Wednesday, October 1, 2014

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

2 p.m. BMU 205


MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Sally Parenti, Rick Scott, Rob Meyers, Curtis Sicheneder, Deborah Lemmo, Jon Slaughter.

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

II. AGENDA – No changes

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2014. Motion to approve the minutes of the 5/1/14 regular meeting, as presented (Prevost/Woods) 8/0/0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – Smith welcomed everyone.

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Bell Memorial Union Committee meetings for Fiscal Year 2014-15. Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Bell Memorial Union Committee meetings for Fiscal Year 2014-15, as presented (Vu/Jarquin). Jarquin asked if the meeting schedule could be changed next semester to accommodate class schedules if possible, noting she had to resign last semester due to a class schedule conflict. Buckley said they try to find a time that works for everyone, but at times it just doesn’t work out. Smith said he would like to have meetings at various locations and Buckley said this would be fine as long as they publicize in advance when meeting locations have changed. (8-0-0) MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of BMUC appointments to Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee: Kyle Gunther, Kevin Hernandez and Amanda Carpenter. Motion to approve BMUC appointments to Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee: Kyle Gunther, Kevin Hernandez and Amanda Carpenter, as presented (Woods/Prevost) 8-8-0 MSC.

C. Information Item: SFAC Fall 2014 Funding Cycle – Smith said both the AS Sustainability Coordinator, and Sustainability Affairs Commissioner positions are currently vacant. He said they are suspending the funding cycle for this current semester due to these vacancies. Slaughter explained that the SFAC fund is a fund of the Student Union and that’s why this committee is the guiding force behind all SFAC actions. He explained the process for reviewing/approving SFAC items. He said they do not have an individual available to run workshops for the funding process and noted that September workshops are crucial for timing for the complete fall process. He said they are postponing the fall cycle, and will pick up in the spring. Slaughter said he didn’t realize that no funds would then be released this academic year because spring funding is released July 1. Fall funding is normally released January 1. Slaughter said perhaps they could do the fall funding process in March. He said this would give students an opportunity to apply for grants. Slaughter express concern; however, that if projects are not funded until March 1, this may not give graduating seniors time to do a project. Slaughter said now that three students have been appointed to SFAC, they can hold a SFAC meeting to decide what to do. Slaughter explained the SFAC reserves as well as the funding process.

D. Information Item: Wildcat Leadership Center Ad Hoc Committee – Smith said there were a total of 80 student applicants for AS and University appointments. He said some Ad Hoc Committees will be set up, focusing on programming as well as attention drawing for the new Wildcat Leadership Center (WLC).
Carter asked how many students would be a part of the WLC committee and Smith said six, explaining that they are trying to create a committee for students to be involved in. Berner asked if this Ad-hoc committee would be given funds, or would be coming to BMUC for funding. Smith said details need to be worked out but they would be reporting to BMUC. Carter asked if there's a possible project to assign them to, to showcase how they would work. Smith said there is a Grand Opening coming up for the WLC, during Chico Experience Week, and they could work on that project. Smith would chair this committee.

E. Information Item: 6/30/14 Student Union and WREC Summary Income and Expense Statements – Buckley said that BMUC will receive monthly budget reports and explained the format for the Student Union budget and WREC budget. Parenti reviewed the Student Union budget with the committee, noting they ended up with an additional $15,000 more of total revenue than expected. Additional areas were reviewed and Parenti explained what Repair and Maintenance covers. She said they came in $130,000 better on the bottom line. Discussion was held regarding various line items. • Scott said revenue for the WREC was at 101.76% of projected budget and total expenses of 95.05% of approved budget. He explained what goes in to the income section. Discussion was held regarding various areas of the budget. Buckley said the programs came in about $300,000 better than budgeted and noted that staff takes very seriously the budgets they are given. He said their goal is always to come in under budget.

F. Information Item: Review of Investments

1. Local Agency Investment Fund – Quarter ending 6/30/14 – Buckley said this report is provided quarterly and reviewed with the committee.

G. Information Item: Second floor renovations – Smith said a conference room is being created in BMU 203; larger than BMU 210, but smaller than the auditorium.

H. Tour of the BMU – Smith said after the meeting a tour will be provided of the BMU, including the new Wildcat Leadership Center.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT- Buckley provided an orientation/overview for the committee. He said that decisions that are made at committee levels are required to be reported at the Board and they have veto power. He said BMUC oversees the BMU and WREC and noted that both the Student Union and WREC are funded primarily through mandated student fees ($770 per student per year). Various revenue generating areas were reviewed. Buckley noted that as of January 1, 2015, the University will be taking over the Information Center. He said Rainbo Warehouse is leased and explained what the building is used for. Buckley said it’s BMUC’s responsibility to be responsive to the changing needs of students and explained the importance of student members’ input. He said the committee needs to think long-term, think about what students will want in the future (two to three year perspective). Buckley next reviewed topics this committee will be involved with. He said the budget will be introduced slowly throughout the year.

IX. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT- Scott said the WREC averages 2,638 customers per day, and customers per month of 79,135. He noted that $120,000 of new exercise equipment has been ordered and will arrive in November. • Scott said 80% of Adventure Outings trips have been sold. • The cardboard baler purchased by Recycling through SFAC was discussed and it was noted that the AS now receives revenue because of bailing the cardboard. Buckley said the WREC opened in 2009 and that it’s one of the nicest in the system (Berner left at 2:55 p.m.).

X. ASSOCIATE UNION DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT- Parenti updated the staff regarding summer projects. She said there was a flood this summer in BMU 312 due to roof problems. Nine hundred new auditorium chairs will arrive in late November. She said due to the drought, no power washing is being done unless there’s a health issue. Sprinklers have also been adjusted. • Parenti noted that one of the Student Union employees is retiring. • Parenti advised that last year the decision was made to contract with an outside custodial company for the BMU. This did not work out well so the contract has been terminated and the AS will be hiring to fill these positions. She said Rush Personnel temps are being obtained until these positions are filled. Buckley said this custodial contract was a trial here in the BMU, and they weren’t contracted to work at the WREC. • Parenti said they are clearing out Rainbo Warehouse of surplus property in anticipation of possibly moving out of there. (Jarquin and Prevost left the meeting at 3:01 p.m.).

XI. VPS’ APPOINTEE REPORT – Lowry reported that ASBC’s first meeting will be on October 8.

XII. CHAIR’S REPORT- Smith said he’s excited they’re holding their first meeting and welcomed everyone.
XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION – Lemmo said the BMU is super busy and the auditorium is booked every day between now and finals.

XV. OPINION – Carter challenged the students to think about engaging in meeting conversations that are happening around the table. He said it’s also important to note that staff know what they’re talking about and students should ask questions if they don’t understand something. He said it’s important to know what they’re voting on and it’s OK to not agree with others.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Smith, adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.