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

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

2 p.m.

Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kaylee Biedermann, Ange Bledsoe, Victorina Jeffers, Ronin Beck, Chase Arrington, Kaitlyn Xiong, Art Cox, Triston Haverty, John Thomas Barron, III, Annabel Grimm

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Curtis Sicheneder, Eliza Miller, Shar Krater, Hugh Hammond, Katrina Robertson, Susan Jennings

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Biedermann, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
- III. **AGENDA – Motion to approve the 12/8/20 agenda, as presented (Beck/Arrington) 7-0-0 MSC.** (Haverty joined the meeting at 2:04 p.m.)
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of 12/1/20. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 12/1/20, as presented (Arrington/Beck) 8-0-0 MSC.** (Jeffers joined the meeting at 2:05 p.m.)
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Biedermann said good luck on finals.
- VI. **BUSINESS**
 - A. **Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) Report** Biedermann provided an overview of the various SFAC projects and explained the approval process. She said projects less than \$5,000 don't need BMUC's approval, just those \$5,000 and over.
 1. **Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee Meeting 12/4/20**
 - a. Approved the agenda.
 - b. Approved the Minutes of the 11/15/19 meeting.
 - c. The following projects were approved to proceed to funding allocation deliberation:
 - 1) Power Planters 2 Project.
 - 2) Aquaponics Research/Demonstration Lab Project.
 - 3) Solar Hydroponic System Project.
 - 4) Biodegradable Lid for Klean Kanteen Products Project.
 - 5) Recycled Water Project.
 - 6) A Dubias Alternative Project.
 - 7) Road Maintenance Using Recycled Plastic and Cooking Oil Based Bio Binders for a More Quality and Sustainable Campus Project.
 - d. The following project was not approved to proceed to funding allocation deliberation:
 - 1) Wall-FF Project.
 - e. The following projects under \$5,000 were approved for funding:
 - 1) Power Planters 2 Project for \$2,000.
 - 2) Solar Hydroponic System for \$4,244.
 - 3) Biodegradable Lid for Klean Kanteen Products for \$629.
 - 4) Recycled Water Project for \$3,395.
 - 5) A Dubias Alternative Project for \$4,515.
 - 6) Road Maintenance Using Recycled Plastic and Cooking Oil Based Bio Binders for a More Quality and Sustainable Campus for \$3,000.
 - f. The following project over \$5,000 was approved at SFAC, **pending additional approval by BMUC:**
 - 1) Aquaponics Research/Demonstration Lab Project for \$5,000.

- B. Action Item: Approval to fund the Aquaponics Research/Demonstration Lab Project for \$5,000. **Motion to approve funding the Aquaponics Research/Demonstration Lab Project for \$5,000 (Arrington/Haverty) 8-0-0 MSC.**

- C. Discussion Item: Wellness Center – Sicheneder said the idea of a Wellness Center, to be located in the BMU basement, was approved by previous BMUC. They paused when COVID issues came up but are now revisiting it. He said the first thing they did was hold a number of focus groups on campus, centering around NIRSA’s 8 Dimensions of Wellness. Overarching ideas were that each group was looking at this through their own lens, so they had to take into context that each group is advocating for their own best interests. The focus groups showed that students felt that this should be a preventative place, not reactive, but a self-help type center. They didn’t want to be “talked at” and they also saw it as being a portal to other campus services. Sicheneder said the students saw the space as both multi-purpose and individual. For example, a class could be held with multiple people, credit counseling for an individual. Students wanted both programmed events and drop-in, also wanted as many hours as possible. Students also want a quiet, relaxed vibe with no music (students could use their own headphones). Sicheneder reviewed potential drop-in activities as well as programming ideas, and it was noted that students do not want to pay out of pocket for services such as massage or acupuncture. He said there would be no additional student fees for the center. The items that they heard less frequently were also reviewed. Sicheneder said one of the visions they have for the Wellness Center was taken from Northridge – a defined entrance to let students know that they are in a space meant to recharge, relax and destress. He said Northridge’s sleep pods are booked the entire time they’re open. Sicheneder showed preliminary sketches that were made by a design team, starting with the entrance. Clyde said when the Wellness Center was originally approved, it was halted to make sure that financially this was the right decision to make. She said this year has pushed them more into knowing that this is the right thing because as COVID has illustrated – our students need a space where they can unplug, relax and get some one on one attention. She said the Counseling Center is the last resort, and there is currently not a first resort on campus. Clyde explained that this is middle ground space for our students and said now would be a good time to begin working on this project. Work could be done while the BMU is closed during spring semester and summer. She said during a normal year they would have had to close down the BMU. Clyde noted that financially it works, and if we get the opportunity to open up in the fall semester, even in a limited capacity, the space would be ready. Sicheneder said the Zen Den, currently located on the third floor of the BMU, would move to this space, and their old space would become available. Clyde said in terms of displacement, none of the things are going away, other than BMU 008 being impacted by this project. She said the current Zen Den space would be used to replace BMU 008. Biedermann asked if this item needs to come back as an Action item and Clyde said it is being provided as an update only. She said as they get further into the project, they will keep the committee updated. Biedermann suggested looking at Northridge and Fullerton’s Wellness Centers online.

- VII. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT** – Clyde said she is a member of the EOC and they took a break for a while but started meeting again last Friday. She said she and Sicheneder are putting together some specific deliverables for this Friday’s meeting and noted the EOC is looking at some things for the spring semester, but mostly next fall. Clyde said there are very specific COVID guidelines for some of the things the AS does, and when the county went into the purple tier, the WREC had to shut down. She said they are still being creative and looking at outdoor WREC in the parking structure. Regarding the fall, Clyde said they are looking at what possible staggering of things would look like. She noted the AS fits in the rules a little differently and can be tied to different types of industry standards for Dining and the WREC, which gives us the ability to be a little creative. She said if Butte County goes into the 15% ICU bed shutdown, the only change would be reduction in capacity of the bookstore, down to 20%.

- VIII. **WREC DIRECTORS REPORT** – Sicheneder said they’re currently targeting opening the WREC on the second floor in the future.

- IX. **VP APPOINTEE’S REPORT** – Barron said he talked with the Dining Services Director and asked about the Dubias cockroaches timeline. He said they’re excited to implement it in Dining Services somehow. The goal is next semester, but have to overcome compost issues, and how to raise and feed the cockroaches.

- X. **CHAIR’S REPORT** – Biedermann said SFAC went really well and seven awesome projects were approved. She announced that BMUC will need to be rescheduled for spring semester and is looking at Mondays at 2:30

p.m. She reminded to get back to Bang confirming schedules. Biedermann said she was excited for the holiday break and for everyone to get well rested for the spring semester.

- XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Biedermann said be on the lookout for the University Christmas video. She said she is the president of the Pinky Swear Club which supports families battling cancer. She said they are having a fund raiser today and tomorrow called Cancer is Messy.
- XII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Krater said she is working with CAVE regarding a donation drive for warm clothing or blankets, and they are accepting donations at the Wildcat Bookstore through December 17.
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Biedermann, adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm.