



ASI Facilities & Operations Committee Minutes

2014-2015:8 Friday, March 6, 2015 1:00PM - 3:00 PM, BSC, 2nd Floor, Perseus

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. Call to Order

Taylor Young, Senator Pro-Tempore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:09pm

B. Attendance

Voting Members:

1. Taylor Young, Chair
2. James Cox, President - **Absent**
3. Louis Harfouche, Vice President
4. Colin Danahy, Engineering Senator
5. Benjamin Murdock, Senator-at-Large (SIC) – **Excused Absence**
6. Kimberly Rotunno, Agriculture Senator
7. Zoi Givens, Student Representative
8. Devon Graves, Student Representative
9. Michael Adams, Student Representative – **Excused Absence**
10. Mary Ashley-Cherney, Student Representative

Advisors:

1. Barny Peake, Director of the BSC, Executive Director Designee
2. Krista Smith, Director of Recreation, Executive Director Designee
3. Lorena Marquez, University Advisor – **Excused Absence**

Non-Voting Liaisons:

1. Andrea Cendejas, Attorney General – **Excused Absence**
2. Vacant, Academic Senate Rep.
3. Vacant, Staff Council Rep.
4. Vacant, Alumni Association Rep.
5. Aaron Nielson, Foundation Rep.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes from February 20, 2015 were approved by the chair

D. Agenda Changes

1. This is meeting 8, not meeting 9

E. Introduction of Guests

1. Erin Tuckerman, SeaWorld
2. Alex Carvasco, SeaWorld
3. Sandra Mihiar, Commercial Service Coordinator – ASI Games Room, etc.
4. Thomas Cross – Vice President - Bronco Animal Rights Network
5. Ryan Hejek – President - Bronco Animal Right Network

F. Reports

1. Zoi – RecFest

2. Devon – shared information with Taylor via email about SeaWorld and CSU Long Beach
 3. Barny – the architect is working on the plans for Centaurus. Budget Season is coming up.
 4. Krista – BRIC radio station
 5. Aaron – Jamba Juice catering set up for everyone to try
- G. Open Forum
1. There were no speakers for open forum.

II. Action Item

- A. There were no action items.

III. Information Item

- A. Habachi-San Update
1. Aaron shared that demo on Habachi-San will begin on the Friday or Saturday before Spring Break. Menus will be sent to the committee including the plans; however, there will be a few changes. The Fire Marshall has the plans and the Health Department has already approved the plans. Habachi-San should be done 45 days after beginning demo.
 2. Louis asked about the projections of profits
 - (a) Aaron explained that because Habachi-San is sub-leased, foundation will not incur the potential loss however, both Foundation and Habachi-San project they will be successful
 3. Per Krista's question, Aaron explained that the employees will be hired by Habachi-San and most likely will not be students

IV. Discussion Item

- A. Petition Against the Sale of SeaWorld Tickets (*attachment)
1. Bronco Animal Rights Network (BARN) gave a presentation on why ASI should stop selling SeaWorld tickets and their efforts to continue gaining student support against the sale of tickets. Their presentation included information on:
 - i. On campus ticket sales
 - ii. BARN
 - iii. Student polls and petitions
 - iv. Documentary Blackfish facts and history of Tilikum, successful SeaWorld orca
 - v. Wild orca facts
 - vi. Captive Orca facts
 - vii. SeaWorld efforts
 - viii. Life expectancy of captive whales
 - ix. Science and research on whales in SeaWorld captivity and their treatment
 - x. Possible solutions – sea pens
 - xi. Current status of SeaWorld following public and corporate opposition
 - xii. CSU Long Beach response to SeaWorld

- (a) Devon commended the efforts of BARN and their work on this matter. He asked if BARN was currently a registered club and asked for clarification on the actions taken by the CSU Board of Trustees regarding CSU Long Beach banning SeaWorld tickets.
 - i. BARN explained that they are not currently registered but they will be next year
 - ii. BARN also explained they received their information from the Daily 49er regarding the process of getting their Senate resolution through their Senate, through the University, and then through the Board of Trustees
 - iii. Devon added that he was not aware of anything from CSU Long Beach going through the Board of Trustees but that he would follow up
- (b) Louis explained that if Facilities and Operations voted to stop selling SeaWorld tickets it would only then have to go through the Senate, they would not need University or CSU system approval to stop selling
- (c) Colin asked about BARN's stance on the university housing plans for the pastures
 - i. BARN explained that they do not have enough information right now to have a stance and haven't been contacted regarding this issue
- (d) Zoi asked if their only focus was SeaWorld or if they will want to take action against other parks in the future
 - i. They explained their sole focus was the SeaWorld tickets on campus and they have not looked into taking action against any of the other zoos and parks that have tickets sold on campus
- (e) Mary Ashley asked about their view of the difference between selling SeaWorld tickets versus selling zoo tickets
 - i. They explained that the main difference is that SeaWorld keeps their animals as entertainment attraction mainly rather than informational attractions whereas the zoo focus' on the informational value of the animals opposed to entertainment value

2. SeaWorld in person representatives Erin Tuckerman and Alex Carrasco (Marketing Rep for Cal Poly) along with representatives on conference call Dave Koontz (Director of Public Relations), Dr. Nolans (Senior Veterinarian), Kristi Burtis (Senior Whale Trainer) presented their knowledge of SeaWorld practices and answered questions from the committee.

- (a) Kristi shared her experiences and knowledge working with orcas and the daily life of an orca at SeaWorld and how their health is maintained. She also explained the varying research projects and how results have been utilized by SeaWorld.
- (b) Dr. Nolans expanded on Kristi's information by explaining his part in the care and preventative measures taken while caring for the orcas. He explained the process that trainers take every day and every month to ensure the orcas are healthy and stimulated. He further explained that throughout his time at

SeaWorld there has never been a time when they haven't been able to provide the necessary care, medications, and protection.

- (c) Louis asked about the necessity to keep these orcas in captivity to conduct research and how training them to do tricks is beneficial to gaining and presenting information about orcas.
 - i. Kristi explained that interacting with these animals in the wild would be extremely difficult and they are only able to the research with these in animals because they are in captivity and developed relationships with the people interacting with them
 - ii. She also explained that in regards to performance, it is a very small part of the animals' day, they seem to enjoy performing and interacting with the trainers and audience, and the performances are how SeaWorld encourages people to care about these animals and inspires them to learn more about them especially as they become more endangered.
 - iii. Dr. Nolans added that no animals are hurt in the process of performing and getting people's attention about the animals and how people should be more informed and concerned about the animals and furthering their protection in the wild.
- (b) BARN representative, Thomas Cross, asked about the number of whales who have received the pulpotomy procedure
 - i. Dr. Nolans explained the daily dental care of flushing out the orcas teeth routinely with water picks. He further explained the dental care of orca's and natural dental risks due the composition of their teeth. Zero whales have received pulpotomys.
- (c) How many hours do the whales perform per day
 - i. Kristi explained they perform 2-18 minutes up to 5 time per day
 - ii. Dr. Nolans added details and how much the orca's enjoy performing

V. Adjournment

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 1:59pm
- B. Next Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting: April 10th, 2015 - 1:00pm-3:00pm, BSC, 2nd floor, Perseus