

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

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

**2:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kaylee Biedermann, Alex Smith, Austin Lopic, Art Cox, Isabella Constantino, Ange Bledsoe, Victorina Jeffers, Carolyn Allen, Emely Ramos

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Annabel Grimm

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Curtis Sicheneder, Shar Krater, Katie Peterson, Jenna Walker, Riley Cox, Scott Yoder

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The chair, Biedermann, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/19/20 agenda (Constantino/Lopic) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of 2/5//20. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/5/20, as presented (Lopic/Constantino) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Lopic said the Career Fair was today (Smith joined the meeting at 2:31 p.m.). Jeffers said the Chico Speaks Survey data would be presented in BMU 203 today from 3 to 5 p.m. Biedermann said the BMUC networking event was held today and went well.
- V. **BUSINESS**
  - A. Consent Agenda

*All items listed under the Consent Agenda are to be 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.*

Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes

    - BMU Third Floor Art Gallery Policy.
    - BMU Public Art Space Policy.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Lopic/Constantino) 6-0-0 MSC.**
  - B. Information Item: Appointment by Vice President of Facilities and Services of Alex Smith as Vice Chair of the Bell Memorial Union Committee – Biedermann said she appointed Smith as Vice Chair of BMUC.
  - C. Information Item: Adventure Outings (AO) Program – Sicheneder introduced Jenna Walker, the AO Coordinator, Riley Cox, Assistant Coordinator in charge of operations, and Scott Yoder, Assistant Coordinator regarding programs. Walker said they have over 60 student staff and explained the various program areas of AO. Over 14,000 people were served, not including bike cart customers. In addition, there were over 12,000 hours of peer leadership last year. Yoder said outdoor trips for students/faculty/staff and community members are run by students and can be anywhere from a few hours to a number of days, noting approximately 25 – 30 trips per semester. Cox explained the Wildcat Wilderness Orientation trips which are run during the summer, specifically designed for incoming transfer freshmen, helping to ease them into the university/college setting. The Get Outdoors Scholarship Fund and bike cart were explained by Walker. She said a Bike Auction is held twice per year and income from this event goes to student scholarships for AO trips. Yoder noted some of the benefits for students that are involved with AO: Leadership opportunities for students, encourages healthy lifestyles, fosters connections, increases GPAs, and retention. Walker reviewed trends and issues, such as staff training, changes in student needs, demographics, climate change adjustments and increasing costs. Discussion was held regarding units students receive as unpaid student interns. Sicheneder said AO is funded through the Student Union as well as grants.
- VI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT** – Clyde said Biedermann did a great job running today's event. Clyde presented plans for the BMU basement Wellness Center that were provided by the contractor she and Sicheneder met with today. They were presented with two different preliminary plans. She reminded that Sicheneder previously held open forums, and over 5,000 students participated in surveys. She said last year

BMUC discussed what they want these programs to look like, noting they're trying to maximize the 8,800 square feet, being as multi-purposed and cost effective as possible. Clyde said she was able to view the Wellness Center at Northridge and said with its large focal point, it lets you know that you're walking into a relaxed, spa-like setting. She said sleeping pods would be placed in the current KCSC area; other offices would be used as treatment rooms for counseling, finance, massage, etc. There would also be two small meeting rooms, and there would be two staff plus students. Clyde said as more is figured out, it will be built into the budget. She said currently \$1.5 million has been budgeted, and \$50,000 has been allocated to scope out the project. Clyde said most of the discussion was held at BMUC last year. Smith questioned where all the current offices would be moved to, and what would be done about the loss of the 008 meeting space. Clyde said the Zen Den in BMU 301 would go away, which would open some space up. Program space has not been figured out, although the programs will not be going away. Discussion was held. Clyde said she would be meeting with the Executive Board first with the various ideas, and then see where it goes. Discussion was held regarding whether treatment rooms could be used by counselors and whether the AS would pay counselors. Clyde said we would allow the space, but we would not pay the salaries of the counselors. Sicheneder said there would be many partnerships across campus, such as wellness, financial, etc. It was noted that this center would feed a larger population for self-help in this area by doing wellness. Sicheneder said the focus group said this should be a proactive, not reactive space. Allen said this Wellness Center would show that we care about the students, and help promote self-care. Biedermann liked the layout because it can be changed if usage changes. Further discussion was held and Clyde said this is a true student generated project. Clyde said the committee should focus on getting all the pieces in that were honed in on last year. She said construction would not start until next year and no one committee ever sees the whole project through. Clyde suggested contacting Biedermann with ideas and questions so feedback can be provided to the architect (Allen left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.).

- VII. **WREC DIRECTORS REPORT** – Sicheneder said AO is probably one of the top 10 University national outdoor programs. Canine Cuddles will be in the BMU tomorrow and the Campus Sustainability Committee will be doing a sustainability audit of the WREC. Sicheneder said he and Cox would be meeting at 4 p.m. regarding new flooring for the climbing gym area at the WREC.
- VIII. **VP APPOINTEE'S REPORT** – Lopic said the February 10 ASBC meeting was cancelled. He provided an overview of items from the February 17 Special ASBC meeting.
- IX. **CHAIR'S REPORT** – Biedermann said she is meeting with Sicheneder to discuss little initiatives she has in mind regarding inclusivity at the gym.
- X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Lopic noted that President Hutchinson has advised that there will be a slight decline in enrollment for Chico State, which is also happening throughout the CSU system.
- XI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Biedermann, adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.