

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, April 13, 2022

11 a.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Shar Krater, Teresa Clements, Hugh Hammond, Katrina Robertson, Thang Ho

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Kirkpatrick, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. and introduced Kaylee McAllister, the new Student Life & Leadership representative.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Business Items VI. A. and B. were reversed. **Motion to approve the revised 4/13/22 regular meeting agenda (Marquez/Askari) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 3/30/22 Special meeting minutes. **Motion to approve the 3/30/22 Special meeting minutes, as presented (Marquez/Askari) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Kirkpatrick said Happy Wednesday.
- VI. **BUSINESS**
 - A. **Discussion Item: Wildcat Recreation Center (WREC) Presentation** – Sicheneder said ASFC is the landlord of the WREC so they like to provide program presentations for areas that ASFC oversees. Clements, the WREC Associate Director, presented. She showed a comparison between the first six weeks of spring semester 2022 and 2020 and noted that overall, the usage is down by only 4% in 2022. Clements said they try to stay cognizant of who is coming into the WREC and how they can be served better and shared pre-COVID (March of 2020) race/ethnicity comparisons between attendees at the WREC and campus, as well as comparisons between male/female attendees at the WREC. She noted that the WREC very closely mirrors the populations of how people are identifying on campus. And by male/female, again mirrors campus population. Clements said for first year students using the WREC, the retention rate is 86%. She said she feels most proud about the WREC remaining open during COVID, explaining that after everything shut down, they created WREC 2.0, the outdoor space on the second floor of the parking structure. Clements said they stopped using hand scanners when COVID began and started using bar codes via an app; unfortunately, students were sharing that information with others which led to discipline issues and they may eventually return to hand scanners. WREC staffing was next reviewed and Clements said they have been doing a lot of hiring. She said the solar project has been completed and architects are providing plans to remove the wood decking at the pool so they can put some type of a shade structure in that area which would allow use for programs/events in that area. She said on a disappointing note, the WREC Oasis project in front of the WREC is not happening at the moment. Guzzi said he's working to try and get extra funding for that and may be able to restart this project up. Clements next reviewed The Well at the BMU, a location being prepared to help students distress. She said a Zen Den was created in the BMU and the success of that has led to The Well at the BMU. The focus will be on drop-in services for students. She noted that a big grand opening will be held

next fall. She said CSU, Northridge is the only other campus that has a similar type space. Sicheneder thanked Clements as well as Guzzi and his team for WREC 2.0 during the pandemic.

- B. Information Item: Student Union Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2021-22 and proposed budget 2022-23 – Sicheneder said they are budgeting at 13,500 students attending and reducing income expectations. He said students pay \$850/year in Union fees and decreased enrollment reduces our income. He noted that the Student Union will be going into reserves for about \$3 million. Union Fund Income and expenses were reviewed and he said this is regarding both the WREC and the BMU. Sicheneder said student wages for the WREC are rebounding as the building is open more often. Kirkpatrick asked what the \$10,000 programming piece for The Well would be used for and Sicheneder said for yoga, seminars, etc. He said this may be adjusted as they move forward. Union Fund Capital Expense, items over \$5,000, was reviewed and Sicheneder explained that these are things they have to do. Reserves were next reviewed and Robertson provided estimates for future years, noting in 2026-27 they may need to make cuts or raise fees. She said they will stay in tune with enrollment at all times as that drives our income, and that hopefully enrollment will increase. Olguin asked about the relationship with the CCLC and STAR Center and Clyde said \$85,000 is given to each program and the Union and Activity Fee split the cost. Clyde said regarding big picture items, we're 100% headcount driven and noted we have a lot of fixed cost such as debt on the buildings. She said we have close to 80% of a budget that is immediately allocated before students come on to campus and that is why student fees were still charged when campus was closed. She said we have about 20% where the programming and those components come in and we can flex how to utilize those. Clyde said we have a budget philosophy of offering all the same services we've had in the past even though we can't afford it. She said we've saved well and the Union can afford to go into reserves in order to see if head count will come back before we make major changes. Clyde said eventually, if students want to keep all the exact services, we'd have to go with a fee increase of the \$850/student fee. Clyde explained that students would need to vote and pass a fee increase. Olguin asked if the bookstore is included in projections. Clyde said that budget sits in the ASBC committee and provided an overview of the issues ASBC is dealing with regarding the bookstore. She noted that if the bookstore size is reduced, it would affect this committee, as changes to one area affect other areas. Kirkpatrick said this budget will be voted on at next Wednesday's ASFC meeting.

- VII. **VP APPOINTEES' REPORT** – Patrone had no report. Clyde said ASBC had a similar meeting this week regarding their budget. She said the last two years AS Dining Services has had a net zero contract with Housing which means we project to gain nothing and lose nothing. She said some modifications have been made and the budget being put forth to ASBC is essentially zero dollars.
- VIII. **ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Sicheneder said the Banff World Tour was held at Laxson recently and 1,002 people attended. He said that Chico Performances told him this was the largest event of the year since the pandemic. Sicheneder said last Friday the bike auction was held and they raised \$3,400 which goes directly into the Get Outdoors Fund. He said Adventure Outings is doing really good and have sold 85% of all of their trip spaces.
- IX. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Clyde said Saturday's Choose Chico event was amazing and our AS knocked it out of the park. She said she has attended often and seen this event from different lenses per her various positions, and this year also brought her son. She said the feel was right on, the music was great, the resources available for students was phenomenal and entertainment for young members of the families attending was also available. She said over 2,000 people attended and there were a lot of tours at Sutter Dining. • Clyde noted that today is Guzzi's last meeting as he's moving on. She said that five years ago he started at FMS and has been an amazing friend to her, the AS and campus. She said the pieces he has moved forward on campus are unbelievable while operating two jobs by also being the pandemic manager. She said this will be a tremendous loss for the AS and the campus. Guzzi said he'll miss this place and that it has been a great team effort. He said he feels like he's leaving this place in a good spot as it moves forward (McAllister left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.). Kirkpatrick thanked Guzzi for providing so much insight into the world that is not AS. • Clyde announced that Sicheneder is the new Associated Students Associate Executive Director.
- X. **CHAIR REPORT** – Kirkpatrick thanked everyone for sticking with this committee, and thanked the students on SFAC for committing to meet for today's SFAC meeting. She said she also attended Choose Chico and it was an amazing event.

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 11:58 a.m.