

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

#23-07 Special Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023, 2:10 p.m.

University Union 220

Voting Members Present:

Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle, Chair of the University Union Advisory Board
Nishita Katere, Vice-Chair of the University Union Advisory Board
Ashley Monteiro, College of Liberal Arts
Manjot Dhandu, College of Engineering
Aaron Fernandes, ASI President's Designee
James Francucci, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Navie Bower, College of Science and Mathematics
Anthony Palazzo, University President's Representative Designee

Voting Members Absent:

Natalie Lai, College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Carlos Rodriguez Orozco, ASI Board of Directors Designee
Vacant, Alumni Representative
Vacant, Faculty Representative

Non-Voting Members Present:

Robyn Wallman, Interim Director - University Union, UUAB Advisor
Pat Rosemas, Administration and Finance Designee

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Daren Connor, Assistant Director - University Union Facility Operations
Michelle Crawford, Executive Director
Ron Skamfer, Director - Facilities Management
Vacant, Director - Recreational Sports

Guests:

George Hughes, Assistant Vice President of Public Safety, Chief of University Police

I. Call to Order

- A. Special Meeting #23-07 called to order at 2:13 p.m.
- B. *We recognize that the institution that we are a part of is on stolen land. Land acknowledgement is a concrete step to bring forgotten histories into present consciousness and serves as a recognition of a truth, a verbal memorial that those who speak do so in honor of Indigenous peoples. Cal Poly carries the heritage and culture of the Indigenous People of San Luis Obispo County, the yak tit'u tit'u yak tithini, Northern Chumash tribe. We honor the Indigenous People's connection to these territories and respect the land on which we gather today.*

II. Letters & Roll Call

- A. Roll call was taken, and quorum was met.

III. Open Forum

- A. None.

IV. New Business

- A. Master Plan Update
 - i. Anthony Palazzo gave an update to the board regarding the Campus Master Plan.
 - ii. Anthony stated that much of the plan focuses on growing enrollment for Cal Poly and the CSU. The CSU has a challenge right now with some schools being under

enrolled and some campuses lacking the facilities to house the number of students who want to attend. Cal Poly has the latter situation.

- iii. 2035 Master Plan was started in 2014 but was officially adopted in 2022. One goal of the plan is to expand the student enrollment to 22,500 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) up from 20,000 FTE. By adding seven thousand new beds on campus, the intention is to have room for all first- and second-year students, and 30% of upper-class students. An additional goal is to improve 4-year graduation rates. Anthony stated that studies show that students who spend their first and second years living on campus have an improved graduation rate. He further state that the goal is not to increase revenue from having students required to live on campus. Providing more housing on campus should free up more housing in the community to provide more faculty and staff housing options.
- iv. Staff and Faculty housing on campus is also a priority. Enrollment growth effectively means an additional 8300-15,000 people will live on campus, making campus more of a 24-hour community like a small city within the city. There is a focus on protecting the agricultural areas on campus and creating additional height in the core of campus to leave the surrounding areas more natural.
- v. Staff and faculty would go up to 4000. Housing for faculty and staff with be built at Slack Street and Grand Avenue.
- vi. There is a delay in the Frost Building opening.
- vii. The Kennedy Library renovation will begin this summer. A plan is forth coming for temporary facilities while the library building is being renovated. Crandall Gym is going to be used as surge space during the library project. The university has received state funding that will allow Crandall Gym to be upgraded for use.
- viii. Building 19 will be opening in the next two years.
- ix. The football center is being constructed with donor funds.
- x. The tech park will start construction soon.
- xi. Fremont Hall is open and has endured the latest storm with no major incidents.
- xii. There is new construction planned for water and sewer infrastructure including a wastewater recovery system to use for agricultural purposes.
- xiii. The Tennis club house, which is a donor funded project, will become a main entrance to Athletics facilities.
- xiv. Housing is a big project, replacing the North Mountain dorms and existing parking lots. There is no plan to add parking.
- xv. Academic buildings are also planned for future enhancements.
- xvi. There is an effort to try to recapture space in the core of campus for student space, for example, converting workspaces currently used by staff to academic or student support space without expanding the footprint of the campus core.
- xvii. Housing capacity is expected to increase at an aggressive rate through 2035, adding approximately 7,000 more beds. Loans will be required to accomplish this task. A 7,000-bed increase means the housing fee rate may increase by 15-20%. Housing would like to hire one contractor for the three-part project rather than multiple contractors.
- xviii. The construction industry's productivity is low; Cal Poly is piloting a program on how to build on campus more productively and more efficiently.
- xix. A landscape architect is evaluating the current landscape plan on campus and will provide all landscape design projects for campus. The intent is to maximize the use of outside space and create designs based on outdoor architecture integrated with campus buildings.
- xx. Ashley asked about the transit parking structure on the plan. Anthony explained that parking spots above the North Mountain Dorms will be eliminated as part of this master plan. However, faculty and staff contracts specify that an adequate

amount of parking for faculty/staff is available. George stated they will not be adding parking. The hope is that with more students and faculty living on campus they will not bring cars to campus. With more staff working remotely there is less parking demand. Consequently, there is not a plan to increase parking as the planners feel it isn't needed. There is currently a Traffic Demand Management Plan underway. This plan will look at methods of transportation on campus. There is a desire to have staff do remote work which will theoretically lower the number of staff that need parking on campus.

- xxi. Aaron asked about increased capacity for recreation and student infrastructure to support the increased student population. He also mentioned the current issues with traffic flow, especially when there are events on campus. Anthony stated there is a plan to close the core of campus to only pedestrian and bike traffic only.
- xxii. Anthony shared that the new housing could have more Student Affairs space available. He spoke with ASI Executive Director, Michelle Crawford and the Director-Facilities Management, Ron Skamfer to see what spaces might be available to ASI in the upcoming housing spaces.
- xxiii. James commented that the parking and traffic flow is an issue for students and asked what methods were used to get input from student on development of the master plan. Anthony shared that there were over 300 members on the master plan various committees, but he did not state how student feedback influenced the decisions. He said there is a student representative on the library committee. He stated that he tries to bring things to UUAB and BOD. He said the Master Plan is solid at this point. James highlighted the connection of campus to the community. Anthony stated that the relationship with the city is more collaborative than in the past. Anthony believes the city is more open to the conversations. The wastewater treatment plan is an example. Anthony also believes that there needs to be a recycled water treatment system for campus, and campus needs to be better stewards of resources.
- xxiv. Nishita asked about the estimated completion date on the Kennedy Library renovation. Anthony shared that the CSU just granted additional money for the Kennedy Library project. Renovation will be done on all the floors. There will be a Starbucks added, improved technology, and more student spaces. Restroom renovations will take place when possible, however, \$77M does not go far. The technology expense to upgrade a facility built in the late 1970's is significant but necessary. There is also a plan to add classroom space to Kennedy Library. The plan is to have it completed by end of 2025. Nishita also asked about the housing timeline and why there is a strong focus on new growth and not upgrading existing dormitories until the end of the plan. Anthony stated that they are trying to strike a balance between the growth in enrollment and improvements to student living spaces and the raising the cost of housing to students.

B. Mustang Shuttle Update

- i. George Hughes shared the fall quarter update for the Mustang Shuttle as requested by the UUAB chair. He shared a review of the program, commitments for ASI and UUAB, ridership overview, and feedback from surveys.
- ii. Last fall Transportation and Parking Services launched the pilot shuttle program. Some changes included the addition of the Rec Center shuttle stop as requested by students. George clarified that the shuttle does not run during the academic breaks. The hours also fluctuate with the time change (daylight savings). George shared the cost is \$514,180 to operate the shuttle per year. There were some one-time expenses to start the program.
- iii. Costs are running close to the projections apart from the time change for extra hours resulting in a \$15,375 overage. The one-time expenses came in and were roughly \$122,600 under budget.
- iv. ASI fees were used to cover the daytime and nighttime shuttle for the 2022-23 academic year.
- v. UUAB did not support the cost for the daytime shuttle but did contribute to the

nighttime shuttle cost.

- vi. Data shows an average of 105 riders per day and an average of 140 riders per night.
- vii. Kennedy Library is the most popular stop, with Poly Canyon Village the second most popular. The areas further away from campus are not using the shuttle as much as anticipated yet that was one of the primary reasons the shuttle was created.
- viii. QR code feedback and survey results combined have received 116 responses. The shuttle is receiving a high satisfaction rate. Complaints are primarily about the wait times during the day. Depending on traffic during the day the shuttle can take 40-45 minutes to make the loop.
- ix. Route modifications have been requested including a stop to be added for the upper fields at night. If the upper Sports Complex is added, it will increase the overall evening loop and cause a 5-10-minute increase in wait time. Infrastructure changes - lights and benches - would also be required.
- x. Nishita complimented the presentation and asked how much more it would cost to add a stop at the football stadium at the night for those walking to Mustang Station area. George answered there is no real cost if no infrastructure changes are needed., however, each stop adds time to the route. Right now, it's a 10-15-minute loop at night and more stops means more time.
- xi. Adding more stops to the daytime shuttle could take the wait times to over 45-50 minutes making it unattractive to students.
- xii. Aaron asked how many students use the Wi-Fi system as it may not make sense for a 10-15-minute ride and could be a way to reduce costs. Anthony suggested that from an overall campus perspective there is not enough Wi-Fi on campus. The shuttle may be acting as a mobile Wi-Fi. George could also add a question on the survey to inquire about Wi-Fi use.
- xiii. There may be some changes to the shuttle route based on the closure of the Kennedy Library building and the new locations of study spaces on campus.
- xiv. James asked why the dips in ridership in zones 2 and 4. George's observation is that the dairy, poultry, and Rose Float students are driving on campus since there is parking out there for them. The PCV stop use is significant. James recommended removing some of the routes if they are not being used. George wants to get a year's worth of data to make assessments.
- xv. Jacob thanked George and George in turn thanked the committee for their support of this program.

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment

A. The meeting adjourned at 3:16p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Janet Tarlton

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Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle, UUAB Chair

Date: _____