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

Tuesday, January 29, 2019  8 a.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zach Scott, Ashish Sahota, Gilberto Maldonado, Cristina Perez, Gracie Pachie, Annabel Grimm, Joel Ramirez, Christian Weaver

MEMBERS ABSENT: Caitlin Wirth (excused), Art Cox

OTHERS PRESENT: David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Curtis Sicheneder, Michal Hanson

I. CALL TO ORDER – The chair, Scott, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 1/29/19 agenda, as presented (Maldonado/Pachie) 5/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meetings of 11/27/18 and 12/11/18. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of 11/27/18 and 12/11/18 (Maldonado/Pachie) 5/0/0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Bell Memorial Union Committee meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2018-19. Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Bell Memorial Union Committee meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2018-19, as presented (Weaver/Pachie) 5/0/0 MSC.

B. Information Item: 11/30/18 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statement – Clyde said the November benchmark was 41.67%. She noted the Union has expended 34.15% of the approved budget and generated 49.23% of projected income. (Grimm joined the meeting at 8:08 a.m.). Clyde reviewed the various areas of the budget with the committee.

C. Information Item: Wellness Center – Clyde said the possibility of a Wellness Center being located at the WREC was looked into; however, Facilities Management Services (FMS) said it would cost approximately $5 million to expand the WREC to get 10,000 square feet of additional space. She said they started brainstorming about other areas and one idea that came up was the BMU basement area, which is approximately 10,000 square feet, including the offices. FMS provided a bid of $1 million to $2 million to remodel this area. Sicheneder reviewed programs and services that could be provided in the Wellness Center, such as sleeping pods, an area to rest and relax, yoga classes, nutrition, cooking classes, etc. He said services such as acupuncture, massage and Bowen therapy would be fee based. Sicheneder said the AS could also collaborate with other areas on campus such as the Nutrition Department, Counselling and Wellness Center and Student Health Center to use their resources. He said as this moves forward, they need to consider the following: dimensions of wellness, National Collegiate Health Assessment, focus groups, local experts, current campus services, and campus history. Buckley said the process of how they would like to proceed would be to come back to BMUC for their authorization to move forward with the project. He said money could then be earmarked for this project. After that, a group of students and staff would develop the program. Buckley said a recent article he read regarding mental health stated the need at colleges for counselors has gone up more than 10 fold, and Chico State would have to double and triple counselors, which isn’t feasible. He said that before students get to crisis mode, other programs or workshops could be done to assist them regarding the mental health piece. Sicheneder said that Juni Banerjee-Stevens, at the Counseling and Wellness Center said that often students just need to sleep and exercise. Scott said if they move forward with this project, the Zen Den area on the third floor of the BMU would be made available for other areas to use.

D. Information Item: Revised Facility Master Plan List – Clyde said the Master Plan lists large ticket items and is split in to one to five years, and five to ten years. She noted a few modifications to the list in the agenda packet were made and distributed an updated list. She said the Basement Wellness item dropped to $1.5 million and the WREC expansion, which was the Wellness Center, has been removed. She said the turf field has also been removed because its effect on the reserves is more than the AS can afford. It
was noted that the total amount for the one to five year projects came to just over $10,092,000. Five to 10 years at $2,760,000. The committee was asked to review, comment and confirm priorities. Clyde said this list is adjusted yearly by BMUC. Various items on the list were discussed.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT- Buckley said an insurance claim has been filed due to losses because of the Camp Fire campus closure. He noted the Student Union didn’t really have losses, other than cost for staff that had to work during the building closure. The biggest area effected was Dining Services. • Buckley said the Wildcat Leadership Institute (WLI) Director position has been combined to oversee other areas and will now be the Associate Director of Programs, Events and Leadership Education. He said this position is currently open.

VII. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT- Sitheneder said Dr. Lang had encouraged everyone to look at their programs and apply for NASPA awards. He said Adventure Outings applied and won a gold award for their Get Outdoors Fund via Bike Cart income. Jenna Walker will attend the NASPA conference to present regarding this program, and to accept the award. • Sitheneder said Kendall Ross is the new Director of Recreation Sports, a stateside entity located at the WREC. • Sitheneder said this fall will be the 10th Anniversary of the WREC and they are working on the celebration. He also updated regarding various events at the WREC. • Sitheneder said Brooke McCall did a presentation at a WREC staff meeting regarding the book called Disconnected, by Thomas Kerstin, regarding how screen time effects our brains and coping and resiliency level. If interested in a presentation about this, let him know.

VIII. ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT- Clyde said Ryan Rodriguez has been hired as the new Recycling Coordinator. • Clyde said the student focused Sustainability Forum happened last week and had a good turnout. Another one will be held February 5 from 5 to 6 p.m. in Colusa Hall. • Clyde said she, Susan Jennings and Stacie Corona did a presentation at the AOA Conference regarding the Camp Fire and what it looked like operationally. • Clyde said she has not been able to get a response from Panera, so they definitely won’t be moving in to the Marketplace this summer. • Clyde updated regarding the Associate Dining Director position, noting that Elaine Kramer has now taken over Sutter due to Corinne Knapp moving to University Housing. She said this left Conference Services without someone in charge. The new position of Associate Director of Programs, Events and Leadership Education would oversee Conference Services, Sustainability, the WLI and AS Productions. • Clyde updated the committee regarding various upcoming events.

IX. VP Appointee’s Report – Sahota said he attended his first ASBC meeting yesterday and they reviewed the financials for the Wildcat Store and Dining.

X. CHAIR’S REPORT- Scott noted there are three new people on the committee and introductions were made. He said that all the BMUC students except for Sahota sit on the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) as well. • Scott said budget season has begun and budgets will be brought to this committee for their review and approval. • Scott said if the students are looking to get more involved, there are other AS committees that currently have openings. He said AS elections are coming up, and suggested students run for office if they’re interested because it provides good experience and professional development.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Hanson said four SFAC workshops will be held in BMU 209 for those applying for SFAC funding: 2/6 from 8 to 9 a.m., 2/19 from 3 to 4 p.m., 2/22 from 2 to 3 p.m., and 3/7 from 5 to 6 p.m.

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Scott, adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.