

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO  
BELL MEMORIAL UNION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 10, 2019**

**12:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kaylee Biedermann, Nicole Loiseau, Austin Lapic, Cytllali Alvarado, Isabella Constantino, Carolyn Allen, Ange Bledsoe, Annabel Grimm, Mary Wallmark

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Art Cox

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Curtis Sicheneder, Ryan Rodriguez, Nani Teves, Thang Ho, Vic Trujillo

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The chair, Biedermann, called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Biedermann added Information Item E: New Waste System, to the agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/10/19 revised agenda, as presented (Allen/Alvarado) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of 9/26/19. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 9/26/19, as presented (Lapic/Loiseau) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Alvarado said the Student Philanthropy Council is raising money for food insecurity and homelessness. She said without student donors it wouldn't be possible to keep these resources going and to let her know if interested in being a donor. Biedermann said the WREC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ceremony was today and was awesome (Constantino joined the meeting at 12:32 p.m.).
- V. **BUSINESS**
  - A. **Information Item – 7/31/19 and 8/31/19 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statement** – Clyde said the benchmark was 16.67%. She said the Student Union expensed 12.03% of the annual budget and generated 3.08% of projected income. She said everything is trending to where it should be this time of year.
  - B. **Information Item – Exterior Lighting** – Trujillo, the BMU Facilities Manager, said many of the BMU exterior lights have failed due to mechanical equipment failures. In addition, during the day, lights may be on outside when they shouldn't be. He said the lighting equipment needs to be replaced as well as the lighting controls which tell the lights when to turn on or off. Trujillo said they have to manually operate half of the lights because the programmable system is no longer working. The project was budgeted for 2017-18 for \$150,000 to address relay switches and some interior lighting. He said another \$150,000 was budgeted to address exterior lights. Approximately \$40,000 has been spent to date to address interior lights, which are now done. Relay switches and exterior lighting still need to be dealt with. He said they were budgeted \$300,000, have spent \$40,000, which leaves \$260,000 to date; but the total cost will come in at \$342,063, so will be over budget by approximately \$85,000. Grimm asked if the cost change was due to adding to the scope of work or change in the budget. He said the original cost was their best guestimate at the time. He said an additional \$27,000 was added due to Title 24 sustainable requirements, plus an additional \$32,000 was included for contingencies in case of problems during construction. Clyde said an additional \$90,000 for the project would be requested at the next BMUC meeting. Discussion was held regarding timing of the project as well as sustainable aspects of it.
  - C. **Information Item: Workshop regarding Union Fees** – Biedermann said she had this idea because students are often confused about where their fees are going. She suggested hosting a workshop or two to educate students about where their money is going. Allen suggested going to UComm with a press release and overall email to students. She said that way the information would be communicated to the entire student body. Discussion was held on the best way to get the information out and tabling about fees was suggested. Biedermann said that perhaps an officer from each area could attend in order to explain the fees for their area. Biedermann suggested doing a Grand BMUC meeting outside, similar to what GAC did; however, Buckley suggested they table regarding fees, instead of holding a BMUC meeting outside where other business would need to be conducted. Clyde said a campaign was done this past summer and x-frames signage regarding fees are in the BMU. It was suggested that a Conversation Couch event could be held. Biedermann said she would follow up regarding a Conversation Couch event or tabling.

D. Information Item: Inclusive project for the WREC – Biedermann said there are three new banners representing three activity types in the building and Sicheneder said they represent adventure, play and wellness. Biedermann said she has heard from some students that they don't feel included at the WREC. She said perhaps they could do something similar to the pictures that are displayed on First Street to make students feel more included. Sicheneder said he feels like the WREC is an inclusive place and said a survey was done this past spring and over 5,000 responses were received. He said the #1 reason students listed for not using the WREC was regarding time issues. He said introductory classes have been offered and they've also gone to Housing to promote the WREC. In addition, they responded to students' request to have a coffee cart, yet when installed didn't buy any. Sicheneder expressed concern that signs may not be impactful as those students that don't feel included may never go to the WREC, and they need to be a little cautious of spending and upkeep of items like signs. Buckley said the WREC is one of the most inclusive areas on campus and suggested Sicheneder could do a presentation to BMUC to provide awareness. Wallmark said usership is huge and actual demographic makeup of population is almost spot on. She said students probably feel the library is less inclusive than the WREC right now. Discussion was held. Clyde said regarding the Wellness Center that this committee voted on last year, comments they frequently heard were that wellness looks different for everyone. Grimm said after data has been presented there could be other ideas they could come up with regarding inclusiveness but not necessarily permanent so that it doesn't start to blend in. Items discussed were Wellness Center/WREC blend to create workout partners, sharing data with students, white board for writing encouraging words/quotes.

E. New Waste System – Teves, the AS Sustainability Program Coordinator and Rodriguez, the AS Recycling Operations Coordinator, presented regarding a new waste station project. Rodriguez explained that they would like to reduce the number of individual waste bins located around the BMU and replace with waste stations that include recycling, food waste and trash. They would be able to swap out 100 individual bins for 10 area waste stations, with the first phase happening in departments, not in public areas. He said they are aiming for November 9 to make the changes. It was explained that this is being done because in 2009 the AS set a zero waste goal. He said they are trying to reduce the amount of plastic bags that are wasted and increase diversion by lowering contamination waste in bins. Rodriguez said per AB 341, the State of California mandates reducing waste by 75% by 2020. The Chancellor's Office requires waste reduction by 80% by 2020. Teves said a waste audit was done and showed approximately 30% contamination between bins. She said student recycling staff collect all recycling around campus and physically sort it, which wastes a lot of time. Teves said by making this change, they expect to save \$940 annually in bag costs, 50% reduction in plastic office bag waste, time saved for custodial staff, and improved employee health. Teves said they have mapped every single bin in the BMU and the second piece of this project would be removing bins from meeting rooms, having stations nearby for the depositing of garbage. Buckley asked about food, and Teves said they are not including food waste.

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT** – Buckley said this morning the Board approved the health premium split between AS and employees. He said the increase would affect the Student Union approximately \$200,000 and said the AS will pick up 80% and employees will pick up 20% of the premium. Buckley said the Compensation Study was presented to the Board and will be voted on soon.

**VII. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT** – Sicheneder said on Friday, October 25 at 3 p.m. on Yolo Field they will attempt to break the world record for the most simultaneous games of cornhole being played. He said it's open to all students/faculty/staff and pre-registration is requested. • Sicheneder said 70 people attended the WREC alumni event that was held this past Saturday in association with the WREC's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. • Sicheneder said the WREC is partnering with AS Productions for a Halloween skate spook spectacular, followed with Pizza on the Plaza from 9 to 11 p.m. He also noted an Adulting 101 class is being presented tonight, the basketball courts are now open and the Bike Cart auction was held yesterday. The auction raised \$3,600 for the Adventure Outings Get Outdoors Fund.

**VIII. ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Clyde reported that Conference Services has been very busy and noted that Chico Preview Day will be the first weekend of November. • Clyde said a Marketing Committee has been working on a Social Media Policy. • Clyde said she and Sicheneder met with Modern Construction about construction renovations for the prospective Wellness Center. She explained that they had previously met with FMS regarding the project; however, FMS came in significantly higher than their original projections. Clyde said she told FMS that the AS would like to work with a general contractor instead and it

looks like it may be possible to do so. She will update once preliminary numbers have been received. • Clyde said conference rooms BMU 312 and 314 have been conjoined and there is now patio access via 312.

- IX. VP APPOINTEE'S REPORT** – Lopic reported that ASBC met Monday and reviewed financials for Dining Services and the Wildcat Store. He said they explored various ideas for providing mobile food on campus. Lopic said the Dining Services Director presented the idea of reusable dining containers that would be rented via a token system.
- X. CHAIR'S REPORT** – Biedermann said the next BMUC meeting will be held October 24 and she would work on finding a day for the fees discussion event.
- XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Wallmark said it would be terrible if we don't make the cornhole record, noting she has been mad that UC Berkeley got a world record for their version of our Big C because they have over 7,000 incoming freshmen. She said if we could beat this record, she would let the Cal Berkeley Student Life Director know. Sicheneder said they would be pushing out advertising via social media, Campus Announcements, etc. Food and drink will be provided and the vast majority of the sets will go back to students because they have paid for the WREC. He said about 80 sets will be given away. Discussion was held regarding advertising for the event.
- XII. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Biedermann, adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.