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

Monday, March 20, 2017 2 p.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Roberts, Joel Ramirez, Kathleen Moroney, Art Cox, Alexandra Williams, Jessica Thor, Nicholas Babaian, Salma Hegab, Haley Holmes, Joselin Medina

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: David Buckley, Lea Youngkamp (recording), Jamie Clyde, Curtis Sicheneder

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to amend the meeting agenda to remove information item C. Motion to approve the 3/20/17 meeting agenda as amended (Thor/Babaian) 8-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 2/27/17 and the special meeting of 3/6/17. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/27/17 and the special meeting of 3/6/17, as presented (Holmes/Hegab) 8-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Cheer for Chico State men’s basketball team as they head to the Elite 8!

V. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Financial Services Office/Wildcat Leadership Center office renovation – Roberts said he is meeting with Joel Ramirez and others of Student Life & Leadership (SL&L) on Monday morning to come up with a plan and have another walk through of potential renovations. He said right now the idea is for SL&L and the Wildcat Leadership Institute to share the space. Apart from offices and storage space, the area will be used to house programs and student groups to allow students to utilize the space effectively. He welcomed the committee to provide any ideas and suggestions they may have to make the space work well. Discussion was held regarding ideas for the renovations to keep students innovative and creative.

B. Information Item: Proposed staff reorganization Dining Services/Conference Services – Buckley explained he has been searching for a dining director over the past few years. He said he spoke with the Board of Directors about this issue and discussed using a search firm to assist in this process. Buckley explained the succession plan the AS tried to plan for a few years ago, and hopes to reorganize staffing for Conference and Dining Services to get back on track. He said this new plan will save money for salaries and benefits, and wouldn’t affect the Conference Services and Catering merge, which took place over a year ago.

C. Information Item: Budget discussion – revised 2016-17 and proposed 2017-18 – This item was removed from the agenda.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Buckley shared that the Associated Students staff retreat took place last Monday and Tuesday at the Lake Natoma Inn, and was very successful. Buckley explained the Wildcat statue, and the location of it, which was voted on by students a few years ago. There was a conversation with President Hutchinson to put it near the BMU, but more finalized information will be brought to the next meeting.

VII. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT – Sicheneder said that the WREC was slow during spring break, and they took that time for custodial to take care of some projects on site. He said Yoga for all Bodies with Stonewall Alliance took place at the WREC. Adventure Outings had to reschedule two trips due to bad weather, but there were other trips that took place over spring break that were successful. Yurt repairs will have to be done due to weather damage. Student Employee Appreciation week will be taking place soon.
VIII. ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Clyde said roof patching has started and will be complete over summer. She advised that standing water was found within one of the walls by the auditorium and that wall will need to be repaired. Catering and Conference Services are incredibly busy with events and won’t slow down until the semester is over. Urban Roots is making progress, with lots of equipment, deliveries and furniture being installed. The sign is still being produced, and will hopefully be done by the launch of the store. Clyde said that Nani Teves of Sustainability took students on a sustainability field trip to Arcata and toured the CSU, Humboldt campus center for appropriate technology, which is ran by their Associated Students program.

IX. VPS’ APPOINTEE REPORT – Holmes had no report.

X. CHAIR’S REPORT – Roberts said that he will be reaching out to people who will be revising the SFAC codes and policies, in order to make SFAC more efficient. Once complete, he will bring the revision to the committee to vote on. He is also preparing for officer transitions, to set his successor up when his term is finished.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Medina announced that the education hiring fair is coming up soon.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Roberts explained to the committee the importance of the Wildcat statue to students, and shared his enthusiasm for the project.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.