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

Wednesday, November 12, 2014  2 p.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jovan Smith, Rebecca Berner, Salma Hegab, Vu Nguyen, Jerad Prevost, Leanne Woods, Amelia Lowry, CC Carter.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deanna Jarquin and Kathleen Moroney.

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Bang (recording), Sally Parenti, Rick Scott, Rob Meyers, Jesus Torres, Fletcher Alexander, Thang Ho.

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

II. AGENDA – Smith added Item VII. E. – Update on SFAC, to the agenda. Motion to approve the revised 11/12/14 agenda (Woods/Prevost) 6/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of October 29, 2014. Motion to approve the minutes of the 10/29/14 regular meeting, as presented (Prevost/Nguyen) 6/0/0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – Carter said Mac Night was off the hook!

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – BMU Flag Policy. Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – BMU Flag Policy, as presented (Hegab/Lowry). Prevost asked if there was ever discussion about displaying the flags on the first floor, where they’d be more visible. Parenti said because of the way the bridges and light fixtures are set up, it would be a challenge to lower the flags. She said she wants to put the flags in alphabetical order and put a legend on the first floor for identification purposes. 6/0/0 MSC.

B. Information Item: Review of Investments – Local Agency Investment Fund – Parenti reviewed the LAIF Report with the committee, noting that return on investment was at 0.24%, which is a very safe investment. Rates were discussed.

C. Information Item: AS Recycling Presentation by Jesus Torres – Torres, the AS Recycling Coordinator and manager of Rainbo Warehouse, presented to the committee. He provided an overview of the program, which was founded in 1996, and noted there are now over 2,100 bins on campus, Recycling employs 20+ student employees and they have a $200,000 annual budget. Parenti said the lease for Rainbo Warehouse expires in June of 2015 and they are looking for a new warehouse, close by and in better condition. Torres reviewed the budget and noted they continue to look for opportunities to generate funds, such as cardboard. Student internships and volunteer opportunities were discussed.

D. Information Item: Second floor renovations – Smith said renovations are nearly complete. Parenti said the fire marshal was here last week and did not clear us for occupancy of BMU 203 because based on the number of people that can occupy that space, crash bars need to be installed on both doors. She explained that he’ll re-inspect the space after the door update is completed. Parenti explained that they’ve completed the walk through with FMS and all media equipment has been installed. She said the space may not be ready for use until after Thanksgiving. Woods asked if there will be a grand opening event regarding BMU 203 and Parenti said there will be a campus announcement so that it will be well known that this space is available. She noted that BMU 202 was approved for occupancy. Nguyen asked who will be moving in to BMU 202 and Parenti said she did not know at this time. • Smith said the committee should look in to what renovating the entire second floor looks like. He suggested that the whole second floor be an entertainment hub for students, including TV’s and electronic screens. He said the basement level could then be renovated to be a quieter lounge area. He said changes to the second floor should tie
in with the Wildcat Leadership Center as well. Lowry said she liked the idea of distinguishing floors, similar to what the library does. Carter said it's a good idea to be intentional about using the space and liked Smith's vision. Woods liked the idea of a quieter area in the basement level but noted that noise from building traffic and Common Grounds filters down to the basement level. Parenti said the lower level lends itself more to the quiet space; however, they can't do anything about the noise in the atrium because there's a lot going on. Carter said the committee needs to think about and discuss what they would like the Student Union to be, or become. Prevost said they have the capability to have study space but also be more of a social space as well. He noted they can change the mood with small intentional changes such as the use of space and music. Parenti questioned if computers would remain in the lower level and Smith thought they'd stay. Smith said they also need to look at the Old Common Grounds space and how it could be used. Parenti explained the history of television usage in the BMU. Carter said at the CCLC students will look at YouTube clips and then have conversations. He said they need to create reasons for people to hang out in the Union and need to create a culture of interaction. Berner said in regards to big media events, people want to share that experience with others. Prevost said that in the residence halls students get together to watch sporting events and regular TV shows. Smith said they could reach out to students via surveys. Parenti suggested doing this in phases, with a vision and a plan. She said they need to decide what the priority is.

E. Information Item: Update on SFAC – Smith said SFAC had their first meeting of the semester today. He said that initially there was talk about suspending funding this semester due to the Sustainability Coordinator position being vacant, as well as the Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs. Now that Courtney Silver is the Commissioner, they will be trying to do an expedited version of the funding cycle. Smith said they will be working with AS Sustainability to promote the workshops, which will begin on November 19. Proposals will be due by December 12.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Absent.

IX. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT – Berner provided WREC and Adventure Outings updates per Scott's request as he had to leave the meeting.

X. ASSOCIATE UNION DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT - Parenti said she is ordering two 70" televisions on wheels, with built-in computers, to go in to the Student Life & Leadership area. She said Academic Technology recommended these TVs and they're installing these in a lot of classrooms. Berner said it's important to showcase the cutting edge things we're doing. • Parenti said an assistant facilities manager has been hired and will begin on November 19. Custodial staff interviews are being scheduled. • Parenti said the Mandala dissolution ceremony was this Saturday, and a lot of people attended.

XI. VPS’ APPOINTEE REPORT – Lowry reported that ASBC met last Wednesday and she said Common Grounds will have extended hours during finals week. In regards to the Tapingo App that Dining Services is using, they will be trying a delivery service to the library during finals. She said they also discussed how AS Catering may be doing the food for commencement. Lowry listed upcoming events in the Wildcat Store and noted that the Wildcat Store is looking to promote events to get community members to come in to the store.

XII. CHAIR’S REPORT- Smith said the committee needs to look at what types of interactive and cool things can be done in the atrium. He said the Union has the feeling of a mall when people walk in to the building, and we should capitalize on that feeling. Smaller tables near Common Grounds were discussed; however, Parenti said they have to keep a clear pathway. She said she and Smith were looking at the atrium area and discussed possibly putting counters around the columns. Smith suggested there is an opportunity for other groups to table, such as a student clubs, and perhaps they could do some type of interactive program. He said this would help to get more people in the building. Carter said they need to pay attention to where power needs to be plugged in, and Wi-Fi issues. He said there used to be a program that was funded through the AS where a certain amount of money was set aside for student organizations to apply for, such as $100 or so. With these funds, they’d then do a program in the Student Union. Ho suggested partnering with ITSS to table regarding fixing student computers and providing advice on various computer issues. Berner said Academic Advising has been doing outreach in the residence halls.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION – Torres said at this Friday’s Recycling staff meeting, a photographer will be taking staff pictures.
XV. **OPINION** – Carter said he appreciated the student voice and engaged conversation by all.

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Smith, adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.