



Santos Manuel Student Union

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**California State University, San Bernardino
Santos Manuel Student Union Board of Directors
Thursday, November 12, 2015
Minutes**

Members Present: Hamid Azhand, Ryan Bracken, Aaron Burgess, Bryce Davis, Dr. Mary Fong, Shakeh Ghazaryan, Diana Hernandez Aguilar, Anaiza Moreno Gonzalez, Dr. Josephine Mendoza, Jake Orta, Louis Penna, Jessica Pitzek, Dr. Alysson Satterlund, Casey Ysaguirre, Jorge Zatarain

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Susan Avery, Rick Craig, Jesse Felix, Tamara Holder, Janet Honn-Alex, Olivia Mercado, Maria Najera-Neri, Alexsaundra Preston, Anthony Roberson

Guests Present: Tim Stevens

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

Approval of SMSU Board of Directors Minutes from October 8, 2015

M/S Zatarain/Ghazaryan to approve the SMSU Board of Directors Minutes from October 8, 2015.

Motion passed.

Board Reports

Chair: Mr. Bracken welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. We are off to a great start this year and there are a lot of awesome programs going on. Board Members are doing extra work and making this a better experience for everyone. Thank you to Anaiza for all her hard work toward the DREAMers Center. The Student Union programs are outstandingly high-quality.

Interim Executive Director: Mr. Burgess thanked Tamara Holder for freeing up the space in the Cross Cultural Center and moving items to storage for the DREAMers Center. We have reached a settlement agreement in our insurance case. Pending its acceptance, this will save us time and money by keeping it out of court.

Marketing & Programs: Ms. Honn-Alex shared with the Board that the Cross Cultural Center is utilizing the display case downstairs to commemorate the 50th anniversary of voting rights acts. Today there is an event entitled The Ballot is Stronger than the Bullet. The Marketing Department has received two very competitive awards from the ACUI "Steal This Idea" contest. The Pride Center and Women's Resource Center have hosted 14 events already this quarter. Program Board has incorporated more weekend programming including Hispanic Heritage Movie Night and the Rancho Mirage Student Center hosted a very successful blood drive. There is a Tony Porter talk tonight called "Ending Domestic & Sexual Violence".

Operations: Mr. Roberson shared with the Board that the Audio Visual department has two new hires. Thanks to the Operations staff for their work renovating and reconfiguring the DREAMers Center. Inland Flooring has begun construction on the foot washing stations on the second floor and software for the Video Wall is scheduled for installation later on this month.

Student Recreation & Wellness Center: Mr. Craig shared that the SRFC staff will be putting together care packages to send to troops through our Veteran's Center.

Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee: Ms. Pitzek shared with the Board ideas for sustainability both now and during future renovation. Options include waterless urinals and using recycled paper/ notepads.

Commercial Services Committee: Ms. Mercado shared with the Board that they just reviewed the food service operation and times of Dining Services.

Facilities Committee: Mr. Orta shared that there is a new project manager overseeing our expansion and reviewed upcoming facilities projects. Dr. Satterlund asked if at the next Facilities Committee Meeting there can be greater discussion regarding the Financial Literacy Center and the Sustainability Center. Mr. Burgess shared with the Board that Jesse Felix will be drawing up plans for these centers.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Bracken shared with the Board that the Committee reviewed the Personnel Policies Manual and Interim Executive Director Goals and Objectives.

Mr. Penna shared with the Board about the Guardian Project. They are planting trees in the name of veterans. After a small donation, you can select a veteran to name your tree after. More information can be found at www.iecgarden.org.

Mr. Davis shared with the Board the updated donations from ASI for the LLC.

Ms. Pitzek asked if motion sensor lights can be incorporated in other buildings that frequently leave lights on. Dr. Satterlund commented that she can follow up on this.

Open Forum:

Adoption of Agenda: M/S Zatarain/Pitzek to approve the SMSU Board of Directors Agenda for November 12, 2015.

The agenda was approved.

New Business:

SMSU 24/16 SCB Presentation by Tim Stevens (Discussion, Burgess)

Mr. Burgess introduced Mr. Tim Stevens. Mr. Stevens shared with the Board that they have reached out to students to determine what is missing in student life. One opportunity they have in bringing a more permanent residential project to this campus is to change the vibe away from a “commuter campus.” Additionally, as they create the Student Housing and Dining Commons, they want to create an environment where students, faculty, and staff come together. This project is scheduled for Parking lot E. One of their goals is to embrace and engage with the natural environment around campus. The goal of their Master plan project is to add 1,800 beds. Phase 1 of this project will be the first year student resident hall and dining commons. The dining commons will be a 600-seat facility. It is intended as an all you care to eat facility where users would swipe their card once on the way in and have access to anything the facility has to offer. This would include late night food options. The entire ground floor of the building will be accessible and upper levels will include community living space. They want to extract color palettes from the surrounding mountains and areas.

Dr. Fong asked about sound proofing to separate living spaces from sleeping spaces. Mr. Stevens responded that they are considering the acoustic properties of each space as well as managing to naturally separate living and sleeping spaces with stairs and other buffers. Dr. Fong ask what strategies will be implemented with the windows to keep the heat out. Mr. Stevens responded that they are using a high performance glazing and insulation to manage temperatures. Dr. Fong asked if they have considered artificial turf to cut back on water usage. Mr. Stevens responded that they decided on natural grass because of the intimacy of the courtyard area which is intended for passive recreation. It will be not be under heavy use as say a soccer field would. While a lot of their other plants will be drought tolerant, this is one of the few areas where natural grass is recommended because of the area’s natural heat, which could melt turf or cause it to release chemicals. Mr. Azhand commented that everything is being considered for LEED certification. Dr. Fong ask about equipment for this area that would recycle shower water. Mr. Stevens explained that this strategy is not cost effective, but from a perspective of working toward managing water usage, it could of course be done. The cost difference can be provided at a future date. Ms. Ysaguirre commented that residents tear up the bushes and grass, so artificial plants might ultimately last longer. Mr. Stevens responded that when students are informed about the fragility of their resources and a project like this is put together thoughtfully, it lasts because students begin to take ownership.

Outdoor dining will be protected by glass including an elevated outdoor terrace. This will be a popular place to eat especially because of the significant new outside landscape. There is potential for a Farmers Market type environment. The goal is to have a large façade which broadcasts what is going on inside the building. In addition to the main dining room, there will also be private dining space. They will use reclaimed wood for ceiling. All of the glass will be shaded. They are targeting LEED Gold Certification. Mr. Davis asked about achieving Platinum Certification. Mr. Stevens commented every Platinum Certification includes on-site renewables which is not beneficial to this project. Mr. Orta commented on the red coloring and asked if they could make greater use of school colors. Mr. Stevens responded that school colors will be used as accent colors. Since this is a living space, the coloring needs to be more subtle. Dr. Satterlund commented that there are many banner locations where school spirit can be promoted. Mr. Davis commended the architectural and design teams. Dr. Satterlund commented that the Chancellor’s Office streamlined the process of obtaining approval for expanding facilities. Each campus can add one academic and one student services project a year. Mr. Azhand commented that since Lot E will be gone, Lot M will be created to replace it. This should be in place by the next Fall quarter. Dr. Satterlund commented that Mr. Stevens’ presentation is a nice Segway into our expansion update because this type of consideration will be necessary as we move forward.

SMSU 25/16 SMSU Expansion Update (Discussion, Bracken)

Mr. Burgess shared with the Board that they had a meeting with LPA. During last year's open forums, students used stickers to show what they liked and did not like about the charrettes. Students did not like direct sunlight. Students wanted cleaner, shaded outdoor space. It was decided that the SMSU Expansion would be done first and then the Rec Center will be expanded. Food choices and social spaces were important to the students. We gave students the opportunity to answer what it means to have Coyote Pride. Sustainability has continuously come up as a major topic of our expansion. Defining success. Other activities students suggested introducing were bowling, a commuter center, nap spaces, and other accommodations to wellness/health. We can look into some of these things now, but others like bowling would not be able to take effect until the expansion. Outdoor areas for outdoor exercise are very important. The Rec Center may take some temporary space in the SMSU expansion for exercising. Other student ideas for expansion were reviewed. Though our campus has a long way to go with regards to sustainability, LPA has an engineer on their team to eliminate the cost of utilities in the future. Ms. Moreno Gonzalez commented about connecting back to the community by providing avenues for local vendors to take advantage of our heavy foot traffic. Mr. Burgess responded that is a conversation to be had with UEC and Sodexo, though the SMSU will lend itself to any discussion where it may provide assistance. Mr. Orta asked how we can have the most impact regarding which venues are housed in the SMSU food court. Mr. Burgess responded that the student voice has the strongest impact. Students need to continue to attend these meetings and discussions because the student dollar speaks the loudest. The UEC Commercial Enterprises meeting is avenue for such discussion. We may also be able to invite Dave Janosky and Chuck Kissel to the next Board meeting so they can hear our concerns.

Dr. Mendoza suggested attending the open forums for the UEC Executive Director candidates to expressed concerns to the potential future Director as well. Ms. Ghazaryan commented about having a satellite Rec Center within the expanded SMSU. Mr. Davis shared with the Board that the bike sharing program is scheduled to launch Jan 7. There might be an opportunity for a photo of student leaders riding the bikes for the first time.

SMSU 26/16 SMSU Coyote Statue Update (Discussion, Bracken)

Mr. Bracken shared with the Board that he met with the campus Art Committee and presented slides regarding the statue. There are five potential locations for the statue, but the initial three proposed by the SMSU are between University Hall and the SMSU in a new area called "Coyote Plaza," in the middle of Library lawn near the flag poles, or by Camphor Walkway. Melissa Cordoba is Photoshopping examples of the statue in these locations. We set a goal to finish this by the end of the quarter because our original goal was to be finished for the 50th anniversary. The two other potential locations are near the new commons dining building and in front of University Hall. Mr. Davis commented about safety concerns for the Coyote Statue.

Announcements: Ms. Avery reminded the Board to sign up for video shoots for the video wall.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved by:



Ryan Bracken, Chair, Board of Directors

Date

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