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

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 1 p.m. BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deanna Jarquin, Rebecca Berner, Kathleen Moroney, Salma Hegab, Vu Nguyen, Jerad Prevost, Leanne Woods, Amelia Lowry

MEMBERS ABSENT: CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT: David Buckley, Ewan McCloy (recording), Sally Parenti, Curtis Sicheneder, Deborah Lemmo, Thang Ho, Trenten Bilodeaux, Taylor Wetzel, Marco Machuca

I. CALL TO ORDER – The chair, Jarquin, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 4/22/15 agenda (Roberts/Woods) 8-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2015. Motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 regular meeting, as presented (Hegab/Prevost) 8-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Congratulations to Nguyen and Prevost for their new AS positions and as well to Jarquin for her new AS position.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee Meeting – April 15, 2015
   a. Approved the minutes of 3/25/15.
   b. The following were approved to proceed to funding allocation deliberation:
      1) Solar Charging Station.
      2) Alternative Transportation Outreach / Choose to Cruise Cruiser Ride.
      3) Chico State Pollution Awareness Series.
   c. The following were approved for funding:
      1) Solar Charging Station in the amount of $12,000.
      2) Alternative Transportation Outreach / Choose to Cruise Cruiser Ride in the amount of $10,000.
      3) Chico State Pollution Awareness Series in the amount of $13,427.

Motion to approve the consent agenda (Roberts/Prevost), 8-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of Student Union Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2014-15 and proposed budget 2015-16 – Buckley reminded the committee that this includes the revisions to this year, proposal for next year’s budget, and the capital expenditures. There is a revision in the current capital expenditures for the climbing wall pad increasing from $10,000 to $18,000. For the proposed budget for next year there was an addition of costs for a feasibility study. There was also an inclusion of an upgrade for the wireless in the BMU and WREC that will be an ongoing cost. Prevost asked about the specifics of the feasibility study and Buckley explained that it is more focused on the internals such as wiring and buildings rather than aesthetics. An architect would be hired to look into the feasibility for remodels and changes. Buckley explained the focus of this is empty space in the Financial Services area of the BMU after the area has downsized. Buckley highlighted the large increase in wages for staff with the increase of minimum wage. He also highlighted the increase of repairs and maintenance for the WREC’s pool deck. Parenti explained that there is a 5% increase planned for utilities because it is usually not known until the pricing comes in
and this is bought by the state. This actual costing is usually lower than this, but more is estimated as a buffer. Jarquin explained that monitors for the mezzanine area would be covered in small electronics/equipment rather than capital expenditures because they are not large costs for the budget. **Motion to approve Student Union Budget, estimated results 2014-15 and proposed budget 2015-16, as presented (Roberts/Hegab). 8-0-0 MSC.** Jarquin explained that the Board will be passing final budgets on Monday.

C. **Action Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Student Union and Wildcat Recreation Center Net Assets Reserve Policy – Buckley said that this was the inclusion of the sustainability fund rolling over into reserves for the next year. Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Student Union and Wildcat Recreation Center Net Assets Reserve Policy, as presented (Lowry/Prevost). 8-0-0 MSC.**

D. **Action Item: Approval to fund Solar Charging Station in the amount of $12,000, as approved by SFAC – Jarquin explained that this is a proposal that was brought forward to SFAC by Bilodeaux that would be a table in the SSC plaza with solar panels. There would be charge outlets at the table in a sustainable way. There will be eight outlets for charging of phone or laptops. Jarquin explained that the project will also go through other funding and focus on deterring vandalism. Moroney ensured that the project would be weather-proof. Motion to approve funding Solar Charging Station in the amount of $12,000, as approved by SFAC (Woods/Nguyen). 7-0-1 MSC.**

E. **Action Item: Approval to fund Alternative Transportation Outreach / Choose to Cruise Cruiser Ride in the amount of $10,000, as approved by SFAC – Jarquin explained that the Alternative Transportation Club is looking to buy 4,000 bandanas that they would be able to pass out to students regarding the safest places around town for them to bike. This is also more sustainable rather than using paper maps. Funds would also go to the Choose to Cruise Cruiser Ride program. Machuca explained that this is a way to reach out to freshmen with an event that has safety information. Jarquin clarified that the bandanas will be available at the bike cart and while tabling throughout the year. They project 2,000 of these bandanas will be focused to freshmen. Jarquin explained that the bandanas are at a unit price of $1 and the remainder of funds would go to the event. Sicheneder focused on the importance of this event with the Bike Cart supporting this event at the beginning of the year and it was a great event last year. Motion to approve funding Alternative Transportation Outreach / Choose to Cruise Cruiser Ride in the amount of $10,000, as approved by SFAC (Nguyen/Hegab). 7-0-1 MSC.**

F. **Action Item: Approval to fund Chico State Pollution Awareness Series in the amount of $13,427, as approved by SFAC – Wetzel explained that she is a part of the advocate group for the environmental section of CLIC. The funding will go to a pollution awareness series covering one specific type of pollution per month for three months, including land, air, and water pollution. The majority of the funding will go to speakers and looking for ways to have speakers be more engaged on campus such as having class talks or making them more readily available to speak in the community rather than on campus. They are currently focused on water pollution awareness. The remainder of funding will go to advertisement and weekly activities, such as showing of movies based on the type of pollution. Motion to approve funding Chico State Pollution Awareness Series in the amount of $13,427, as approved by SFAC (Hegab/Woods). 8-0-0 MSC.**

G. **Information Item: Water conservation initiatives for Bell Memorial Union and WREC effective May 18, 2015 – Buckley explained that there have been new state laws in reducing water. Some immediate laws that have affected us are, for example, restaurants not allowing waiters to automatically serve guests water unless asked for. This would be the same for catering with pitchers of water. For Chico the way in which water will be reduced is on a per-capita head. Heavy users will have to reduce by 35% and low users will be 5 – 10%. Chico is on the very high end of the spectrum because there are not as many people here. It is currently unclear regarding which specific places need to reduce their water use by how much. The discussion of the AS use of water shows that the Union is rather low with their water use except for Dining. Buckley said the Union can reduce water usage by no longer power washing, as well as reducing dishwashing. He said the University monitors the landscape and there are already low-flow utilities in the building. Buckley said for the WREC they are considering elimination of the towel service, covering the pool at night, and encouraging “Navy style” short showers. They already have waterless urinals. Another recommendation would be reducing hours at the WREC Friday – Sunday during the summer. Jarquin said this was discussed at the previous GAC
meeting and whether or not removing towel use would affect the cleanliness of the machines. One person’s suggestion was closing the WREC for one weekend day rather than three. Another suggestion was to cut hours, or cut usage of the WREC for two straight weeks and then open it up. Jarquin suggested collateral for usage of towels. Sicheneder said the issue of having collateral would be the creation of a bottleneck, but he said he has been looking into the potential for paying for a chip. He also said the two week closure of the WREC is doable but could be an issue for faculty who specifically pay for WREC use over the summer. Roberts suggested some sort of dryer for outside-of-WREC towel use. Sicheneder suggested the one-day closure on Saturday because mandatory cooling starts on Sunday and the operator for the BMU will already be there. He also said that Friday is a high-traffic day and taking away from that day is an issue. Jarquin stressed the importance of the school having to do something based on our school’s focus of sustainability and closing at least for one day is important. Buckley saw an issue of students who already have been given summer employment. Prevost said he would prefer having to bring your own towel rather than cutting hours. Roberts also went back to the suggestion of the towels being moved to areas that are closer to the pool or spa where they need them. Sicheneder said the issue here is that it is very rare that people would only grab one towel in this sense. Prevost suggested some sort of disposable towel that could be sustainable and potentially cost some sort of fee. Jarquin will work with Buckley to formalize a consensus for the committee for the next meeting.

H. Information Item: BMUC Semester Project – Jarquin asked Ho about the monitors and he explained that there would be multiple options for the monitors. The design of the monitors is up to the committee. Jarquin will move forward in looking into the monitors for pricing and these concepts.

I. Information Item: Wildcat Leadership Center Motto – Jarquin said we will be moving forward on the motto as the poll closed two days ago. The focus on this will be with officer transitions and making it a part of Wildcat Way.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT- Buckley had nothing to report.

IX. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT- Sicheneder said Adventure Outings held the Banff Mountain Film Festival which was sold out and well-received. They also had a bowling competition about a week ago. There were 42 bikes sold at the Bike Auction recently. He said Ho has been helpful in getting demographic of users for the WREC and then recruiting people that are not utilizing the WREC. The front desk staff did a great job when the power outage occurred.

X. ASSOCIATE UNION DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT- Parenti said there is an entirely new custodial staff; a few more temporary custodial staff still need to be hired. Conference Services has been very busy recently. She said Facilities Management recently broke the gate arm and will be paying for the repairs that were done.

XI. VPS’ APPOINTEE REPORT – Lowry had nothing to report.

XII. CHAIR’S REPORT- Jarquin said water conservation is being discussed on multiple committees. The GAC office just received a third-tier award of sustainability from SCOOP. Elections have just occurred and the new VP of Facilities and Services is Charlie Curtis. Transitions begin May 1. The Committee reception will be May 7. Space guidelines for the GAC office have been put on hold for the time being due to budgets.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Buckley said that an email went out regarding voting for the location for the Wildcat Statue. Please encourage students to vote.

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XV. OPINION – Moroney asked about last year’s approved marquee. It is too large to be put up yet, but will go to the Campus Planning Committee for approval.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Jarquin, adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.