

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BELL MEMORIAL UNION COMMITTEE

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N29-20, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

2 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kiley Kirkpatrick, Art Cox, Anthony Ruiz, Sofia Askari, Ange Bledsoe, Dominic Patrone, Mike Guzzi

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Curtis Sicheneder, Shar Krater, Eliza Miller, Hugh Hammond, Susan Jennings, Katrina Robertson, Thang Ho, Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Nani Teves, Matt Blazard, Jeremy Olguin

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Kirkpatrick, called the meeting to order at 2:04 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 11/16/21 regular meeting agenda (Askari/Guzzi) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of 10/19/21. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/19/21 as presented (Askari/Ruiz) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- VI. **BUSINESS**
 - A. **Information Item: Bell Memorial Union Mission and Program Statements** – Kirkpatrick said she met with Slaughter regarding this item and they also discussed the name of this committee. She said they would like to change the title of the Associated Students Bell Memorial Union Committee to the Associated Students Facilities Committee. She said they didn't change anything else as the document hits all the key points of what needs to be said.
 - B. **Information Item: Possible name change of Bell Memorial Union Committee** – Kirkpatrick said she would like to change the title of this committee to the Associated Students Facilities Committee (ASFC) so it encompasses all of our facilities, not just the Bell Memorial Union. Ruiz asked when it would take effect and Slaughter said upon approval it could become effective immediately. He said they would then use the rest of this year to update our materials, changing to ASFC.
 - C. **Information Item: WREC Oasis** – Sicheneder said this name is a placeholder for now and noted they've talked about this item in terms of capital expenditures. He said WREC plaza Improvements also received HEERF dollars to go towards the WREC Oasis, which would be an outdoor Zen Den type of environment in front of the WREC. He showed photos of CSU, Northridge, to give a sense of what it would look and feel like. Sicheneder said the process has started and a RFP for a landscape architect firm has gone out. He said the goal would be to enclose pretty much the entire front of the WREC. Sketches of the area were displayed and discussed. Sicheneder noted that entrance to this area would be through the front of the WREC, through the turnstiles, then immediately to your right to access the space. He said they need to move fast because the HEERF dollars have to be spent by the end of March and Guzzi said FMS is prioritizing all HEERF projects.

- D. Information Item: Wellness Center – Sicheneder said construction has started in the basement level of the BMU. He displayed drawings of the area and noted they are on a timeline for deciding on a name for this center. Kirkpatrick said she put together a subcommittee consisting of her, Askari, Slaughter, Sicheneder, Teresa Clements and Anna Paladini to discuss a name for the site. She explained that the name should tell you what it is, be overarching, allow for sub-names, building tie-in, and noted that students shorten names of things. After much discussion, she said they decided on The Well at the BMU because it's in the basement and will be nourishing and rejuvenating. Slaughter said it seems to encompass everything they were talking about. Discussion was held regarding the name.
- E. Discussion Item: Appointment by Vice President of Facilities and Services of Anthony Ruiz as Vice Chair of the Bell Memorial Union Committee – Kirkpatrick said she has appointed Ruiz to this position and he will fill in for her if she is unable to attend a BMUC meeting.
- F. Discussion Item: 9/30/21 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statement – Sicheneder said the benchmark for this period is 25%. The Student Union has expensed 16.05% of the approved annual budget and generated 39.37% of the projected income. He reviewed and explained the various fees.
- G. Discussion Item: 9/30/21 Student Union Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Sicheneder reviewed the list of items purchased for the BMU (office walls and furniture) and the WREC (fitness equipment) during the first quarter.
- H. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Funds and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 9/30/21 – Clyde said the Student Union earned \$6,182 at 0.24% Return on Investment. She provided an overview of LAIF, noting these investments are at very low risk. She said they are looking into a student managed investment fund, which would have to come from commercial areas or Board Designated Funds. The various funds were discussed.
- I. Discussion Item: Living Garden overview – Blazard and Teves presented on this item on behalf of AS Sustainability. Blazard explained that he's the Living Roof Research Assistant and said that it's a rooftop allowing for the growth of plants. He said it can be built into a newly constructed roof or onto an existing roof and he has been researching the feasibility of installing one on the BMU. A diagram of the roof area was presented. Blazard noted the benefits of a living roof on the BMU: provides energy savings, slows runoff, provides habitat, opportunities for student involvement, education tool, possibly grow herbs for Dining, aesthetics benefits, beautifies campus, provides a calming place to reflect, facilitation of native species, and significantly extends the life span of the roof. He said they went to UC Davis last week where there are a number of living roofs on campus. He reviewed the proposed 1,400 sq. ft. area by the third floor BMU patio area. Access would be via BMU 312 and the patio. He said initial cost estimates would be approximately \$200,000 from beginning to end. Blazard said 25% of the cost would be for installation of the living roof itself and the education that would go along with it. The 75% would go towards improving the building and modifications that would be necessary for the living roof to be installed. The funding strategy was next reviewed and Blazard said they are hoping 25% would come from SFAC, and 75% would come from BMUC. Guzzi asked where he got the cost estimates from and Blazard said they consulted with Vic Trujillo, in addition to research that he has been doing. He said until they can get engineering eyes on it they won't know the actual cost. Discussion was held and Guzzi said structurally, they have to make sure that the building can support it and that it will probably cost more than \$200,000. He recommended requesting some funding to get a structural assessment done immediately. He also noted that they need filtration for rainfall, and that railing will also be expensive. Blazard said he would continue researching the project. Discussion was held regarding the types of plants that would be able to withstand the temperatures. Olguin noted that student access and accessibility also need to be considered. Kirkpatrick asked if students in wheelchairs would be able to access the area and Clyde said they'd access via a door that goes out to the patio, and a ramp to the living garden area would need to be built. Sicheneder said there will be some challenges to this project, and agreed that \$200,000 will probably not be enough to fund it.
- J. Discussion Item: Tour of Bell Memorial Union after meeting – Kirkpatrick said after today's meeting adjourns, they were going to provide a tour of the BMU for those that have not had an opportunity to

view the various areas. Due to new members being on Zoom, she asked them to let her know if they are interested in a tour when they're on campus.

- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Clyde said regarding hiring that they have posted a Risk Manager position, which is a new position for the AS. She said there has been a need for this position for quite some time, noting that the AS is a complex organization and does a lot of things. She said this position can streamline a lot of our contract processes and will also oversee safety. Clyde said another position opening soon is the Wellness Coordinator position. She said candidates need a background in wellness, student oriented and can do programs. Clyde said the third position opening soon is the Associate Executive Director (AED) position. She said Sicheneder has been the Interim AED since March and she was the AED for five years. Clyde said they've heard the criticism about why the WREC isn't open on weekends and said the most challenging piece to this is due to a lack of employees, particularly custodial positions, which are in high demand. She said the Night and Weekend Supervisor position as well as three Custodian positions have been filled and once they're onboard, the WREC can open up in a safe manner at the beginning of the spring semester.
- VIII. INTERIM ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Sicheneder said Scott Torres was hired as the Evening Facilities Supervisor and Kristen Fisher was hired as the Fitness Coordinator. Sicheneder said that in a semester that seemed to be problematic based on COVID and fires where their permits were located, Adventure Outings changed their schedule and had a full slate of trips with only one of them being cancelled. He said Adventure Outings also serves students via the Bike Hub which is now located inside the Wildcat Bookstore.
- IX. VP APPOINTEE'S REPORT** – Patrone did not have a report.
- X. CHAIR'S REPORT** – Kirkpatrick said SFAC is tomorrow and it will be interesting to see what projects are approved. She said she is also working on the appointment of another student to the BMUC. Kirkpatrick said she went to UC Davis with Blazard and Teves last week to view the living roofs. She and Clyde thanked Bledsoe for serving on BMUC and wished her well.
- XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Guzzi displayed images of the new College of Behavioral and Social Sciences building that will be built on the east side of the campus. He said this will be the campuses first net zero building, with 30,000 sq. ft. of roof space for solar panels on top of the building, noting they will generate enough power to support the entire building. He also said that campus is taking ownership of the Bidwell Bowl and suggested in the next several months to go to that corner of campus at Children's Park by the bridge to Bidwell Mansion, to see how dark and scary that area is, then go back in the fall of 2024 to see how that whole area has been transformed to a welcoming and open entrance to the campus. He said the building will include the campuses first 130 seat tiered lecture hall, and trees will be planted in the atrium area inside. He also noted space for the café that the AS will be managing. Guzzi said in the last six years three academic buildings on campus have been funded by state dollars. Butte Hall will be used as a temporary location for other areas that are being built or remodeled. Secure bike parking was discussed and Guzzi explained that power and data have to be added for these locations, which is very expensive. He said his goal is to be a trendsetter for what they can then do at other spots on campus and this new building will be completed by fall 2024.
- XII. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Kirkpatrick, adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.