

**University Student Union
California State University, Northridge
Facilities & Operations Committee
October 17, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Facilities and Operations Committee was called to order at 9:04am am by Chair Heet Patel.

II. Roll Call

Present	Absent	Staff	Guests
Heet Patel (Chair)		Samantha Liu	Mahi Kachhadiya
Alejandro Perez (Co Chair)		Jeremy Hamlett	
Syed Husaini		Cecilia Ortiz	
Erwin Torres			
Rafae Habib			
Leof Chou			
Yash Patel			

III. Approval of Agenda – October 17, 2026

M/S/P (L. Chou/R. Habib) – Motion to approve the agenda for October 17, 2025.

Motion passed 6-0-0

IV. Approval of Minutes September 26, 2025

M/S/P (A. Perez/L. Chou) Motion to approve the agenda for September 26, 2025.

Motion Passed **6-0-0**

V. Chair’s & Co-Chair’s Report

Chair H. Patel shared that the committee had a successful meeting last month and shared he will be the HACU Conference. He is excited to bring back ideas.

Co-Chair A. Perez expressed his excitement to attend the Association of College Unions International regional conference in November.

VI. Action Items

A. Facilities and Operations Committee Goals

M/S/P (L. Chou/ E. Torres) – Approve the goals for the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 semesters.

- i. Enhancing study spaces and reviewing library computer lab usage.

- ii. Evaluating computer login data to understand usage trends and distinguish between undergraduate vs. graduate users.
- iii. Improving the Plaza Pool and exploring the feasibility of adding a mini turf area.
- iv. Reviewing reservation systems and the web interface for student accessibility.
- v. Feedback shared that study group sessions usually are for 3–5 students.

Motion passed 6-0-0

VII. Discussion Items

A. USU Gateway

- i. Executive Secretary Samantha Liu presented updates on The Valera NEST and USU Gateway Project. Members were given an overview of the project’s design and operational goals and had the opportunity to observe the site in person.
- ii. Discussion highlights:
 - 1. Compare CSU campus union fees to better understand funding structures.
 - 2. Increase transparency on food sourcing within the food pantry, with signage indicating origins and whether items are organic.
 - 3. Explore sustainability initiatives, including solar energy and energy efficiency options.
 - 4. Review the Thousand Oaks Replacement Project for accessibility and visibility of student resources.

B. Facilities & Operations Team Building Activity

Chair H. Patel asked the committee for a few dates that would work for the team building activity. Doodle poll will be shared with the committee to determine the best date/time. Activities suggested: escape rooms, axe throwing, and high/low ropes courses.

VIII. Announcements

Co-Chair A. Perez shared that he recently began a new role with arena operations for the LA Clippers, and expressed excitement about bringing that experience to the committee.

IX. Adjournment

By consensus, the regular meeting of the Facilities & Operations Committee was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. by Chair H. Patel.

Respectfully submitted by,
Samantha Liu