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

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zach Scott, Joel Ramirez, Michal Hanson, Trevor Guthrie, Moses Salgado, Carlene Dyer, Roman Aguirre, Annabel Grimm

MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Cox, Joshua Colclazier

OTHERS PRESENT: David Buckley, Vikram Badri (recording), Jamie Clyde, Curtis Sicheneder, Nani Tevis

I. CALL TO ORDER – The chair, Scott, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 12/5/17 agenda, as presented (Aguirre/Dyer) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

IV. BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda – All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are enacted by one motion without discussion. A member of the committee who desires a separate discussion of any item may pull that item from the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (Guthrie/Hanson) 6-0-0 MSC.

1. Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee Meeting – 12/1/17
   a. Approved the minutes of 3/2/16, 4/15/16 and 12/2/16.
   b. The following were approved to proceed to funding allocation deliberation:
      1) This Way to Sustainability Conference XII Project.
      2) BMU Recycling Bin Standardization Project.
      3) 3D Imaging of the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology’s Collection Project.
      4) Enhancing the Ecological and Agricultural Value of Bats Project.
      5) Farm to Pantry – Supporting Student Success through Local, Sustainable Agriculture Project.
      6) Stories of Land and Sea: Cross Cultural Connections of Native Hawaiians and Native Americans in Chico, CA Project.
   c. Motion failed for the following, so did not proceed to funding allocation deliberation:
      1) Names Matter: Indigenous Voices in Cultural Sustainability Project.
      2) Fossils and Formations Garden Exhibit Project.

2. a. The following were approved for funding:
      1) This Way to Sustainability Conference XII Project in the revised amount of $15,952, increase specific to speaker fee, if aligns with SFAC Code.
      2) BMU Recycling Bin Standardization Project in the amount of $20,000.
      3) 3D Imaging of the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology’s Collection Project in the amount of $5,421.31.
      4) Enhancing the Ecological and Agricultural Value of Bats Project in the revised amount of $4,015, due to removal of the bat counter allocation.
      5) Farm to Pantry – Supporting Student Success through Local, Sustainable Agriculture Project in the revised amount of $26,550, removing allocation from “Other” section.
      6) Stories of Land and Sea: Cross Cultural Connections of Native Hawaiians and Native Americans Project in the amount of $4,209.01.

B. Action Item: Approval to fund This Way to Sustainability Conference XII Project in the amount of $15,952. Motion to approve funding This Way to Sustainability Conference XII Project in the amount of $15,952 (Guthrie/Hanson). Tevis said this is an annual conference put on by the Institute of Sustainability and that it is a student run conference which can be attended for free by any student from anywhere. She said approximately 70 presenters have been lined up who will be covering a wide range of topics. The conference will be held from March 15 through March 16, 2018. 6-0-0 MSC.

C. Action Item: Approval to fund BMU Recycling Bin Standardization Project in the amount of $20,000. Motion to approve funding BMU Recycling Bin Standardization Project in the amount of $20,000
(Hanson/Saldgado). Tevis provided a brief overview of this project and said that they have different kinds of bins around the BMU in different configurations. She said this project is an effort to streamline the recycling process. 6-0-0 MSC.

D. Action Item: Approval to fund 3D Imaging of the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology’s Collection Project in the amount of $5,421.31. Motion to approve funding the 3D Imaging of the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology’s Collection Project in the amount of $5,421.31 (Saldgado/Guthrie). Scott said a master’s student would be using photogrammetry to make 3D models of each object from the museum collection. He said additional information could be found in the agenda packet. 5-1-1 MSC.

E. Action Item: Approval to fund Farm to Pantry – Supporting Student Success through Local, Sustainable Agriculture Project in the amount of $26,550. Motion to approve funding Farm to Pantry – Supporting Student Success through Local, Sustainable Agriculture Project in the amount of $26,550 (Hanson/Guthrie). Scott said that this is to supplement the farm to pantry project to be able to buy from more vendors and therefore get more food in a sustainable manner. 6-0-0 MSC.

F. Action Item: Approval of Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – BMU Equipment Policy. Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – BMU Equipment Policy, as presented (Hanson/Dyer) 6-0-0 MSC.

G. Information Item: 10/31/17 BMU and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statements – Clyde reviewed the BMU financials with the committee. She noted the current benchmark was 33%. She said the Union has expensed 26.85% and the WREC has expensed 30.13% of the approved budget. Revenue generated by the Union was at 44.94% and the WREC was at 49.36%. The financials for both the BMU and WREC/AO were reviewed with the committee.

H. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Deletion of Off-Campus Programming Policy – Buckley said this code was more valid in the 1990’s. He said it isn’t relevant anymore and will be deleted from Corporate Codes.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Buckley talked further about the Facility Plan, which he presented, at the previous BMUC meeting. He said they will be collecting more information about the facilities to bring to the committee to discuss. He said the committee will need to decide the priority of projects so they can start the renovations in terms of which would be most beneficial for students. Scott asked all attendees to provide their input in terms of what should be prioritized. Clyde said Rainbow Warehouse and Recycling need attention as the space is currently in bad shape. Buckley added that it would be better to own a property than keep renting a space for this purpose. Tevis said that it would be a great project to start with as one of the biggest issues with Recycling is education. She said they would like to do tours of the Recycling facility but the current facility is not the safest place for visitors. She said a new facility might open up potential educational tour visits of the facility. Scott asked about potential warehouse locations and Buckley responded that they’re trying to focus on a 10-block radius around the campus to keep it as close as they can. Ramirez said he was excited about the turf field project. He said recreational space for many clubs has decreased and that having a turf field would provide clubs a space where they could play for those times where the field could have been rained out. Guthrie asked if the CCLC was located in the library currently since there was no available office space in the BMU. Buckley said that they didn’t have as large a space as they would need here in the BMU. Hanson asked how many solar panels they were planning on placing on the BMU. Buckley said there are limits and that the area that they are looking at originally was the roof over this Board room; not that other roofs were not possible but they noticed that there were issues with the trees and the amount of sun they could get. He said that another analysis would need to be done as well to look at the return on investment. Grimm added that the campus hasn’t looked at the placement of solar panels mostly because of the older buildings that cannot support this and the rates they were getting at that time. She said it might be a good time to analyze and look at this again. Scott talked about the basement remodeling and said that one of the pressing issues is that there is a lot of demand for a room for the year for club activities but there is a shortage of space, along with the growth in the number of clubs on campus. He said it might be a good idea to reimagine that space as per student needs. Guthrie said that he personally felt that the current setup of the basement is very comfortable as a spot to just relax and work on assignments, and that it was cozy. Clyde talked about the Zen Den project and how popular it is and that one possible option they could look at is the expansion of the Zen Den. Sicheneder added that campus recreation nationally is moving towards more of a wellness look and that is something that is very disjointed at our campus at this moment. He said when looking at Counseling, the Student Health Center and the WREC, that they are not necessarily working in concert and that they
could serve students in other ways through spaces like the Zen Den where they respond to students’ specific needs in terms of stress-relief. Aguirre asked what CSU, Northridge is doing differently and Sicheneder said that they have a bigger space and offer more options. Grimm added that having the useful life timeline added to the existing facilities could perhaps help better in terms of when they would require an upgrade. She said this could help them better decide on what could be pushed ahead in terms of their criticality. Sicheneder suggested items which were not mentioned in the presentation such as wellness, the weight room, and also talked about bringing AO into the WREC, as well as the need for signage. Salgado asked about the lighting issue at the WREC. Sicheneder said that they were having some trouble with the software when they took over from FMS and that they are still trying to work it out. Scott added that they would work on getting a priority list ready after the break.

VI. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT – Sicheneder talked about De-Stress Fest Week events going on this week. He also noted the breakfast event they have planned for the fulltime WREC employees this Friday. He said over the break, the fulltime employees would be taking four hours off on 12/19 to take part in a painting party. Sicheneder next talked about the Engineering Capstone Project of designing a slackline system to go over the pool. He said it was recently tested and that they are expecting to unveil this early in the spring semester. He added that they are working to solve the bats issue in the WREC.

VII. ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Clyde said that they are working to repair the boiler that went down. She said she will be meeting with the fire marshal regarding the changes they would like to implement in the BMU.

VIII. VPS’ APPOINTEE REPORT – Aguirre had no new update.

IX. CHAIR’S REPORT – Scott talked about the partnership with the Student Academic Center next week for a study stop. Scott said signage for the basement and the WREC are being designed and that the potential designs would be ready after the break to show to the committee. He also talked about the time change for the spring BMUC meetings and that he would email details about it very soon. Scott thanked everyone for all their efforts this semester.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XI. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Scott, adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.