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-I-22, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Guzzi

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Curtis Sicheneder, Shar Krater, Nani Teves, Matt Blazzard, Mario Mena Zavala, Katrina Robertson

I. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Kirkpatrick, called the meeting to order at 11:04 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 3/30/22 special meeting agenda (Marquez/Askari) 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 3/2/22. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 3/2/22, as presented (Marquez/Askari) 6-0-0 MSC.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

VI. BUSINESS – Kirkpatrick explained the process to the committee and Clyde noted that approval of any of these projects today allows for the ability to go into the reserves. She said those that are approved today will move on to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) and any projects approved by SFAC will come back to ASFC to be voted on, then placed on the Board agenda for review. She said today’s vote allows the project the ability to be scored by SFAC because chances are it’s the type of project that would go over the allocated amount available each semester.

A. Action Item: Approval of Living Roof for the BMU Project in the amount of $58,004 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation – Motion to approve Living Roof for the BMU Project in the amount of $58,004 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation (Marquez/Askari). Kirkpatrick said just because there is money in the reserves doesn’t mean that it needs to be spent all at once, and explained that there will be other projects coming up in years to come so requested that committee members vote out of their love and passion for these projects. It was confirmed that today this committee is not voting to spend the money at this time but whether or not to move the projects on to SFAC. Clyde said she and Kirkpatrick discussed all of the projects and the discussion kept coming up regarding how we look at labor. She said it’s not specific in the policy regarding whether or not to fund labor for a project but best practice that we have used is to not fund for labor. She said they are looking at how to utilize these projects to make it easier for students to access money but also make it clear that there are clear and delineated funds for each type of committee. Clyde said this is the first time she’s aware of projects that have been put forward that need resources from other areas which has caused the process to be more convoluted. Clyde said she would suggest to this committee to keep the request within whatever fund it’s allocated for and not do a crossover of two funds. Clyde recommended that if they like the project, to fund it in its entirety, keeping it in the reserve that it is in, and keeping labor costs in it.
She said if they like this project, she recommends bumping it up to the full needed amount. Kirkpatrick said that would be $58,004 from SFAC and from ASFC reserves would be $200,000. Clyde suggested that it all come from the SFAC reserve and suggested bumping it up to the full asking amount via the SFAC reserve, which lives in ASFC. Kirkpatrick said if all of these projects went through, it would take up all of the amount of the SFAC reserves, with the rest being picked up by the ASFC. Clyde explained that the rest would not be picked up by the ASFC, so Kirkpatrick said not every project could go through. Clyde said if this project goes through the way that it is listed right now, it cuts off the ability to ask for more money. She said by asking for more money now, it gives the ability to divide them up later in SFAC where they will determine which projects they want to move forward. Motion to amend the motion to raise the action item to the total amount of $258,000 (Marquez/Patrone) 5-1-0 MSC. Teves said at all their SFAC workshops they said the maximum amount could not be applied for. Clyde said the timing is unfortunate but this is the first time this has ever happened.

B. Action Item: Approval of Eco 3 Go Project in the amount of $33,120 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation. Motion to approve Eco 3 Go Project in the amount of $33,120 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation (Marquez/Patrone) 6-0-0 MSC.

C. Action Item: Approval of A Dishwasher for Energy, Water and Zero Waste Project in the amount of $126,242 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation. Motion to approve A Dishwasher for Energy, Water and Zero Waste Project in the amount of $126,242 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation (Marquez/Patrone) 6-0-0 MSC. Later in the meeting, Clyde noted that the labor cost of $85,000 for this project was not approved to move forward, and by not doing so, all projects were not treated the same. Sicheneder said prior to this meeting and today’s discussion about labor, because Dining is funded differently, they’d have pulled out the labor. Clyde suggested treating everything exactly the same and then slice and dice at SFAC. Motion to reconsider the approved action Item (Marquez/Patrone) 6-0-0 MSC. Kirkpatrick noted that the additional cost for labor is $85,000 so the new total amount would be $211,241.29. Motion to amend the previously approved motion, to raise the action item to the total amount of $211,241.29 (Marquez/Patrone) 6-0-0 MSC.

D. Action Item: Approval of Solar Agrivoltaics System at the University Farm Project in the amount of $200,000 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation. Motion to approve Solar Agrivoltaics System at the University Farm Project in the amount of $200,000 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation (Marquez/Patrone) Discussion was held regarding the funding amount. Motion to amend the motion to raise the action item to the total amount of $220,000 (Marquez/Patrone) 6-0-0 MSC.

E. Information Item: Budget Discussion – Sicheneder said this is an initial look at the budget, not using budget numbers. He noted the full budget would be provided for the April 13 ASFC meeting. As a comparison, Sicheneder shared a hypothetical budget with the committee. He next provided a synopsis of the Student Union and WREC fund totals as well as Local Total Income and Local Total Expense (Operating Expenses). Reserves were also reviewed. Sicheneder also reviewed Capital Expenditures, noting that some items are mandatory, some are not. He also explained that enrollment is trending down and that the AS is funded through student fees. He said enrollment was at 16,500 and is now at 13,500 to 14,000 and the loss of these dollars translates to what the budget looks like. Marquez asked about savings and Sicheneder said unused dollars go to reserves, and a certain amount needs to be kept in reserves for unexpected expenses. Clyde said the budget will show that we’re spending out of reserves and it was this way as well for this year.
VII. **VP APPOINTEES’ REPORT** – Patrone said he was absent from the last ASBC meeting, so did not have a report.

VIII. **INTERIM ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Sicheneder said the Bike Hub will be having their every semester bike auction on Friday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Services Plaza. He explained that they take unclaimed bikes from UPD property, refurbish them, then sell them at the auction. He noted that it’s very sustainable and profits go to the Adventure Outings Get Outdoors Fund scholarship for students for trips they wouldn’t normally be able to afford.

IX. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Clyde had no report.

X. **CHAIR REPORT** – Kirkpatrick thanked everyone for attending today’s special meeting and said meetings would begin to be held weekly in April due to budget season.

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 11:48 a.m.