a census on all the containers will be done. Discussion was held regarding containers and utensils.

Tom Rider – A Dishwasher for Energy, Water and Zero Waste – Rider said this is a zero waste project for a Marketplace dishwashing machine, noting this is part of his big plan to radicalize sustainability at Chico State. He said they currently have a greatly oversized dish machine downstairs, which costs a lot of money to maintain, leaks and is at the end of its life. Rider said he's asking for help to purchase a new machine and reviewed zero-waste goals. Practical and immediate effects were next reviewed, as well as long-term effect of the Marketplace Dish Machine Project. Rider said 1,712 gallons of water would be saved per day with this new machine and would allow for the elimination of a gas combusted steam generator which would reduce greenhouse gases and also save the AS money. He noted he has \$85,000 earmarked from his budget for the FMS installation and construction fees. The amount being requested for SFAC funding is \$126,242. Discussion was held.

Duncan Young – Solar Agrivoltaics System at the University Farm – Young said this project is a design being researched that combines solar with agriculture, with the idea being that it's a more efficient use of the land. He said benefits are that it's very drought resistant, increased productivity per land use, cutting-edge technology for research and a unique teaching tool. Goals were next reviewed and he noted a lot of numbers are preliminary at this time. He said they can get about 150,000 kWh/year = \$21,000 in savings. Young said the Engineering Department would use this as a hands-on learning opportunity. He said he's working closely with the Organic Vegetable Project (OVP) and that we'd be the first ones in California to implement this project. He said it's projected to cover 2,500 sq. ft. at the OVP. He said he can't finalize the budget until designed, and can't finalize the design until the budget is finalized. Young reviewed the community members that they're partnering with and noted that Michelle Borges will be taking this project over as Project Director as he is graduating this semester. He said the SFAC request is for \$200,000 to \$220,000 to purchase materials for the Agrivoltaics System and said an estimated budget would be presented to SFAC. Discussion was held regarding how the project would move forward if approved.

Clyde said this is the first time they've had this many \$5,000 and over projects come through and explained the process with SFAC. She said the idea is that this committee would allow these proposals to move forward to SFAC to make decisions regarding what projects would be funded, and would then come back to ASFC for final approval. She explained that there is not enough money in the SFAC reserve to fund all of these projects and that there will be projects they need to turn down. She suggested thinking about which are the most viable, and can be completed. Clyde said if they commit all four projects to SFAC, they won't all be able to be funded and we can't over fund. Clyde said the reserve is approximately \$300,000 and there is only \$50,000 up for grabs each semester. She noted that all of these projects are looking for reserves funding. She said they probably can't fund more than two projects so suggested ASFC members think about which two they are supportive of.

- C. Discussion Item: Butte County Elections (BCE) Partnership – Sicheneder said the last time ASFC met they discussed our relationship with BCE regarding four day voting centers and what we would charge them. Two days after that meeting, word was received that a CSU policy had changed and that when a county election asks for a campus location the state must provide it at no charge. He said a meeting was held regarding how to address that. Sicheneder said it's very apparent that BCE wants the auditorium; however, it's not a state facility. He said they are still working through that discussion. Sicheneder said BCE staff will be here Friday to walk the potential locations for their use. He said he's no longer touting the proposal that was previously presented to ASFC and noted it's likely that elections will be happening in this building. Clyde said there's a bit of a philosophical discussion that is going on and requested the students' input. She said the AS has always supported the elections for free, but they used to be one to two days – now they are up to 10 day elections, plus 2 days for set-up and break-down and happen in

November. She explained that the students pay for this building, and there's an entity that's coming in that would take this space away for two weeks in a heavy programming month. Clyde said although we want to support the elections being held here, we don't want the students to give up the space. Marquez said he'd be OK with it for two or three days but going on for half a month is not good as there are other expenses that go along with it. He said BCE should be charged. Kirkpatrick said 10 days is not necessary. Askari agreed, noting they shouldn't go longer than three to four days. Clyde said they've been advocating what the students are saying and thanked them for their input. Guzzi asked what the AS would support and Clyde said accessibility for students and community, and they're advocating for four day elections using BMU 203 and BMU 210, as these rooms wouldn't affect large events such as Career Fairs, which are held in the auditorium. Discussion was held. Clyde said there is also a ballot box available during elections.

- D. Discussion Item: Wildcat Recreation Center (WREC) Presentation – Due to time constraints, Clements offered to present at another ASFC meeting.
  - E. Discussion Item: 12/31/21 and 1/31/22 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statements – Sicheneder said the benchmark was 58.3%. He said 43.52% was expensed and they generated 44.38% of projected income.
  - F. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 12/31/21 – Clyde said the LAIF annualized return on investment was 0.23% and the Student Union earned \$6,465 in interest. She said we can't be aggressive with our investment strategies as we must keep student dollars very safe.
  - G. Discussion Item: 12/31/21 Student Union Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Sicheneder reviewed, noting \$2,145 was spent by the BMU for office walls and furniture (Marquez left the meeting at 12:14 p.m.).
  - H. Discussion Item: Master Plan – Sicheneder said the AS is in their budgeting period for next FY, as well as revisions to this FY. He said they look at trends in our area as far as the Union and the WREC and try to get an idea of what they need to purchase, updating of space, as well as wants. He said this committee approves the Master Plan and it then serves as a guide during the budget season. Sicheneder encouraged the committee to review this document, noting it will be a tool during the budgeting process. Clyde said another piece regarding why this is so important is that a lot of this is not put into the budget. She said there is an assumption that some money could come from this fund for SFAC, which is not traditionally an ask. She said if we supported for SFAC projects, we would need to elevate that on the list of priorities with this Master Plan and this committee would need to vote on it.
- VII. VP APPOINTEES' REPORT** – Patrone had nothing to report. Clyde said they're looking to outsource the Marketplace, and ASBC had a presentation from the owner of Steve's Pizza. They would provide breakfast/lunch/dinner and could serve the campus community as well as the near-by community. She said this would be discussed again at the next ASBC meeting and will then be voted on for a contract negotiation. She said this would also come to ASFC for approval as ASFC is the landlord of the BMU.
- VIII. INTERIM ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Sicheneder updated regarding the status of the WREC Oasis. He said that some WREC plaza dollars were shifted towards this project, and they were also granted \$200,000 from HEERF funds. He said total cost for the project would be \$1.8 million, which did not make sense from the perspective of our budget. He said the project is on hold, if not completely dead.
- IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Clyde said at the last Board meeting they approved a minimum wage increase of \$18/hour due to stateside moving all of their people to \$18/hour minimum. She said the AS is governed by the Education Code and that our jobs need to be equivalent to stateside jobs. The minimum wage increase for career employees was retroactive to 1/1/22. She said this is a complicated issue, and it's one step of many steps that need to be done. She reviewed upcoming phases. • Clyde said the bookstore has lost money for many years, and that's the reason we went to outsourcing. She said COVID made it far worse and we are on trend to lose \$366,000 this year. Last year there was an over \$500,000 loss, although a majority was reimbursed by HEERF funds. Clyde said they just received \$125,000 of HEERF Dollars to assist with the \$366,000 loss and she will be coming back to this committee for additional funds. Kirkpatrick asked if it could be downsized and Sicheneder said the bookstore used to be upstairs, in addition to the bottom level. Clyde said if we're not able to come up with a contract that works for us, Follett and campus we would be looking at in-source/outsource situation. She said Rider, the Auxiliary Businesses Director, has been working

on this and we may need to farm out the bookstore portion and we'd run the rest such as the convenience store, clothing and computers ourselves.

- X. **CHAIR REPORT** – Kirkpatrick had nothing to report.
- XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- XII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Kirkpatrick, adjourned the meeting at 12:29 p.m.