California State University, San Bernardino
Santos Manuel Student Union Board of Directors
Facilities and Sustainability Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Minutes

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

Members Absent: Devyn Hayes

Staff Present: Jasmine Bustillos, Jennifer Puccinelli

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

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

Approval of Minutes: M/S Burgess/Fisk to approve the minutes from February 3, 2021. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Open Forum: None

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

New Business:

FAS 15/21 Coyote Statue Update

M/S Ureste/Pisal to open FAS 15/21 Coyote Statue Update

Mr. Roberson reviewed the direction from the committee to recommend the top two proposed statues to the Board. The Board decided to approve the proposal from local artist Patrick Jewett to complete the statues for the expanded building. Mr. Roberson indicated that the next steps would include meeting with the artist and bringing the proposal to the Campus Art Committee for approval. Mr. Burgess shared that in a meeting with the artist, Patrick Jewett indicated that we usually think of statues in the bronze color; however, there will be an opportunity to select from some options to match the casting of the building and decide on a material that goes best with the backdrop of the building. Mr. Burgess added that Mr. Jewett is in the process of finalizing the storyline that the statues represent and personifying the growth process that takes
place for students as they engage with the campus to earn their degree, entering adulthood better prepared as a result of the time spent at CSUSB. Mr. Burgess added that there are ongoing discussions of when to display the completed statues and if the grand opening for the building and the reveal for the statues will take place concurrently or at different times. Ms. Puccinelli asked about if those narratives will be documented and housed in an open space to be shared on campus tours with prospective students and parents alongside the history of the building. Mr. Roberson recommended creating a script with marketing and strategic communications to document that story. Mr. Burgess added that it would be important to memorialize in writing the process of creating the building with significant milestones added to the timeline of the building.

FAS 16/21  Spirit Letter Design Update

M/S Ruiz/Ureste to open FAS 16/21 Spirit Letter Design Update

Mr. Roberson reviewed the spirit letter proposed location shift with the committee which came out of a discussion with Facilities Management to minimize risk. The spirit letters will be located west of the north entrance/plaza deck in the grassy area near the library, Global Innovation building, and the new building. Mr. Roberson shared the varying perspectives - aerial views and side views of each proposed location, indicating that the initial location in front of the spirit wall had higher risks and the second location was to the side of the land-bridge between the plaza deck and the grassy area with various opportunities for landscaping. The committee discussed the exciting opportunities for graduation photos and marketing opportunities with the new building as the backdrop for the new spirit letters. Mr. Orellana inquired about the spirit letters being self-sustaining or hardwired. Mr. Burgess confirmed that would be hardwired and will have a power source imbedded into the letters to connect with the software to illuminate them. Mr. Burgess added that the spirit letter concept came as a result of the previous Board’s recommendation and that it was a great opportunity to see their concept come to life.

FAS 17/21  SU North and SU South Floor Plan Review

M/S Fisk/Ruiz to open FAS 17/21 SU North and SU South Floor Plan Review

Mr. Roberson reviewed the updated floor plans for SMSU South. Mr. Roberson shared with the committee that the constant priority is to keep both buildings exciting and filled with the resources that students need. Mr. Roberson reviewed the floorplan and explained that some spaces were already approved by the Board and others still need to be reviewed and approved. Mr. Roberson reviewed the location for the Coyote Café and the E-Sports arena. Mr. Roberson added that Ms. Madrigal and Mr. Strawter have been an integral part of making preparation for that space. In addition Ms. Madrigal is in the process of securing funding to help support the E-Sports program. The committee reviewed the proposed locations for the Career Center which would occupy the existing Queer and Transgender Resource Center space and the Associated Student Inc office space. Mr. Roberson added that the Graduate Student Success Center would occupy the current Pan African Student Success Center space and that Events Center 106 A and B will still exist, while Events Center 106 C will serve as the new transitions space between the existing and expanded student union. Mr. Roberson added that there are conversations to combine the Coyote Market and Yotie Drinkz spaces into another concept that would be of service and utilized by students in the future. Mr. Roberson reviewed the second-floor floorplan of the existing student union with the Basic Needs Office and DEN food pantry to occupy the existing Pub space and the new VPSA Office Suite to occupy the existing Administration Office and Scheduling Office spaces. Mr. Roberson added that the Women’s Resource Center will be
transitioned to meeting rooms, the Boardroom will stay the Boardroom, with the Fourplex and the Skyboxes staying as a meeting spaces. Mr. Roberson shared that the Marketing and Program Board departments will have increased square footage and the Office of First-Year Experience will occupy the existing Office of Student Engagement space with the Interfaith Center being moved to 202 C and 202D and E proposed as the new commuter lounge. Mr. Burgess added that parts of the bay have been earmarked as an art gallery, but it has not been confirmed or reviewed by this committee or the Board adding that keeping that space open for a potential E-Sports growth is an ongoing part of the conversation. Mr. Burgess indicated that the corporation is reviewing three construction bids that will work on transitioning the existing Pub space to the Basic Needs/ DEN Food Pantry space. A discussion ensued about a project which will include a $75,000 reimbursement from a grant the director, Natalie Cleary has secured to update the space. Ms. Ruiz asked about the ramifications about joining the Coyote Market and Yotie Drinkz spaces on student employee opportunities. Mr. Burgess indicated that the net gain for student jobs is projected at 75-100 additional student employee opportunities.

Mr. Roberson reviewed the SU North floorplans with the committee. Mr. Roberson indicated that the first floor will have a Gameroom space, table tennis, arcade, bowling alley, spirit store (bookstore), seating areas, and outdoor seating areas under the newly constructed cantilever. Mr. Roberson reviewed the spaces located on the third floor which will include a lobby area, social space, support/core space, Administration, Student Chambers, ASI, Club Hub, OSE space, a shared conference room, and Success Centers which include the Pan African, First Peoples, Latin X, Asian Pacific, Osher, DREAMers, QTRC, Gender Equity, and Women’s Resource student success centers. A discussion ensued about the scheduling office space and the need for that space to be reviewed by the committee and approved by the BOD. Mr. Roberson reviewed the second-floor space or the Event Center space with the committee. Mr. Roberson indicated that the space will be a viable option for hosting conventions and large-scaled events which are normally hosted at the Ontario Convention Center, Orange Show grounds, and Riverside Convention Centers. Mr. Roberson discussed the increased opportunities for revenue and partnerships with the expanded space, storage space within the space, lobby area, all-glass exterior, the pre-function area, and plaza deck with planters, shade structures and seating. Mr. Roberson shared a video with the committee of the construction project to date.

Announcements: No announcements.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Minutes approved by:

Mario Peña, Chair, Facilities and Sustainability Committee

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