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

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 2 p.m. Via Zoom

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kaitlyn Xiong (excused), Art Cox

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Biedermann, called the meeting to order at 2:02 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 10/20/20 agenda, as presented (Haverty/Arrington) 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 10/6/20. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/6/20, as presented (Arrington/Haverty) 6-0-0 MSC.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Biedermann reminded everyone to get their free flu shots and stated the times available for them on campus.

VI. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of purchase of storage containers for Adventure Outings in an amount not to exceed $30,000. Motion to approve purchase of storage containers for Adventure Outings in an amount not to exceed $30,000, as presented (Beck/Arrington) 6-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item – Approval to increase previously approved budget of $50,000 by $30,000 for the WREC climbing gym flooring, for a total revised cost of $80,000. Motion to approve increasing previously approved budget of $50,000 by $30,000 for the WREC climbing gym flooring, for a total revised cost of $80,000, as presented (Haverty/Arrington). – Arrington asked if the main reason for the increase was due to work being done on the ramp. Sicheneder said the price of the flooring went up since the project was initially approved; however, the main increase is due to work that needs to be done on the ramp. 5-0-1 MSC.

C. Discussion Item: 7/31/20 and 8/31/20 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statements – Sicheneder said this is for FY 2020-21 and encompasses July and August. He noted a 16.6% benchmark. He reviewed the financials with the committee, noting Income at 1.69%, and expenses at 8.22%. He reminded that there is no income at this time from WREC membership fees, locker rentals and safety courses. He explained that income from Student Union fees have not hit our books yet. Expenses were next reviewed and Sicheneder said Repair and Maintenance will ebb and flow throughout the year.

D. Information Item: Facility Master Plan – Sicheneder provided an overview of the plan, noting that it takes a lot to run these buildings financially so they have to plan for spending as well as be prepared for unexpected repairs. He said plans for one to five years, as well as five to ten years were approved in 2017-18. Some of the items listed will absolutely need to be done, some are wish list items. He provided an overview of the items on the lists for both the BMU and the WREC. Sicheneder explained that the Wellness Center is located in the WREC information because when it was initially approved approximately three years ago, it was going to be located at the WREC. The location has now been changed to the BMU basement level and he said there is a plan in place to retrofit that area for the Wellness Center. He said they did a lot of research at other campuses, as well as with our students regarding this project. He noted that the need for this is greater than ever and this committee will need to
discuss this item. He said when COVID hit, they didn’t know what to expect financially so in an abundance of caution, they paused this $2 million project. Sicheneder said if everything was done on the one to five years list for the BMUC and WREC, cost would be $13.6 million. Cost to complete everything on the five to ten-year list would be $8.5 million. He reminded that it is not their intention to do everything on these lists. Clyde said this committee runs both of those buildings, and they will be looking at priorities, deciding on projects and revising time lines. She said this is being brought to the committee this year to make sure it’s on track for where the committee sees the buildings going in the future. Committee members can also let her know if they are interested in different projects to be added to the list. She said the committee will approve the list and this information will be included in the budget this spring, for the next budget cycle. Biedermann said this item is very important and everyone’s input is needed.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Clyde said they’re starting to do some spring semester planning and the Housing and Dining plan will be going back to Cabinet tonight to be discussed. She noted that if classes stay the same during the spring semester, we won’t be opening up dining areas. She said a study space plan is being put forth to Cabinet. They are looking to open up a portion of the library soon and if that goes to capacity, BMU 203 or the auditorium would be up next for opening for study space. She advised that Butte County moved into orange status today, which is good news. Clyde said one of the Adventure Outings programmers was moved to our OPS team, since AO doesn’t have a lot going on right now. She said this will change in budget lines, but there will actually be a savings in personnel.

VIII. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT – Sicheneder said the BMU will be hosting voting from 10/31/20 to 11/3/20 and there is a drop box open 24 hours a day in front of the auditorium. He said the WREC opened yesterday and is holding three sessions of 1 ¼ hours each, to one of five locations. He explained that there are three different weight rooms, a cardio area and the pool. They close for 90 minutes between sessions in order to clean. Bledsoe asked how many students were at the WREC yesterday and Sicheneder said they can have up to 97 per session. He said they were full yesterday. He said they had some no-shows, and those students were reminded that if they don’t show up, they are taking the spot from someone else.

IX. VP APPOINTEE’S REPORT – Barron said at ASBC it was explained to them how food can now be ordered and delivered through Sutter Hall. He said the bookstore is open Monday through Thursday from 12 to 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for picking up items ordered online.

X. CHAIR’S REPORT – Biedermann said there is an outdoor study space at the President’s Mansion, next to Holt Hall. She said she would email the flyer to committee members to share with others. She said that students have been confused on how to sign up for the WREC sessions and that she would email the link with instructions, so that it can be shared with others. She reminded everyone to vote.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sicheneder said they’ve been seeing at the WREC that students are signing up for space but not quite sure of what they’re signing for. He said there are five different entrances and they will assist them in getting to the correct location. • Bledsoe said starting tomorrow, her department will be installing A/V equipment in the Natural Sciences building. She said the construction company is to turn over everything on 11/6, unless delayed. • Jeffers said the Interfraternity Council is hosting an e sport tournament, with awesome prizes. She said the game is called Duty and can be downloaded for free. She’ll send the link to Biedermann to share. • Krater suggested going to the CSU, Chico Civic Engagement website, which provides a list of events in preparation for the upcoming election. • Biedermann announced that she just found out that she got an internship at Kaiser for next semester, in their Emergency Department!

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Biedermann, adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.