



**California State University, San Bernardino
Santos Manuel Student Union Board of Directors
Facilities & Sustainability Committee**

Zoom: <https://csusb.zoom.us/j/88135160112>

In-Person: SUN-3317

October 24, 2024 – 12:00pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Sasha Baltazar, Joselyn Gutierrez-Alfaro, Shardul Kulkarni, Ayanna McAlister, Isaias Mendoza-Placencia, Jocelyn Paz, Anthony Roberson, Diana Ruiz.

Members Absent: Sean Kinnally

Staff Present: Monica Baeza, Elizabeth Junker, Katie Wallen

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Mendoza Placencia at 12:04p.m.

Roll Call: A verbal roll call was conducted. Quorum was met.

Open Forum: There were no speakers present for open forum.

Approval of Minutes: M/S McAlister/Paz motion to approve minutes from April 22, 2024.
Motion passed.

Adoption of Agenda: M/S McAlister/Paz motion to adopt agenda.
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

FS 01/25 Election of Committee Chair (Action, Roberson)

M/S McAlister/Mendoza-Placencia motion to open FS 01/25 Election of Committee Chair.

Isaias Mendoza-Placencia was nominated for committee chair. Isaias accepted the nomination. No further nominations were brought forward.

VOTE: 7 In-Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention
Motion passed.

FS 02/25 Graduate Student Success Center Space Proposal (Discussion, Roberson)

M/S Kulkarni/Roberson motion to open FS 02/25 Graduate Student Success Center Space Proposal.

Ms. Wallen provided an overview of the Graduate Student Success Center Space Proposal. The SMSU Board discussed the proposal to repurpose the Interfaith Center (IFC) space for the Graduate Student Success Center (GSSC) to address increasing demand for group study areas. Katie Wallen presented a detailed overview, highlighting the IFC's minimal utilization, its adjacency to the GSSC, and the benefits of converting the space into reservable study rooms using an efficient online Fusion system. The proposal outlined minimal budget impact. The IFC, originally established as a student-led interfaith initiative, had seen decreased use, and relocating the center is not feasible due to limited available space in SMSU. The item will be revisited as an action item in the next meeting for a formal vote.

FS 03/25 Review of Committee Accomplishment from 23-24 AY (Discussion, Roberson)

M/S Kulkarni/Roberson motion to open FS 03/25 Review of Committee Accomplishment from 23-24 AY.

Mr. Roberson provided an overview of the key accomplishments of the committee from the 2023-2024 academic year. Highlights included reviewing a survey that led to the launch of the Adventure program for student equipment checkouts, with a planned spring 2024 opening, and the cancellation of the Yodie Drinks lease. The committee collaborated with ASI on a sustainability program to improve recycling practices and approved a heritage month policy, ensuring Student Union sponsorship for opening or closing programs at no cost to organizing committees, pending proposal submissions. Additionally, the committee approved the Men of Color Student Success Center, though it was tabled at the Board of Directors level.

FS 04/25 Review of Tasks and Assignments for 24-25 AY (Discussion, Roberson)

M/S McAlister/Roberson motion to open FS 04/25 Review of Tasks and Assignments for 24-25 AY.

Mr. Roberson reviewed the committee outlined its responsibilities, including oversight of SMSU operations, space usage, sustainability initiatives, and tenant lease agreements. Fall goals include reviewing space proposals, enhancing sustainability with energy-efficient upgrades, and collaborating with Chartwells and the new UEC Executive Director. Members were urged to conduct research and make informed decisions, with support from the chair and staff. Upcoming projects include long-term planning for the Rec and Wellness Center expansion and a new student union at the Palm Desert campus.

Announcements No announcements provided.

Adjournment

No further discussion was brought forth. Chair Hudson adjourned the meeting at 12:56pm.

Reviewed and respectfully submitted by:

Isaias Mendoza-Placencia, Chair

Date