



Facilities and Services Council

Monday, February 22nd, 2016

8:45am VU460

Members: *Present:* Hannah Brock (AS VP for Business and Operations, Chair); Abigail Hann (AS Recycle Center Representative); Haley Bolin (Lakewood Representative); Courtney Cassai (Child Development Center Representative); Liam Elio (AS Outdoor Center Excursions Assistant Coordinator)

Absent:

Advisors: Greg McBride (Assistant Director of Viking Union Facilities)

Secretary: Octavia Schultz (AS Board Assistant for Internal Committees)

Guests:

Motions:

FS-16-W-1 To approve the minutes from February 1st and February 8th, 2016. **Passed.**

Brock called the meeting to order at 8:51am.

I. Approve of Minutes

MOTIONFS-16-W-1 by Brock
To approve minutes from February 1st and February 8th, 2016.

Second: Elio Vote: 3-0-2 Action: Passed

I. Information Item

a. Viking Union Budget and Fee Proposal

McBride stated the Viking Union budget went through multiple student committees before approval. He gave the council a review of the financial flow chart that was presented at the previous meeting. He noted in the few previous years the Viking Union had barely had enough funding to cover operational costs and had used reserves which was not sustainable. He noted the Viking Union funded many services to support the Associated Students. He noted almost half of the operational budget consisted of salaries and benefits. He also noted the organization paid a lot in replacements and repairs. He noted utilities like electricity also made up a large part of the budget. He stated it was difficult for the organization to generate revenue without charging students more. Bolin stated the university could have saved money by using sustainable alternatives including solar panels. McBride stated it was becoming more apparent that time was a factor in the feasibility of working on large projects to improve the facilities. He noted the organization was looking at ways to improve its energy efficiency. Elio noted that if students got involved there could have been more action. McBride agreed there were opportunities to improve but that time needed to be more available. Hann inquired if a team of student volunteers working on sustainability projects would have been helpful. McBride stated even with dedicated students working on projects it was still necessary for his position to be involved. He stated the Viking Union Budget proposal was budgeted very conservatively. He noted that at the following year the Information Desk was not going to make cash sales, and that Viqueen Lodge reservations would have been

suspended. Brock inquired why. McBride stated there was not support staff at the location. He stated the program was being evaluated. He noted the Viking Union had refinanced and that the money saved by that was dedicated to a Viking Union remodel centered on the Ethnic Student Center. He noted the Non Academic Building Fee had not been changed in over six years. He noted the previous fee increase in 2011 was an increase of \$2.00 per student per quarter. He noted expenses each year were increasing but revenue generated was not increasing at the same rate. Elio pointed out that expenses were budgeted higher than anticipated revenue for the 2016-2017 year. McBride noted that salaries had been raised due to increases in the cost of living for employees. Brock inquired what would have happened if the AS Board of Directors did not approve the proposed fee increase. McBride stated the Board of Directors was an advisory body and that the fee could have been increased at the discretion of the Viking Union. He discussed four options for a fee increase as explained in the draft proposal. Elio inquired if a support position for McBride could have focused on green energy and sustainability. McBride stated it was possible and that sustainability needed to have been a focus of the organization. Bolin requested more literature before making a decision.

II. Adjourn

Brock adjourned the Meeting at 9:45am.

*As the committee did not meet during spring quarter these minutes were approved by the Chair, Hannah Brock, on 6/8/16.