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

Monday, April 24, 2017 2 p.m. BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Haley Holmes, Salma Hegab

OTHERS PRESENT: David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Curtis Sicheneder, Elaine Kramer, Jake Jacobs, Alisha Sharma, Nani Teves

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

II. AGENDA – Action Item V. D. was changed to an Information Item. Added Information item V. E. regarding increasing WREC’s capital expenditure amounts to $85,000 for pool repair and $185,000 for turnstiles.

Motion to approve agenda with stated changes (Williams/Thor) 5-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sicheneder announced that the Bike Auction is Wednesday at the SSC Plaza beginning at noon. Ramirez announced the SOLE Awards will be from 3 to 5 p.m. in BMU 203 this Friday to celebrate students and their accomplishments.

V. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Sustainability Program Fund Allocation Committee Code. Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Sustainability Program Fund Allocation Committee Code, as presented (Williams/Babaian). Jacobs suggested there should be joint appointees between BMUC and SFAC. Roberts reviewed the process regarding how BMUC members are chosen and said the student BMUC application will state that they would also be serving as a voting member to SFAC. Discussion was held (Medina joined the meeting at 2:10 p.m.). 6-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Sustainability Fund Allocation Policy. Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Sustainability Fund Allocation Policy, as presented (Williams/Thor). Jacobs questioned how often “periodically” would be under V. B. 1. and asked if BMUC can take out money before SFAC meets. He suggested that SFAC needs to be involved in the process. Andrews said “periodically” means SFAC meets, gets project proposals, and there’s a good chance that we’d like to fund all of them. He said if SFAC wants to adjust reserves, BMUC would then look to approve adjusting to respond to project proposals. Discussion was held. Roberts explained AS proposals would be submitted to SFAC for their approval, the same as student proposal applications and reminded that this section of the policy is just talking about the reserves. 2-0-4 MSC.

C. Action Item: Approval of Student Union taking over full Freshman Leadership Opportunity (FLO) budget – Andrews said this is regarding $10,813 FLO proposed budget for 2017-18 which would be moved from the GAC budget to the Student Union budget. He said after much discussion, GAC now feels it makes more sense for FLO to be on the Union budget, especially since the Wildcat Leadership Institute oversees FLO, and WLI falls under the Union budget. Motion to approve Student Union taking over full Freshman Leadership Opportunity (FLO) budget, as presented (Williams/Thor). Buckley said it didn’t get built into the budget as at that time discussions were still going back and forth when the budget was being prepared. He explained that when revisions are done next year, this will be built in. 6-0-0 MSC.

D. Information Item: Renaming of BMU Plaza to Wildcat Plaza – Roberts said Vu Nguyen has presented to this committee regarding renaming the BMU Plaza to Wildcat Plaza (the plaza on the south side of the BMU). He said BMUC’s approval would be needed to make this change. Medina asked if there would be a sign or plaque in the plaza with the name. Roberts said there are some steps that the AS would have to go through to make sure it falls in order with University policy. Buckley said if a sign is
placed, the AS would have to go through specific channels, through University Advancement. He said if it’s informal, and we just want to call it Wildcat Plaza, it would be simple. Cox questioned if the plaza name would be on the campus map and Buckley said if they go through the process it would be on the campus map. Roberts said naming of this coincides with the May 10 Associated Students 75th Anniversary event. Medina said it would be nice to have the upcoming new students know this is the Wildcat Plaza.

E. Information Item: Increasing WREC’s Capital Expenditure amounts to $85,000 for Pool Repair and $185,000 for turnstiles – Sicheneder said in early February he informed Buckley they were in need of pool repairs, so they put $50,000 in to capital expenditures for this. Since that time he has received a bid of $77,000 for repairs and suggested putting $85,000 in capital expenditures for pool repairs. Regarding the turnstiles, Sicheneder said upgrades were approved as a $154,000 capital expenditure. He said since that time they have received a bid and have changed the design a bit. He said the accessibility gate has been a major problem and they would like to add an exit turnstile there which would increase the cost. He noted a bid came in at $177,000 to do this, and he would also get two additional bids. Sicheneder said all turnstiles are ADA compliant. Moroney questioned how staff would get in to see others, not to exercise, and Sicheneder said staff at the front counter can let them in.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT- Buckley said there are two positions open; the Student Programs and Events Coordinator interviews are beginning this week. Buckley said the other position is the Marketing Coordinator position which has been reopened for a third time. Buckley advised the committee that when the WREC was being built and construction began on the project, the soil was tested. He said the company that came in bored down 20’ to 30’ and found no contaminated soil. However, when they started grading and dug down two to three feet, oily soil was found. In addition, they found a big pit where PG&E had dumped transformers and other toxic equipment and buried it. He said that also, at the turn of the century, across the street, they used to generate energy by burning coal, and soot would be buried where the WREC is located. Buckley said it cost $3 million to clean up that site but they knew that PG&E was responsible for the site cleanup. He said it has taken 8 years for us to finally have a claim settled with PG&E and the lead on this had to be taken by the Chancellor’s Office because the property is state owned. He said the agreement we had with the University was that we’d get a percentage of the settlement. Buckley said they are close to finalizing the settlement and the AS will get up to approximately $800,000 in the settlement. He said they had to use student dollars to clean up that site so he’s happy they’ll be receiving funds from the settlement.

VII. WREC DIRECTORS REPORT- Sicheneder updated the committee regarding various events. He noted that Dustin Stene, the WREC Aquatics Coordinator, is now Certified Pool Operator certified. Sicheneder said the new Connect2 facility software, which will be rolled out this summer, will allow staff access to what they need.

VIII. ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Clyde updated the committee regarding various projects. She said they are working on finishing up Urban Roots. Clyde noted that Catering has been extremely busy and will continue to be busy until graduation is over. Cox said, “Job well done” and congratulated Catering for their hard work on back to back Catering events.

IX. VPS’ APPOINTEE REPORT – Absent.

X. CHAIR’S REPORT- Roberts said he is working with Zach Scott, the new VP of Facilities and Services, to get him prepared for next year’s BMUC. He said this Sunday will be an unofficial transition and on May 1 the new officers become employees of the AS. Roberts said there will be two weeks for the old and new officers to work together.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Buckley said International Festival is this Saturday.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.