

University Student Union
California State University, Northridge
Facilities & Operations Committee
February 21, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Facilities and Operations Committee was called to order at 2:31pm pm by Chair, Devaansh Mann.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair D. Mann presented the USU Land Acknowledgment.

II. Roll Call

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Devaansh Mann (Chair)		Samantha Liu	
Nidharsh Kempegowda (Co Chair)		Jeremy Hamlett	
Syed Husaini		Angela Gattoni	
Alexia Aguilar			
Alejandro Perez			
Mahi Kachhadiya			
Rafae Habib			

III. Approval of Agenda – February 21, 2025

M/S/P (R. Habib/S. Husaini) – Motion to approve the agenda for February 21, 2025.

Motion passed 6-0-0

IV. Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2025

M/S/P (S. Husaini/M. Kachhadiya) – Motion to approve the minutes for January 24, 2025.

Motion passed 4-0-2

V. Chair's Report

Chair Devaansh Mann shared there has not been many updates since our last meeting, but we were on track for meeting our goals for this year. The bonding event for the committee was a great experience.

VI. Co-Chair's Report

Co-Chair Nidharsh Kempegowda thanked everyone for the experience and to wish him luck with his competition in San Diego this weekend.

VII. Action Items

A. SRC 2025-2026 Operational Hours

M/S/P (A. Perez/A. Aguilar) – Motion to approve the closure of the SRC for nine (9) additional days during fiscal year 2025-2026.

- i. SRC Co-Director Jeremy Hamlett shared that the SRC Leadership was proactively looking at ways to conserve funding with reducing facility hours around holiday closures due to slower usage in the facility. SRC Manager, Facility Operations & Membership Services Angela Gattoni shared additional information about membership impact and pro-rate for membership costs. 14K students and 600 non-student members visited last fall.
- ii. Committee member Syed asked a question regarding the motion only for one year and Jeremy Hamlett responded that allows us time to assess and the dates change year after year, but the goal would be to continue this pattern moving forward. Syed also requested to add detail about what dates the closures fall around.
- iii. Committee member Mahi asked for clarification on previous closure dates and Angela shared this is in addition to campus closure days.
- iv. Co-Chair Nidharsh asked about extended the hours on the Saturday and Sundays and Jeremy shared that could be something we can analyze and this approach was to find cost-savings with operational hours. Committee member Mahi echoed that would be to look at extending the hours on the weekends and it was discussed that a survey can be done to assess needs of students.
- v. Executive Secretary Samantha Liu shared that we did a similar exercise with the USU operating hours, but due to reservations in the facility that bring in revenue, the financial impact would be negative if we reduced operation hours at this time.
- vi. Chair Mann asked about staff shortages around holidays and how this closure will help and Angela shared that logistically these closures would help support operation of the SRC. The closures also do not impact staff wages since most of the 9 days were on the weekend.

Motion passed 6-0-0

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Board of Directors Elections

- i. **Co-Chair** Nidharsh Kempegowda shared his personal experience about learning about Facilities and Operations and how that has changed his trajectory for his career. He highlighted the benefits of being a BOD member and encouraged all the members to apply. He passed out the flier with QR code and referenced Janessa's email from this morning that had all the application information. He also shared an idea to change the Computer Lab background. Executive Secretary echoed the sentiments shared. Committee member Alexia asked how long the term was for and it was shared that it was a 2-year term.

B. Bonding Activity Recap

- i. Committee member Alex shared that his biggest highlight was the award that was earned by the committee, Mario, the Maintenance Facilities & Operations guy who the committee has identified as the mascot.
- ii. The committee shared it was a great bonding experience where they were able to team build, learn from one another, healthy competition, and everyone came out of their comfort zone. The committee shared that this experience was a fun and engaging experience.

IX. Announcements

The next committee meeting will be canceled (would have been March 21) and the next meeting will be April 25th from 2:30p – 4p.

X. Adjournment

By consensus, the regular meeting of the Facilities & Operations Committee was adjourned at 3:31 PM by Chair D. Mann.

Respectfully submitted by,
Samantha Liu