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

Tuesday, November 3, 2015  1 p.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Curtis, CC Carter, Haley Holmes, Ismael Figueroa, Nicole Kowalczyke, Amanda Labrado, Clarisse Austria, Kathleen Moroney, Art Cox.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: David Buckley, Lea Youngkamp (recording), Jamie Clyde, Sally Parenti, Curtis Sicheneder, Deborah Lemmo, Jon Slaughter.

I. CALL TO ORDER – The chair, Curtis, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 11/3/15 meeting agenda (Kowalczyke/Austria) 7/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 10/20/15 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 10/20/15 regular meeting, as presented (Austria/Holmes) 7/0/0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of merger between Catering and Conference Services. Motion to approve merger between Catering and Conference Services, as presented (Labrado/Cox).

Clyde gave a presentation regarding the proposed Catering and Conference Services merger. She explained that currently Catering is within the Dining Services area and Conference Services is within the Student Union area. They would like to merge these areas in to one department under the Student Union. She provided an overview of the positions which are a part of the current structure of Conference Services. She said they are looking to modify the role of the current Catering Manager position to become the Conference Services/Catering Manager, and this person would report to the Associate Executive Director. Clyde reviewed advantages of the new structure, and why the current system is faulty. She said the new merger would improve customer service, efficiencies in staffing, streamline the process and save money. Clyde said the catering sales and student labor would still stay under Dining, but would be managed by Conference Services. Job duties were also discussed in detail, especially duties during large scheduled events. The 2015-2016 budget for Conference Services was briefly reviewed and Clyde explained how the salary will be split between Dining and Conference Services for the revised position. 7/0/0 MSC.

B. Information Item: Strategic Plan – Buckley explained that at the last Board meeting, the Board approved the newly revised Strategic Plan. He briefly went over each of the seven long range issues outlined in the plan, and why they are purposely written very broad. He said this will now be brought back to staff and specific action plans will be developed within committees. Each program will respond differently, so not every resolution expressed will pertain to each issue. He said committees should feel comfortable with these proposals because some action plans will come out of this. These will drive the budget in the future, and this is a great opportunity to review various areas. Buckley challenged the staff and committee to ask what we are going to do for our students in upcoming years. He said the purpose is to show how we are planning to serve students better in the future. Carter said that the Strategic Plan sets the tone for the next two to three years and where changes will be made.

C. Information Item: 9/30/15 Student Union and WREC Summary Income and Expense Statements – Parenti went over the 9/30 Student Union statement with the committee. She explained that the Student Union now receives ATM rent funds which used to go to the bookstore before it was contracted to Follett. She said the state is behind on billing, so expenses will be low until we are billed at the end of the year. She said we are right where we should be on budget, or below in certain areas. Parenti said she is working with FMS to come up with a suitable and affordable solution.
regarding the air handler in the auditorium because it was spewing insulation. Sicheneder reviewed the WREC’s 9/30 statement with the committee. He noted membership renewals are driving income, and locker rentals are improving programming.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Regarding the composting issue, Buckley said on Friday he met with Taylor Herren, the previous AS President, and Kaitlin Haley, the past Environmental Affairs Commissioner who now works for the AS in Recycling/Composting to discuss ideas they have. He talked with Herren a month ago because she has a link with the Agriculture Department; she works with Cindy Daley and is involved with the University Farm. He said as a possible solution, they could work with the Agricultural Department regarding composting. He said Herren has talked with Daley and some of the Ag staff and research is being done about the digesters that were discussed at the previous BMUC meeting. They will continue to do research and he asked her to also talk with Curtis as well as Deanna Jarquin to give them more feedback. They plan on coming up with a proposal regarding what may or may not work. To go forward with this project, it would have to be a joint project between the AS and the farm as well as the University as it’s an issue that involves all areas because a lot of the waste comes from the University. • Buckley said Night of the Living Pancake was a success and had a great turnout. He said there were a lot more out-of-towners in Chico for Halloween weekend this year than in previous years. He noted 58 arrests were made over the weekend, and only six of these were CSU, Chico students. Buckley said they want to continue creating more alternative programs for popular weekends like Halloween and Labor Day to give students safer options.

IX. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT – Sicheneder said that on the day before Halloween, a pumpkin splash and a game night took place in the WREC as an alternative activity for students. He also suggested keeping the WREC open later on the holiday weekends as another alternative for students. • Sicheneder said Adventure Outings has 9 new interns, and training will take place over Thanksgiving Break. He explained that the Banff Mountain Film Festival is put on by Adventure Outings, and will be held two nights in a row. • Sicheneder said he will keep the committee updated regarding the pool boilers which were approved at the last meeting. The WREC water saving measures are being upheld, but will be discussed further in another meeting. Sicheneder explained the 11/13 Ride 50 remix event at the WREC. He said repairs will be made to the accessibility gate, to ensure that the WREC is kept nice and secure.

X. ASSOCIATE UNION DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT – Parenti said a fire drill was held this morning in the BMU and evacuation only took four minutes. • Parenti said she is looking at new meeting room chairs and a sample was brought to the meeting. She provided pricing information regarding chairs, cocktail tables and round tables. She noted that the BMU will soon have a total of 16 meeting rooms, plus the auditorium. Charging stations are being planned for the second floor lounge area of the BMU, and Parenti is working with the installation company regarding this.

XI. VPS’ APPOINTEE REPORT – Labrado reported that ASBC didn’t commit to the Real Food Challenge, but will test how it will work. New equipment was approved for Common Grounds. Follett textbook allocations have been distributed, and cameras outside the BMU will be discussed further at the next meeting.

XII. CHAIR’S REPORT – Curtis said that SFAC is meeting today. He noted they won’t be discussing actual business; this is their first informal meeting and they will have a meet and greet as well as decide on an SFAC meeting date. He explained that there will be one large meeting where all proposals will be discussed. • Regarding Dining and Conference Services, Curtis said he will be working with the Commissioner of Community Affairs to look for a response from students regarding student clubs and catering of their meetings.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XV. OPINION – None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Curtis, adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.