Members Present: Aaron Burgess, Elizabeth Corella, Jared Fisk, Mario Orellana, Mario Peña, Shivraj Pisal, Anthony Roberson, Julia Ruiz, Alicia Ureste, Michael Wong

Members Absent: Devyn Hayes, Andy Nguyen

Staff Present: Jasmine Bustillos, Vilayat Del Rossi, Jennifer Puccinelli

Guests Present: John Griffin, Mallory Jehl, Thomas Sekayan

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

Roll Call: A verbal roll call of attendees was conducted.

Approval of Minutes: M/S Corella/Orellana to approve the minutes from October 22, 2020. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Open Forum: None

Adoption of Agenda: M/S Ruiz/Corella to adopt the agenda. The agenda was adopted by consensus.

FAS 07/21 Presentation by Coyote Dining General Manager and University Enterprises Executive Director to Review Food Service Operations

M/S Ruiz/Burgess to open FAS 07/21 Presentation by Coyote Dining General Manager and University Enterprises Executive Director to Review Food Service Operations.

Mr. Griffin and Mr. Sekayan introduced Mallory Jehl, the new General Manager for the now rebranded Yotie Eats. Mallory Jehl introduced herself and reviewed the different options for the proposed coffee kiosk to operate underneath the social staircase in the expanded building, including the pricing variations for each option. Ms. Jehl presented the variety in local brands and national partners that are willing to come into the social stair space and work with UEC and the Student Union to keep that space exciting and inviting. Ms. Corella indicated it was nice to try different brands and expand upon the coffee service that is traditionally offered on campus. Mr. Sekayan indicated that there is an opportunity for programming and incorporating diverse
beverage offerings that celebrate the cultural diversity that exists at CSUSB. Ms. Ruiz shared that the ability to support local businesses and stimulate the economy would be critical following the return to campus, stating that it would be a good opportunity for the student union to partner with a local business, market that these are local businesses and the student union’s commitment to supporting local businesses. Mr. Sekayan asked that if there were any recommendations for local coffee brands, that they please be sent to UEC for consideration. The committee suggested “Coffee Roaster” in San Bernardino which was noted by the presenters. Mr. Sekayan proposed “Foothill Roast” as a potential name for the kiosk but emphasized that the kiosk should be a reflection of the student union, rather than a reflection of UEC. Mr. Orellana proposed the “Coyote Corner” as a potential option. Mr. Burgess recommended having students involved in the decision-making process for the name of the kiosk. Ms. Jehl spoke about the plan for renovating the existing student union food court by expanding the Taco Bell into the Pizza Hut space, replacing Stir Fresh with “Paper Lantern” a brand similar to Panda Express until Panda Express fully occupies the expanded building’s food court, at which point the committee could choose another food concept to replace it. Sub Connections would transition into “Create” which would offer wraps, cold sandwiches, hot sandwiches, salads, etc. WOW would transition to a ghost grill with mobile to-go orders that would be picked up at that location. Mr. Burgess thanked the UEC team for joining the meeting and Mr. Griffin indicated that they would bring renderings to the Board of Directors’ meeting at a future date.

FAS 08/21 Approval of Coyote Statue

M/S Ruiz/Corella to open FAS 08/21 Approval of Coyote Statue.

Mr. Roberson reviewed the statue approval process with the committee and stated that the previous board approved two coyote statues at the entrance of the new building. Mr. Roberson reviewed the items included in the RFP and proceeded to review each proposal with the committee. Mr. Pisal asked about the contingency budget cost. Mr. Roberson indicated that the proposed budget accounted for the project coming in over the expected budget; the entire project cost would have to be approved by the BOD. Mr. Roberson indicated that the first proposal was submitted by a local artist. Mr. Del Rossi asked if the proposed statues are supposed to tie into the current “Wild Song” coyote outside the west entrance of SMSU South or if they are supposed to be brand new concepts. Mr. Roberson indicated that they are their own project and will create their own campus traditions. Mr. Roberson reviewed the second concept and indicated that there was an opportunity to accommodate it in the new space as the pedestals have not been poured and the renderings were just place holders until the proposals came in for approval. Mr. Roberson reviewed the third and final proposal by Chris Navarro who created “Wild Song”. Mr. Pisal indicated that there is a trust in Chris Navarro’s work that already exists as he done previous commissions for the campus and they are familiar with the quality of the work. Mr. Roberson indicated that supporting local businesses and local artist was of importance to the previous board. Mr. Burgess discussed the difficulties of working with someone out-of-state and reiterated the importance of supporting local artists and foundries. A conversation ensued about the second proposal and splitting the statue into two pedestals in keeping with the previous Board’s recommendation to have two separate statues and changing the artist’s design. Mr. Burgess recommended clarifying the proposals and the questions from the committee prior to coming to a vote.

M/S Ruiz/Pisal to table FAS 08/21 Approval of Coyote Statue and take the recommendations back to the artists for further consideration of the two pedestals. Motion passes.
FAS 09/21  Approval of Existing Student Union Space Allocation

M/S Ruiz/Corella to table FAS 09/21 Approval of Existing Student Union Space Allocation to the next meeting. Motion passes.

FAS 10/21  Long Range Planning Goals
FAS 11/21  Construction/Expansion/Repairs/Renovations/Space Usage Update


Mr. Burgess discussed the start of the feasibility study for a Student Affairs building at the Palm Desert Campus which would bring an additional 76,000 square foot facility to the campus and discussed the services that could potentially occupy that space. In addition, the expectation is that the project will be funded similarly to ever other building on the Palm Desert Campus, relying largely on donations and zero bond debt. Mr. Del Rossi discussed the current operation at PDC in regard to Recreation and Wellness activities and reported the decision to not renew the lease on the current facility being used for fitness and wellness given the current circumstances and the long-term plan to have new facilities come online in the future. Mr. Del Rossi added that campus leadership is discussing rebranding the programs and services offered at the Palm Desert Campus as an extension of the Recreation and Wellness program as whole, not limited to a fitness facility. Mr. Roberson discussed the current efforts and attention being placed on preparing large gathering spaces to be suitable for social distancing and maintaining safety protocols in response to the pandemic and expected return to campus.

FAS 12/21  Recommendations for CSUSB Sustainability Initiatives to BOD

M/S Ruiz/Fisk to open FAS 12/21 Recommendations for CSUSB Sustainability Initiatives to BOD

Mr. Roberson spoke to the current sustainability efforts in the existing building and looking at the three waste bin receptacles, hands-free devices in the restrooms, and bottle-filling stations in the new building. Mr. Roberson indicated that Lynnice Warren, the campus’s Energy and Sustainability Manager will be invited to speak to the committee about the sustainability efforts for the campus as a whole. Mr. Roberson noted the current effort to educate the campus community on sustainable practices and partnering with the campus on sustainability efforts such as the community garden. Mr. Burgess added that the new building will possess the infrastructure for PV, photovoltaic panels for future consideration and will be looking into programs that provide services at a discounted rate to transition to solar panels as the Student Union spends approximately a quarter of a million dollars in electricity costs alone; therefore, reducing utility costs and redirecting those funds to programming would be ideal.

Announcements:  No announcements.

Adjournment:  The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Minutes approved by:

Mario Peña, Chair, Facilities and Sustainability Committee  01/26/2021

Date