



## **ASI Facilities & Operations Committee Minutes**

2014-2015:12 Friday, May 8, 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 1:05pm

#### B. Attendance

##### *Voting Members:*

1. Taylor Young, Chair
2. James Cox, President
3. Louis Harfouche, Vice President
4. Melanie Young, Business 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. Vacant, Student Representative

##### *Advisors:*

1. Barny Peake, Director of the BSC - **Designee: Sarah Bauer**
2. Krista Smith, Director of Recreation
3. Lorena Marquez, University Advisor

##### *Non-Voting Liaisons:*

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

#### C. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes from April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were approved by the chair

#### D. Agenda Changes

1. Striking Discussion Item A – BSC Facility Use Manual from the agenda

#### E. Introduction of Guests

1. Powell Velasco – Director of Facilities Management, ASI
2. Sandy Mihiar – Games Room Coordinator, ASI
3. Norma Saldana – Vice President, The Green Team
4. Elizabeth Vargas – Member, The Green Team
5. Alejandra Soto – Member, The Green Team
6. Ryan Hajek – President, Bronco Animal Rights Network (BARN)
7. Thomas Cross – Vice President, BARN
8. Vivian Huang - Member, BARN
9. Matt Briggs – Member, BARN
10. Alexander Tran – Member, BARN

11. Danielle Davis – Member, BARN
12. Antonio Ochoa – Member, BARN
13. Kalina Kazemi – Member, BARN
14. Giovanni Flores – Member, BARN

#### F. Reports

1. Krista shared that Justin Moynihan will be taking leave of absence for four months on a development opportunity. While he is away Ian Navarro, a graduate student who supervises the rock wall program at Cal State Northridge, will be joining the ASI team in Justin's place beginning Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### G. Open Forum

1. Ryan Hajek, BARN President, shared a closing statement from BARN regarding their month's long effort to gather petitions and support in stopping the sale of SeaWorld tickets in the ASI Games Room. BARN's closing statement called for ASI Student Government leaders to take action to remove the tickets in the Games Room. The closing statement provided the history of BARN's efforts to collect signatures, their experience speaking with students, the review of the conversations had with SeaWorld representatives at the Facilities and Operations Meeting, the trip student leaders took to SeaWorld and the presentation from PETA. As ASI's research and investigation comes to a close and they move forward to make a decision regarding the tickets, BARN encouraged the committee members to remove the tickets as they promote that Cal Poly Pomona and ASI support the actions taken by SeaWorld as a corporation against the safety and health of orca's in captivity.

## II. Action Item

### A. SeaWorld Ticket Sales in the Games Room

1. Review History of Discussion
  - (a) February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – SeaWorld petition brought to F&O
  - (b) March 6<sup>th</sup> – BARN and SeaWorld presentation
  - (c) March 26<sup>th</sup> – Committee members attended SeaWorld behind the scenes tour
  - (d) April 22<sup>nd</sup> – PETA presentation attend by committee members and BARN representatives
2. Reports from Sub-Committee Members
  - (a) Sandy – wanted to make note that this entire situation provided an opportunity for students to hear from both PETA and SeaWorld whereas other schools that have taken action on this issue were not able to have that experience
  - (b) Kim – after attending both the SeaWorld tour and the PETA meeting she realized that both organizations had differing answers to each of the committee member's questions. She wanted to point out that this decision comes down what the students want and after bringing it to the Agriculture council, the council felt the students should have the choice to buy the tickets or not.
  - (c) Andrea – felt this issue was not about if ASI supported what SeaWorld does to their animals. The issue is about whether or not they should take a service, and the availability of discounted tickets, away from students.

- (d) Louis – stated that he disagreed with classifying Student Government’s participation in tours and presentations as an investigation. He felt that this isn’t about voting on if ASI agrees or disagrees with SeaWorld’s practices or values. This vote should be based on what the students want and what ASI provides. Louis suggested that everyone take into consideration that more students cared about signing the petition to stop the sale of SeaWorld tickets than voting for the Student Government leaders. This issue isn’t a matter of ethics but the service they are providing students. There are significantly more students asking for their student leaders to stop the sale of the tickets than there are students utilizing the service.
  - i. Per Taylor’s question, Ryan Hajek provided clarification that the majority of the 850 signatures were from students however, some were from faculty and staff
- (e) Jake Ly, ASI IHC Senator – he attended both SeaWorld and the PETA presentation. Jake also took the issue to his council who felt that this is a service they are bringing to the students which is separate from the ethics and values of both PETA and SeaWorld
- (f) Lorena – asked about if students have been given the opportunity to express if they did use the service so they could compare the information received from BARN who is against the sale and students who do support having the tickets available
  - i. Sandy clarified that there were 105 tickets sold since December and then they sold out of tickets. Due to this issue being raised, tickets were reordered only a couple of weeks ago. She also shared that during the time that tickets were not being sold, they did have students asking about the tickets and when they would be available for purchase again.
- (g) Per Taylor’s question, Sandy explained that there are campuses, who previously voted to stop selling the SeaWorld tickets, that have since decided to begin selling SeaWorld tickets again such as Cal State Long Beach
- (h) Per Melanie’s question, Sandy shared that Cal State Long Beach stopped selling SeaWorld tickets last year and right now there is a petition going around to get the tickets back on campus
- (i) Melanie – shared that she raised the issue with the Business council and they felt that they should not stop selling the tickets because it is a service that students appreciate especially considering how much of a discount they receive, which is important to students

3. Recommendation from ASI Administration (\*attachment)

- (a) Sarah presented the memorandum written that states that the sale of SeaWorld tickets in the ASI Games Room, etc. will not change however, they will post a sign that clarifies that the sale of the tickets and all other tickets sold does mean that ASI supports the mission, values, or actions of those venues
- (b) Devon moved to approve the ASI Administration recommendation, James seconded

- i. Devon commended BARN for their efforts to speak out and take action about this issue. However, this comes down to continuing to provide a service to students and to keep from setting a precedence that ASI will take away services from students.
- ii. Louis stated that he didn't agree with the memorandum and while he did understand everyone else's point of view, he believed that ASI is supporting SeaWorld by utilizing their resources.
- iii. Vote, 6:1:0, motion passed.

### **III. Discussion Item**

#### **A. Facilities and Operations Committee Member Training**

1. Taylor shared that this discussion item is an opportunity to discuss ways that they could create training to help next year's committee members in the budgeting process
2. Feedback and suggestions included:
  - (a) Training and discussion about the budget during orientation
  - (b) Facilities and Operations members being included in the Senate budget training
  - (c) F&O participation prior to the budget being created
    - i. Budget proposals
  - (d) Backstage tours
    - i. Feedback from tours discussed or addressed in budget
  - (e) Create an official petition for when group, clubs, students bring issues to F&O committee
  - (f) Create a sub-committee to F&O to review the BSC re-innovation project
  - (g) Discussing the goals for the year
  - (h) Touring other campus student unions
  - (i) Collaborating and empowering leadership within the committee
  - (j) Having a list of what is happening in other auxiliary organizations on campuses that is put together by both student and professional staff
  - (k) Finding a way to have more visibility for the student-at-large members of the committee so that the student body can recognize their position within the committee
  - (l) Communicate the goals of the ASI president and the ideas of the committee and ASI as a whole at the beginning of the year although the bulk of the committees work begins in the Winter quarter
  - (m) Have an idea-sharing section of the meeting rather than reports
  - (n) Creating something or writing a document to pass on to the next committee sharing their experience and giving possible ideas for the next committee to work on

### **IV. Information Item**

#### **A. Summer at the BRIC**

1. Krista shared that they have calculated the base rate for membership for summer quarter, developed the summer membership payment plan, and determined the

operating hours for the summer quarter. Krista also shared that there are closure dates for various holidays, campus events (i.e. ASI Kick-Off), and training dates.

**V. Adjournment**

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm
- B. Next Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting: May 22, 2015 - 1:00pm-3:00pm, BSC, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, England Evans