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 30, 2021  2 p.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kiley Kirkpatrick, Art Cox, Anthony Ruiz, Sofia Askari, Dominic Patrone, Victorina Jeffers, Mike Guzzi, Alejandro Marquez
MEMBERS ABSENT:
OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Curtis Sicheneder, Shar Krater, Eliza Miller, Hugh Hammond, Susan Jennings, Katrina Robertson, Thang Ho, Jon Slaughter, Jeremy Olguin

I. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Kirkpatrick, called the meeting to order at 2:13 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 11/30/21 regular meeting agenda (Askari/Ruiz) 5-0-0 MSC. (Patrone joined the meeting at 2:15 p.m.)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Ruiz said at CSSA they officially passed their policy agenda for the upcoming academic year, effective now through next November/December. He said all priorities and goals can be found on the CSSA website and their webinars can be viewed at csustudents.org. He noted they met with the Chancellor and some of his staff yesterday. Ruiz said CSSA will resume travel in January. Marquez was welcomed to the committee.

VI. BUSINESS

A. Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) Report – Kirkpatrick said all four projects that were submitted to SFAC were approved. She noted that there were no $5,000 or over projects submitted, and reviewed the four projects with the committee. Sicheneder asked what the SFAC committee thought about the number of applications received vs. when students were fully on campus. Kirkpatrick said Nani Teves thought it was far less participation than usual. She noted that far less class talks were done; however, and they plan to do more class talks during the spring semester. Guzzi said for his class he is considering making it an assignment that they turn in a SFAC proposal. Kirkpatrick said larger projects may be submitted next semester.

1. Special 11/17/21 Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee Meeting
   a. Approved the agenda.
   b. Approved Minutes of the 4/16/21 Special meeting.
   c. The following projects were approved to proceed to funding allocation deliberation:
      1) Landscaping Equipment, a sustainable overhaul project.
      2) Living Roofs; a learning and teaching endeavor project.
      3) Green Graduation project.
      4) Little Free (Campus) Library project.
   d. The following projects under $5,000 were approved for funding:
      1) Landscaping Equipment; a sustainable overhaul project, for $4,104.
2) Living Roofs: a learning and teaching endeavor project for $1,250.
3) Green Graduation project for $3,366.
4) Little Free (Campus) Library project for $450.

B. Action Item: Approval to change name of Associated Students Bell Memorial Union Committee to Associated Students Facilities Committee – Kirkpatrick explained that they would like to change the name of this committee to Associated Students Facilities Committee to highlight that this committee is in charge of more than the BMU. **Motion to approve changing name of Associated Students Bell Memorial Union Committee to Associated Students Facilities Committee, as presented (Guzzi/Ruiz) 6-0-0 MSC.**

C. Action Item: Approval of Bell Memorial Union Mission and Program Statements, including title change to Associated Students Facilities Committee Mission and Program Statements – Kirkpatrick reviewed the revised statement with the committee. **Motion to approve Bell Memorial Union Mission and Program Statements, including title change to Associated Students Facilities Committee Mission and Program Statements, as presented (Ruiz/Askari) 6-0-0 MSC.**

D. Action Item: Approval to purchase Conference Services chairs for the BMU Auditorium, BMU 301 and BMU 309 in the amount of $45,629.52 – Sicheneder said Conference Services is looking to purchase chairs, noting where they’d be located. He also said this item was being moved straight to action because once approved here, it also has to be reviewed by the Board and there is a 6 to 8 week timeline in order to receive the chairs in a timely manner. Guzzi asked what would be done with the current chairs and Sicheneder said if possible they’ll sell them via auction by working with Property Management. Marquez asked why chairs are being replaced and Sicheneder said its time to replace them as they’re old. Krater asked if they choose a universal design when purchasing new furniture in order to assure all of our furniture is accessible for different sizes and abilities. Sicheneder said the quote from KI may not include this, and it’s a larger discussion that BMUC should have. **Motion to approve the purchase of Conference Services chairs in the amount of $45,629.52, as presented (Ruiz/Askari) 6-0-0 MSC.**

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Clyde said she had no report today.

VIII. INTERIM ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Sicheneder said the climbing gym is having a Climbing Competition on December 3. DeStress Fest will be held December 6 through 10 in the BMU and WREC. Sicheneder said the Wellness Center project downstairs is going well, and the WREC Oasis project is moving along. He said they had stopped allowing basketball in the gym due to students’ inability to wear face masks. They have now opened the court to two players at each hoop, for shooting hoops, no game playing. He said mask violation issues have been somewhat better.

IX. VP APPOINTEE’S REPORT – Patroned said he did not have a report.

X. CHAIR’S REPORT – Kirkpatrick said she did not have a report.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Clyde said at 3 p.m. today there is a parade around campus that Student Life & Leadership is putting on; passing out free hot dogs for students and the president will be in attendance as well. • Guzzi said Pfizer and Moderna COVID booster clinics will be held for ages 16 and up in BMU 203 on December 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are open to everyone. He said there would be news coverage and advertising. They will also have first-time vaccine as well as second shots. They are asking people to bring their vaccination cards so they can be updated. It was noted that to be eligible for the booster shots you have to have had previous vaccination six months ago for Pfizer/Moderna 2nd shot, and two months for Johnson & Johnson. Sicheneder said there’s a Federal grant that if you get your booster and upload the information, they’ll send you $50.

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Kirkpatrick, adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.