



Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
UNIVERSITY UNION ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
3:00 p.m. UU 216

MEETING NOTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Stromsness
Matt Raymond
Amy Baker
Joseph Ciesinski
Brad Huges
Aria Niazi
Matt Teresi
Lorin Torbitt
Brian Gordon Kennelly – left at 4:00 p.m.
Scott Bloom – arrived at 3:45 p.m.

UUAB Chair
UUAB Vice Chair / CAFES
College of Science and Math
College of Liberal Arts
College of Business
Board of Directors Representative
College of Engineering
College of Architecture & Env'l Design
Faculty Representative
University President's Representative

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brad Hulbert
Kim Gannon

ASI President's Designee
Cal Poly Alumni Relations

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dwayne Brummett

ASI Executive Director's Representative

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Denise Gibbons

Budget & Analytical Budget Services

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ron Skamfer
Greg Avakian
Daren Connor
Megal Bishop
Greg Wiley
Kelley Wigton

ASI Associate Director
ASI Coordinator – Aquatics & Intramurals
Assistant Director – ASI Programs
Student Marketing Supervisor
ASI Board of Directors Member
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1. Chair's Report (Nicole Stromsness)

Nicole reminded members to keep check their calendars and update their meeting attendance status so that it can be determined if a quorum will be present for meetings.

New College of Liberal Arts Representative – Joseph Ciesinski:

Nicole introduced Joe, who gave a brief summary of his background.

Matt Raymond moved, and Lorin Torbitt seconded a motion to approve Joe as the new representative from the College of Liberal Arts. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget:

Dwayne reiterated that the budget had been gone over in detail at the previous meeting. He asked if there were any lingering questions. He stressed that understand the budget is very important, and he repeated that UUAB members must not take the issue lightly. He restated that he wanted to be sure that there are no unanswered questions.

Aria Niazi moved, and Matt Teresi seconded a motion to endorse the 2008-09 UU Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Facility Policy:

Changes to the UU Facility Policy were brought to the UUAB at the last meeting. Since that time, there have been five additional changes. Reference to "clubs" was changed to "Cal Poly clubs and organizations". Reference to the "Epicenter" was changed to "UU Epicenter". On page 6, under the April 10 schedule, the second item, "ASI events" was changed to "ASI sponsored events". On page 11, limitations on scheduling the entire UU Plaza were clarified as to not apply to UU Hour. On page 10, the number of weekdays that the entire UU Plaza can be reserved was changed from 2 to 3.

Matt Teresi moved, and Joe Ciesinski seconded a motion to endorse the changes to the UU Facility Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Rec Center Expansion:

Nicole reported on the results of the Rec Center Expansion Referendum. 75% voted yes, with a record 37.7% of students voting. Nicole mentioned that a rec center referendum held at Pomona the week after the Cal Poly referendum failed. That referendum was asking for a quarterly fee increase of \$129 to cover the cost of demolishing the old rec center and meeting LEED Silver certification on the new building. The question was raised as to the result of the exit poll following the Cal Poly vote. An official announcement has not been made, but unofficially it was stated that 6,000 of those polled were in favor of LEEDS certification. It was thought that the wording on the poll was too one-sided.

Synthetic Turf at Sports Complex:

Dwayne explained that the replacement of natural turf with synthetic turf on two upper fields at the Sports Complex would not be funded by referendum funds but would come from reserves. The estimated cost is \$4 million. The turf has a 10 year lifespan and can be used for many more hours than natural turf. Field prep and grooming are the only times the fields would not be available. A question was raised regarding bacteria. Ron stated that the turf is designed to be cleansed by water, but that an anti-bacterial solution would be used periodically. Another question was raised about the need to change the type of cleats used. It was answered that the same types of cleats that are used now can also be used on the synthetic turf. Lining of the fields was discussed. The issue of how the fields will be lined will probably come back to this group at a later date. Another question was raised regarding what happens at the end of the life of the turf. Ron will research what would need replacement and the potential costs involved. It was mentioned that it might be possible to redo all three upper fields for the \$4 million cost. If so, that option would be pursued. An additional question was raised about building more natural turf fields instead of replacing the turf. The addition of more natural turf fields would not give as many more programming hours as the replacement option. Also, a question about staff costs coming out of the referendum fee was raised. IM staff costs are paid for by the IM fees, but costs for additional Rec Center staff needed due to the expansion would be funded by the fee. The University, not ASI staff, will maintain the synthetic fields as they have maintained the natural turf fields. The cost of maintaining the synthetic turf should be less than that for the maintenance of the natural turf. It will be necessary to fence the re-turfed fields to protect them from vehicle and other vandalism damage. Turf samples will be made available at a later date. The RFP for the re-turfing should be going out soon.

Matt Raymond moved, and Joe Ciesinski seconded a motion to endorse a \$4 million expenditure from UU reserves held at the Chancellor's Office to fund the synthetic turf fields at the Sports Complex. The motion passed, unanimously.

UU Plaza Renovation:

Dwayne discussed a conversation between ASI and Cal Poly Corporation regarding the possibility of their contributing to the cost of the plaza renovation based on the proximity to Bldg. 19 and the benefit that they will receive from the renovation. Currently, CP Corporation has two other projects in the works in the UU – the renovation of the Julian's space for Starbucks and a planned integration of Backstage Pizza with Mustang Lanes. These projects are estimated at more than \$2 million, so funds are not available to contribute to the plaza renovation. The group discussed going back to Omni Design to determine if there are other less costly options for the area by Bldg. 19. Scott Bloom stated that a redesign of that area would probably cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The total project cost is estimated to be between \$4 million and \$5 million, which is financially feasible to do without help from the Corporation. The feeling is that the plaza is for all of the students, regardless of its proximity to Bldg. 19, and the desire is to improve the plaza. The area by Bldg. 19 is an important part of the total

design. Timing of the renovation was discussed. Dwayne stated that the bookstore would like to see the work take place beginning in the Spring of 2009 so that it will be finished by Fall 2009 and won't negatively impact that busy bookstore time. Dwayne also stated that the focal point (previously known as the 'water feature') will be taken out of the current design, but utilities will be put in place for its addition at a later date. It will also be moved to be located to the side of the middle of the plaza. Other issues still to be decided is a location for the flag pole and the marquee.

Scott Bloom moved, and Amy Baker seconded a motion to approve the UU Plaza renovation as presented by Omni Design, subject to reserve funding being available. Scott added that, after the costs have been finalized, it might be possible to back to the CP Corporation at a later date to see if they would be able to participate. The motion passed, unanimously.

UU Operation Code Changes:

Nicole introduced draft changes to the UU Operations Code. Matt Teresi and Carl Payne have been working on these changes. Part of the process has been to create an additional document that will give the procedures for student member selection and retention. Also, the process for electing the UUAB Chair would be changed to occur prior to the ASI Spring elections in May. These two documents will be review over the next several weeks. Please give Nicole your input.

2. **Executive Director's Representative Report (Dwayne Brummett)**
No report.
3. **UU Staff Representative Update/Discussion (Daren Connor)**
Report attached to agenda.
4. **Rec Center Staff Representative Update/Discussion (Greg Avakian)**
Report distributed at meeting.
5. **Facilities Staff Representative Update/Discussion (Ron Skamfer)**
No report.
6. **Announcements**
7. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.