



Facilities & Sustainability Committee

September 23, 2025 – 12:00pm

Student Chambers (SUN-3305)

Zoom: <https://csusb.zoom.us/j/88691537976>

MINUTES

- Members Present:** Karolyn Chery, Ahlad Dendukuri, Sean Kinnally, Darshkumar Rakeshkumar Pancholi, Jocelyn Paz, Anthony Roberson,
- Members Absent:** Kimberly Rosas
- Staff Present:** Vilayat Del Rossi, Elizabeth Junker
- Guests Present:** Jason Espinoza, Michelle Mondorf
- Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Mendoza-Placencia at 12:12 p.m.
- Roll Call:** A verbal roll call was conducted, and quorum was confirmed.
- Approval of Minutes:** M/S Pancholi/Chery motion to approve Facilities and Sustainability Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2025.
Motion passed.
- Open Forum:** No members of the public were present for open forum.
- Adoption of Agenda:** M/S Roberson/Chery motioned to amend FS 02/26 from an action item to a discussion item.
Motion passed.
- M/S Pancholi/Dendukuri motion to approve agenda as amended.
Motion passed.

New Business

FS 01/26 Election of Committee Chair (Action, Roberson)

M/S Roberson/Kinnally; motion to open FS 01/26 Election of Committee Chair.

The committee held an election for the Facilities and Sustainability Committee Chair. Jocelyn Paz self-nominated and shared that her interest in serving was based on supporting the committee's efficiency, given the number of items the group typically reviews. No other nominations were received. Mr. Roberson and Mr. Del Rossi encouraged newer members to consider leadership roles in the future, noting that other committees have adopted a model where experienced members chair in the fall and transition leadership mid-year to support student development.

M/S Roberson/Kinnally; motion to elect Jocelyn Paz as Chair of Facilities and Sustainability Committee.

Motion passed.

Mr. Roberson formally passed the gavel to Ms. Paz at 12:20 p.m.

FS 02/26 Review of Committee Accomplishments from 24-25 AY (Discussion, Roberson)

M/S Dendukuri/Pancholi; motion to open FS 02/26 Review of Committee Accomplishments from 24-25 AY.

Mr. Roberson provided a recap of the Facilities and Sustainability Committee's accomplishments from the 2024–2025 academic year. Highlights included the approval of the Graduate Student Success Center space, implementation of the Heritage Month Policy and submission form, approval of the Project Rebound site proposal, and a collaborative student dining survey to explore future food options for SMSU South. He also shared a sustainability partnership with ASI involving the reuse of SMSU materials for the Coyote Garden. Chair Paz encouraged new members to bring forward ideas for future agenda items and clarified the process for doing so. Interim Executive Director Del Rossi added that the Board's overarching goal themes—such as improving access to food and increasing awareness of Union and Rec services—may help guide future projects. The committee discussed the value of aligning future efforts with these goals and suggested reviewing them at a future meeting.

FS 03/26 UEC Director Introduction & SMSU Dining & Retail Overview (Introduction, Roberson)

M/S Pancholi/Dendukuri; motion to open FS 03/26 UEC Director Introduction & SMSU Dining & Retail Overview.

The committee welcomed Jason Espinoza, the new UEC Executive Director, and Michelle Mondorf, who provided an overview of dining and retail operations at SMSU North and South. Mr. Espinoza shared current challenges and improvements in student dining, including efforts to activate underutilized spaces in SMSU South. He noted a renewed focus on expanding food diversity, affordability, and enhancing student engagement across dining locations, including increased transactions at venues like Bobo's Pizza and Starbucks. Updates were also provided on menu revisions, such as the transition to a more traditional taqueria-style menu at the Cantina, and exploring new food options based on recent student survey feedback. Mr. Espinoza and Ms. Mondorf also highlighted retail improvements in the bookstore, emphasizing affordability and expanded merchandise options. Committee members expressed appreciation for the student-centered approach and discussed ideas such as activating the bowling alley for food access and social engagement.

Ms. Mondorf also addressed ongoing sustainability efforts in collaboration with SMSU and Chartwells, including compliance with state recycling mandates, reducing single-use plastics, and preparing for upcoming CSU sustainability guidelines. She explained current efforts in vending and food packaging practices, and the importance of balancing sustainability with affordability. The conversation included a

student request for more vegetarian options on campus, which both speakers acknowledged and expanded upon. They highlighted enhancements at The Commons, such as the Rooted program, and efforts to ensure culturally inclusive and dietary-sensitive options, including Halal and Ramadan accommodations. Students were encouraged to participate in the upcoming Campus Dining Advisory Committee meeting on October 2 to further share feedback. The committee expressed appreciation for the informative presentation and ongoing partnership with UEC leadership.

FS 04/26 Review of Tasks and Assignments for 25-26 AY (Discussion, Roberson)

M/S Pancholi/Dendukuri; motion to open FS 04/26 Review of Tasks and Assignments for 25-26 AY.

Mr. Roberson provided updates on several completed and ongoing facilities projects, including the completion of the theater lighting upgrade and the launch of the SMSU South Refresh Project. The refresh initiative includes new carpeting, signage, painting, furniture replacement, and infrastructure improvements such as HVAC and lighting upgrades. He also shared that VETI funding was approved for refrigerator lockers at both the San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses, with launch events planned to promote their use. Mr. Kinnally added updates from the Recreation Center, including outdoor area repairs, resurfacing of the tennis and volleyball courts, equipment replacement, and exploration of a cold plunge installation. Interim Executive Director Del Rossi concluded by reminding members to review proposal cover sheets before meetings to stay informed and explained upcoming projects at the Palm Desert Campus, as well as expectations for committee participation and collaboration.

Announcements

- California Native American Day events will take place on Friday evening in the amphitheater. Committee members and their families are encouraged to attend.
- The Leadership Challenge Center (LCC) will host a Night Climb event on Thursday, September 25, featuring free access to the course, music, and food. All are welcome to participate.

Adjournment

Kinnally/Dendukuri; motion to adjourn meeting at 1:05 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Reviewed and respectfully submitted by:

Jocelyn Paz, Chair

Date