

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MEETING #1
SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ho called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Jesus Gonzalez (ASI President)

Connie Ho (Facilities Committee Chair)

Mitali Jain (USUBOT Chair)

Kristina Randig (Financial Management, Business Manager)

Voting Members Absent

There were none.

Non-Voting Members Present

Arnecia Bryant (Associate Director, Facilities Operations)

Sylvana Cicero (ASI Associate Executive Director/ Director of USU & SRWC)

Luis Mendiola Luna (Environmental Justice Commissioner)

Non-Voting Members Absent

Guests

There were none.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

4. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ho called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Jain (MOTION) Gonzalez (SECOND) moved to approve the agenda as is.

1st: Pass 2nd: Pass

VOTE ON THE MOTION

**PASSES 4-0-0
APPROVE- OPPOSE- ABSTAIN**

5. REPORTS

A. Chair Report

Ho welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and was excited to be a part of the Facilities Committee. She looked forward to the 2021-2022 Facilities Committee initiatives. Ho highlighted a couple key projects that would be completed throughout the year such as the Policy on Sustainability and building operation hours.

B. Management Report

Bryant reported that previously ASI completed a Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) project. Ongoing problems with the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) were being addressed with the control company. Over the summer, there had been a major leak in the loading dock area,

which had been resolved. Cosmetic upgrades had been completed throughout the University Student Union (USU). A recurring technical issue with the escalators had been determined. Some areas of concern at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center (SRWC) were being monitored as the building was now over ten years old. The SRWC lighting system could potentially require an overhaul due to problems with the system and unavailability of parts.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Grow Beach

Ho reported that the Grow Beach garden was an organic garden for students, staff and alumni. The garden had been moved out of its prior location and would be relocated.

Bryant reported on the prior success of the garden, which had been thriving and had won sustainability awards. Previously, the harvest had been shared with Beach Pantry and garden plots had been almost sold out.

The relocation would bring the garden closer to the center of campus and double the plots. Plans to incorporate classrooms and Sustain U were in place. An intended goal was to create a harvest program partnered with the Beach Pantry. The garden was compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and was expected to be completed in the spring.

Cicero recommended that land acknowledgment would be incorporated at the Beach Garden. The Grow Beach Garden had been a multiyear project and could work in collaboration with the future Sustainability Center Project.

Bryant affirmed that land and territorial acknowledgement signage had been in place prior to the garden's relocation.

B. Discussion Item: Beach Pantry Kitchen

Bryant reported that the Beach Pantry Kitchen had found a permanent location within the campus dining plaza. Grant funding would assist with the construction. The Beach Pantry Kitchen layout would be designed to incorporate classroom-style learning.

Cicero stated that the 49er Shops had provided access to their appliances that permitted a cost reduction on the project. ASI would collaborate with Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and the College of Health and Human Services to determine whether they could conduct cooking classes in this location.

8. CLOSING COMMENTS

Cicero congratulated Ho on her first meeting and her wonderful job.

Ho thanked everyone for being so engaged and hear everyone's feedback.

Mendiola Luna thanked everyone for having him and is looking forward to the sustainability aspect of the USU.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ho adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.