California State University, San Bernardino
Santos Manuel Student Union Board of Directors
Facilities & Sustainability Committee
SUN-3305 & Zoom ID:88135160112
March 3, 2026 – 12:00pm

MINUTES

Members Present:	Karolyn Chery, Sean Kinnally, Jocelyn Paz, Swikar Pkharel, Anthony Roberson, Kimberly Rosas
Members Absent:	Darsch Pancholi, , Haley Yee
Staff Present:	Vilayat Del Rossi, Elizabeth Junker, Jared Fisk
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 12:13 p.m.
Roll Call:	A verbal roll call was conducted, and quorum was confirmed.
Approval of Minutes:	No minutes to approve.
Open Forum:	No public comments.
Adoption of Agenda:	M/S Roberson/Chery; motion to approve March 3, 2026, agenda as presented. *Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

FS 12/26 Enhancing Lounge Space Across from PASSC - Discussion on Art, Furnishings, and Signage to Improve Student Use (Discussion, Rosas) | Time Certain: 12:05pm

M/S Roberson/Rosas; motion to open FS 12/26 Enhancing Lounge Space Across from PASSC – Discussion on Art, Furnishings, and Signage to Improve Student Use.

The Facilities and Sustainability Committee discussed enhancements to the lounge space located across from the Pan-African Student Success Center (PASSC), focusing on improving its functionality and appeal for student use. A committee member noted that while the space serves as a private study area, it currently feels underutilized and lacks inviting elements such as

adequate furniture, décor, and signage. Suggestions included adding existing furniture from storage, incorporating artwork, and improving the overall atmosphere to better encourage student engagement.

Staff shared that improvements are already underway, including plans to install additional furniture, mount a projector, and convert the space into a more dynamic viewing and programming area. A wall graphic is also being considered, pending committee and board approval. Additionally, the committee discussed adding signage to better identify and promote the space to students. Next steps include implementing these enhancements in the near term, with continued coordination between staff and the committee to finalize design elements and ensure the space is welcoming and functional for student use.

Skipped to FS 15/26 due to time certain. Later returned to FS 13/26.

FS 15/26 SMSU South Public Areas Furniture Plan (Discussion, Roberson) |Time Certain: 12:25pm

M/S Roberson/Swikar; motion to open FS 15/26 SMSU South Public Areas Furniture Plan.

The Facilities and Sustainability Committee reviewed the proposed SMSU South Public Areas Furniture Plan as part of a broader facility refresh effort. The presentation included conceptual layouts and furniture selections for the main lobby, corridors, and dining areas, developed in collaboration with a vendor. Proposed updates include removing non-compliant furniture to address ADA concerns, introducing a variety of seating options (e.g., sectional couches, booths, and group seating), and creating more intentional gathering spaces such as conversation pits and a central lounge area. The plan also aligns with anticipated updates to food service areas, aiming to modernize outdated dining furniture and better accommodate different group sizes and student needs.

Committee members expressed support for the updated designs, particularly the inclusion of diverse seating and more comfortable dining spaces, while emphasizing the importance of accessibility, adequate walkway clearance, and durability of materials (e.g., sun exposure). Feedback included ensuring ADA compliance, maintaining proper egress, and considering furniture placement in high-traffic areas. Staff indicated that revisions incorporating this feedback are underway and will be shared with the committee for further review. The next steps include refining the layout and selections before advancing the plan for further consideration and implementation.

FS 16/26 SMSU South Projects (Discussion, Roberson) | Time Certain: 12:35pm

M/S Roberson/Rosas; motion to open FS 16/26 SMSU South Projects.

The committee received updates on several ongoing and upcoming SMSU South projects. Staff reported progress on the HVAC project currently underway and provided an update on Project Rebound, noting that major construction elements such as painting and drywall have been

completed, with additional aesthetic enhancements in progress and a potential ribbon cutting anticipated in April or May. Additional improvements discussed included upgrades to boardroom furniture and aesthetics, lighting enhancements with new LED fixtures, and a future project to redesign the information desk. The committee also reviewed graphic design mock-ups for interior branding elements, including updated wall graphics and signage intended to enhance school spirit and student engagement.

During discussion, committee members provided feedback on design elements, including preferences for materials (e.g., wallpaper vs. vinyl), layout, and visual impact. Particular emphasis was placed on ensuring functionality of designated "photo wall" spaces by avoiding furniture placement that could obstruct use. Members expressed general support for the proposed designs and timeline, with staff indicating plans to incorporate feedback and bring finalized proposals forward to the Finance and Contracts Committee for approval, with a goal of completing select projects before the end of the academic year.

FS 17/26 SMSU South Clock Tower (Discussion, Rosas) | Time Certain: 12:45pm

M/S Roberson/Rosas; motion to open FS 17/26 SMSU South Clock Tower.

The committee discussed the condition and future restoration of the SMSU South Clock Tower, which members identified as a significant campus landmark and an important part of Student Union identity and branding. Discussion began with interest in the tower's history and concern that, while the tower remains illuminated, its sound system no longer functions properly, and the clock mechanism is outdated. Staff explained that the Class of 1995 donated the clock tower and that the current system is aging, with damaged speakers, worn clock hands and face components, and an obsolete carillon system that is difficult to repair due to limited parts availability.

Staff shared that a full modernization project is being considered, including replacing the clock face, hands, internal mechanism, and speaker/carillon system with a digital system that would automatically synchronize time changes. The estimated cost for a comprehensive upgrade is approximately $80,000, which was not included in the current year's budget and would require advanced allocation of funds. The committee members expressed strong support for preserving and restoring the clock tower as a legacy project, noting its value to current students, alumni, campus traditions, and event atmosphere. Staff indicated the item could return to a future committee meeting with updated information and a funding proposal for further consideration.

Chair Paz passed gavel to Kim Rosas at 1:01pm, as she is going to engage in conversation for item FS 13/26.

FS 13/26 SMSU South hours of operation & food access services (Discussion, Paz) |Time Certain:12:15pm

M/S Paz/Kinnally; motion to open FS 13/26 SMSU South hours of operation & food access services.

The committee discussed the future implementation and assessment of refrigerated food lockers in SMSU South, along with related considerations such as building hours, location, and student

usage. It was noted that since the item was originally agendized, operating hours for SMSU South have already been extended to 8:30 p.m. in response to student demand, including increased use of the esports arena and meeting spaces. Members also acknowledged student feedback expressing interest in extended study hours and greater access to South facilities.

Discussion emphasized the need to revisit the topic once the refrigerated lockers are fully operational and sufficient usage data is available. The committee expressed interest in evaluating whether the lockers' location and building hours effectively meet student needs, potentially through surveys or data collection. Staff indicated openness to further extending hours in the future, depending on demand and operational capacity, and noted ongoing coordination with campus partners regarding programming and food services in the space.

Kimberly Rosas returned the gavel to Chair Paz at 1:07pm.

Announcements

No announcements were brought forward by committee members.

Adjournment

M/S Roberson/Kinnally; motion to adjourn meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Reviewed and respectfully submitted by:

Jocelyn Paz (Apr 27, 2026 15:42:50 PDT)

Jocelyn Paz, Chair

04/27/2026

Date