

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

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

8 a.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ashish Sahota (excused), Caitilin Wirth (unexcused), Joel Ramirez

OTHERS PRESENT: David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Curtis Sicheneder, Shar Krater

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The chair, Scott, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 4/16/19 agenda, as presented (Weaver/Maldonado) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of 4/2/19. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 4/2/19, as presented (Weaver/Perez) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- V. **BUSINESS**
 - A. **Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) Report**
 1. **Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee Meeting 4-12-19** – Scott reviewed the items with the committee.
 - a. Approved the agenda.
 - b. Approved the minutes of the 12/4/18 meeting.
 - c. The following projects were approved to proceed to funding deliberation:
 - 1) Eco2Go Chico Project.
 - 2) Sustainable Improvement to Food Waste Collection Project.
 - d. The following projects were not approved to proceed to funding deliberation:
 - 1) LeanPath Waste Tracker Project.
 - 2) WREC Waste Stream Renovation Project.
 - e. The following projects over \$5,000 were approved at SFAC, **pending additional approval by BMUC:**
 - 1) Eco2Go Chico Project for \$24,842.
 - 2) Sustainable Improvement to Food Waste Collection Project for \$18,144.23.
 - B. Action Item: Approval to fund the Eco2Go Chico Project for \$24,842. **Motion to approve funding the Eco2Go Chico Project for \$24,842, as presented (Weaver/Maldonado) 5-0-0 MSC.**
 - C. Action Item: Approval to fund the Sustainable Improvement to Food Waste Collection Project for \$18,144.23. **Motion to approve funding the Sustainable Improvement to Food Waste Collection Project for \$18,144.23 (Weaver/Maldonado).** Maldonado asked if the amount could be adjusted if there are additional costs. Scott said this was the amount funded for the project by SFAC and Clyde said if there were additional costs, they would be paid for via the Recycling budget. **5-0-0 MSC.**
 - D. Action Item: Approval of Student Union Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2018-19 and proposed budget 2019-20. **Motion to approve Student Union Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2018-19 and proposed budget 2019-20, as presented.** Clyde provided a final overview of the Student Union Budget. She noted the Union has a healthy reserve and can afford the operating budget and capital expenditures. Buckley said the goal is to avoid going out for a fee increase and said this is a conservative budget, showing fiscal responsibility. **(Weaver/Maldonado) 5-0-0 MSC.**
 - E. **Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Student Union and Wildcat Recreation Center Net Assets Reserve Policy** – Scott said revisions are being made to the various AS Net Assets Reserve Policies due to new accounting pronouncements that impact the AS's annual audited financial statements. He said these changes make our reserves more transparent and easier to understand.

F. Information Item: Wellness Center Project – Clyde said the suggested Wellness Center Project is in response to the changing needs of Chico State students. She said Sicheneder did a survey regarding various needs and seven student focus groups were held. She said at the next BMUC meeting they would be requesting approval to move forward with the Wellness Center Project, noting construction costs are anticipated to be \$1.5 million in construction and FF&E. She explained that there would be one full-time program director, additional student staffing and custodial services. Regarding the seven Focus Groups held, Sicheneder said NIRSA’s Eight Dimensions of Wellness were discussed with each group. Consensus of the groups was that the Wellness Center should be an environment of preventative services, not reactive services, and be a self-help place. He said students want it to be their space, don’t want to be “talked at.” They would like more one-on-one advisors, peer to peer. He said each group talked about the need for more counselors but didn’t see this space as a place for counselors. They also saw this as a portal to campus services. The space of the Wellness Center was next reviewed, and Sicheneder said students would like to see a multi-purpose space as well as private individual spaces. They would like to see more programs being provided as well as drop-in. He said hours of operation were all over the board, some wanted 24/7, some 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., etc. Consistently, students said weekends were important. He said students want a low-key vibe, i.e. if you walk in, it feels and looks like a different environment than the rest of the BMU. Some students wanted very low music; some want the area to be a quiet space. Sicheneder next reviewed the Drop-in Activities such as rest, sleep pods, area to do homework, drawing/coloring, Zen Dean type of equipment, etc. Programmatically, he said they would like to see more Adulting 101 classes, but more personal (1-1). He said regarding massages, acupuncture and yoga, that students are only willing to pay up to \$10 for these services. Students were OK with evening special events once or twice a month. Sicheneder reviewed the less frequently heard suggestions such as table games, Wildcat Pantry Outlet, soundproofed scream room, labyrinth, etc. Visions for the Wellness Center were reviewed: multi-purpose and individual, programmed and drop-in, defined entrance, materials and furniture. Scott questioned next steps and Buckley said if approved at next week’s BMUC meeting, AS staff will then meet with FMS and an architect to begin mapping out the space over the summer. By fall, ideas regarding what the space will look like will be shared with the committee.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Buckley said that in light of the student shootings during the Cesar Chavez Holiday, a Student Safety Meeting was held on April 5 to discuss safety in downtown, campus and student neighborhoods. He said approximately 150 students showed up for this meeting to share their concerns. He said the main concern is the issue of the general public having access to public buildings like the BMU and the library. In addition, there are now concerns about individuals going into office space such as the CCLC, the Student Learning Center and the Dream Center. He said the campus is grappling with the issue of what they can say about what is public space and what isn’t. Buckley said there is also discussion with the City of Chico regarding a potential low barrier homeless shelter at 4th and Orange Streets, which is in close proximity to where students live, as well as the campus. He said there would be potential challenges for both students and the homeless. (Pachie joined the meeting at 8:39 a.m.). He said keeping students safe is the campus priority and President Hutchinson sent a letter to the City Council opposing the low barrier homeless shelter at the suggested location, which goes back to the City Council this evening for approval.

VII. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT – Sicheneder said administrators from the library met with Teresa Clements to look at turnstiles. He said the WREC is receiving a Red Cross award as one of California’s top producers of CPR, AED and First Aid Certifications. He said the Banff Mountain Film Festival last week was very successful and some of the proceeds go to the Get Outdoors Fund. Sicheneder said 43 bikes were sold at the bike auction and proceeds will also go to the Get Outdoors Fund. Regarding the recent flooding of the WREC basketball court, the entire basketball court flooring will need to be replaced. Stealing the idea from PVHS, he said when the old flooring is pulled up, some of it will be used to make beanbag toss games to sell/raffle.

VIII. ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Clyde said Choose Chico was wildly successful, with approximately 5,000 people attending, and for the first time they had to turn people away at the door. She said Sustainability events are being held this week and noted the Election Forum is at 7 p.m. tonight in BMU 203. Regarding the pest issue, Clyde said they will be contacting other pest control companies for quotes because of the high cost Clark Pest Control wishes to charge in addition to their monthly service fee.

IX. VP APPOINTEES’ REPORT – Absent.

- X. **CHAIR'S REPORT** – Scott said elections begin tomorrow at 8 a.m., through Thursday at 8 a.m. He also reminded of revenue sharing votes, which is part of Elections. Scott suggested student committee members apply to be on BMUC again next year, or other AS committees, if they are interested.
- XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Krater said Wrap 'n Roll is tonight and starts at 6 p.m. She noted that Adulting 101 is Thursday evening. Pachie said she is getting positive feedback from students regarding the Wellness Center.
- XII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Scott, adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.