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

Wednesday, October 15, 2014  2 p.m.  BMU 205


MEMBERS ABSENT: CC Carter

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – The chair, Smith, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. AGENDA – Approval of the 10/15/14 Agenda. Motion to approve the 10/15/14 agenda (Prevost/Nguyen) 8-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of October 1, 2014. Motion to approve the minutes of the 10/1/14 regular meeting, as presented (Woods/Prevost) 8/0/0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Smith announced that the Wildcat Leadership Center Grand Opening is this Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. in BMU 220.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Bell Memorial Union Committee Code – Smith said this code hasn’t been revised/cleaned up since 1999 and is being updated. Jarquin suggested using a more gender neutral term regarding the Chair, such as “they” instead of “his/her.” Smith noted this will be brought back as Action at the next meeting.

B. Information Item: 8/31/14 Student Union and WREC Summary Income and Expense Statements – Parenti said Student Union has expensed 12.87% of their annual budget and generated 4.63% of the projected income. She said income is low due to none of the Surplus Funds being returned as of 8/31. She also noted that the Student Union will be reimbursed approximately $10,000 for July-August telephone costs from Follett. Scott reviewed the WREC budget and noted that revenue was at 2.61% and Total Expenses are at 13.14% of the approved budget. He said the main reason income is down was due to Surplus Funds not yet being returned. He reviewed operating expenses for the month.

C. Information Item: Second floor renovations – Parenti said she found out yesterday from Otto Construction that last week they thought they’d be done with renovations by November 10; however, they now think they may be done sooner than that. She said media equipment came in; however, window coverings are still a few weeks out. Nguyen asked what will be going on the walls in that room in terms of art work. Parenti said once carpeting and window coverings are installed, they will then start looking at what they need. Buckley said it’s good to see how the space is actually used by larger groups and noted they often like to put banners up on walls, or different postings. He said they’ll also need to figure out where items such as catering tables would go. Buckley said this room will be popular due to its larger size.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT- Buckley introduced Thang Ho, the new IT Director. Buckley said he and Smith have talked about providing BMUC with information regarding all the programs that fall under the purview of this committee. Buckley said regarding the Wildcat Leadership Institute, that they went through a couple of searches for an associate director for the program and did not fill the position. He said they have had some discussions with Jon Slaughter and Mary Wallmark, who have taken the program to where it is, along with CC Carter, who has been helping. He said Wallmark and Slaughter will come up with a different plan on how they’ll move forward in the spring, perhaps next year creating more of a graduate assistant program. Buckley said there are a few students who would like to go in to the Student Affairs field, that have
expressed interest in this. Buckley said he will keep the committee apprised of where this program is going. • Buckley said regarding the BMUC Code, that there’s an appointee to this committee that is a faculty representative. He said they’ve had problems over the last few years obtaining a faculty member so he talked with the Vice President for Student Affairs, Drew Calandrella, about possibly changing this to a faculty/staff member position, the same as ASBC did. He said Calandrella agreed with this suggestion. • Buckley explained the leasing of Rainbow Warehouse, noting it’s used for the Recycling program, Adventure Outings storage, surplus property, and storage of vehicles. He said that although it’s close to campus they are looking to possibly buy space elsewhere if possible. He said from a long term perspective it may be more financially stable to buy a warehouse. Buckley said the current lease is up on June 30 but we could go month to month after that until a new location is found.

IX. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT – Scott said the WREC’s walking program, Cat Tracks began on October 1 and they gave out 500 pedometers. After one week, over 8 million steps were logged. • Scott provided information about recent and upcoming events. • Scott said in response to a spring WREC survey, they have adjusted Group X class hours to wider times during the day. • Scott said Adventure Outings is in the process of hiring spring student staff and also noted other open positions.

X. ASSOCIATE UNION DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT – Parenti said the structure is being built for the Mandala, explaining the Monk will be here sand painting from Wednesday, October 22 through November 8, working from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. • Parenti said a roofing company came out and did a complete inspection of the BMU roof and found new “chewed” holes. She said a local company has been contacted to provide a price quote for having the exterior windows cleaned. • Parenti said that out of the 31 days in October, the auditorium is booked for 22 days. She reviewed events held, as well as upcoming, in the BMU. New chairs for the auditorium will be delivered Monday of Thanksgiving week.

XI. VPS’ APPOINTEE REPORT – Lowry reported that ASBC met last Wednesday, October 8. She said they discussed that the Marketplace is not generating income as much as they want, and they’re looking at different opportunities and reconfiguring of the space. • Lowry said the committee is trying to decide what to do with the funds received from Follett.

XII. CHAIR’S REPORT– Smith said a conversation will be held at the AS Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, October 21 regarding whether or not to move forward with funding the Wildcat statue. The meeting will be held in BMU 205 at 4 p.m. He said some students are for this, some against it. • Smith said he and Parenti are working with James Luyirika-Sewaguddde, Jr. from International Advising to update the flags in the BMU atrium. • Smith said a huge Halloween event is being planned for Halloween night (10 p.m. to 2 a.m.) in the BMU. • Smith proposed for BMUC members and staff to do something similar to Building Leaders-Bridging Gaps (BLBG), where on the off week of BMUC meetings, they’d meet for training for the committee, brainstorming, idea sharing and to learn more about what goes on in our various programs, room usage, etc. He said this would not be mandatory. • Jarquin asked if they’ve thought about doing an educational campaign regarding the Wildcat Statue. Smith said students will have an opportunity to provide input at Tuesday’s AS Board meeting and they have been promoting it, tabling, talking and educating students regarding this item. He said once students know the details and where the money is coming from, they are usually a lot more comfortable with it. He explained the various areas that will be contributing to the statue and said total cost of the statue is expected to be approximately $130,000. Smith said that $10,000 was allocated by BMUC two years ago from the Student Union for this project. He said the Board is looking to possibly contribute an additional $40,000 from the one-time, $1 million bonus from Follett.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XV. OPINION – None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Smith, adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.