

**University Student Union  
California State University, Northridge  
Facilities & Commercial Services Committee  
April 30, 2018  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Facilities and Commercial Services Committee was called to order at 4:00pm by Chair, Bhernard Tila.

**II. Roll Call**

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Bhernard Tila (Chair)	Jeremy Hamlett	Jimmy Francis	Dario Fernandez
Stephanie Flores-Temix (Co-Chair)			Blanca Villagomez
Christopher Ordonez			
Tammy Rassamekiarttisak			
Paola Suarez			
Catleya Maralit			
Frank Benkovic			
Abigail Garcia			

\*Indicates that member/attendee was not present for the entire meeting. Voting tallies may vary.

**III. Open Forum**

None.

**IV. Approval of Agenda – April 30, 2018**

M/S/P (C. Maralit/A. Garcia) – Move to approve the agenda for April 30, 2018.

*Motion passed 6-0-0*

**V. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2018**

M/S/P (A. Garcia/T. Rassamekiarttisak) – Move to approve the minutes from April 16, 2018.

*Motion passed 6-0-0*

**VI. Chair’s Report**

B. Tila reminded everyone to attend the May 4<sup>th</sup> Year End Celebration, informed the group he took a site visit to the green room adjacent to the EOP Dream Center with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and also encouraged everyone to stay healthy during this busy time of year.

**VII. Co-Chair’s Report**

S. Flores-Temex encouraged the group to remain healthy, and reminded them to keep “fuel” in their tank, and that “you can’t drive a car without gas.”

**VIII. Action Items**

**A. EOP Dream Center Expansion**

M/S/P (S. Flores-Temix/A. Garcia) – Move to allocate the existing USU Northridge Center Green Room (B115) to the EOP DREAM Center, and to repurpose one of the gender inclusive restrooms back to a green room in the Northridge Center.

Discussion ensued with several committee members asking questions about the need for a green room, what constitutes a green room, and why isn’t the vanity room sufficient for a green room? J. Francis explained to the group that a green room is a space that can be used by visiting client(s) of the USU as an

off stage area where they can prepare for their performance, rest as needed, and in general have a place to retreat to. He explained that the attached vanity room is a small room, and because of the existing counter and mirrored wall, the options are limited for making it more lounge like. He also noted that the USU operations team advocated for a replacement green room to have a restroom, similar to the one being considered to be allocated to the EOP Dream Center. The vanity room does not have access to a restroom.

J. Francis further explained the general need for a green room is so that the USU remains competitive as it targets speakers and events. High profile talent expects to have a green room available to them for their events, and without one the USU could potentially lose business, and the ability to recruit quality talent.

The committee began to discuss the pros and cons of repurposing one of the NRC gender inclusive restrooms to a green room. There was a general concern that the community that uses those restrooms may be disappointed and upset with the removal of one of those restrooms. Chair Tila reported that he met with Pride Center Coordinator, Sarina Loeb, and she agreed the community could view this change as a negative. The committee then discussed that the recent action taken at the BOD meeting voted to approve the concept of adding two stalls in a gender inclusive restroom in the Sol Center. They also discussed that even though one restroom would be lost USU wide, there is still a net gain of one gender inclusive restroom for all the facilities because of this recent action.

EOP Dream Center Coordinator, Dario Fernandez, detailed how the Dream Center serves the LGBTQ community as well, and that there is some intersectionality to this conversation. He shared that by adding more space to the Dream Center perhaps it would allow the center to serve more people in the LGBTQ community. He also shared if the space was allocated it would be used to help facilitate more privacy for sensitive conversations, which is one of the biggest challenges they face.

The committee discussed the potential of holding off on a vote, but after considering the timeline for future meetings, they agreed to move forward. The committee agreed if the motion passed to obtain more student impact about the loss of the NRC restroom and have it available at the 5/7/18 BOD meeting in case it was needed.

***Motion passed 6-0-0***

**IX. Discussion Items**

**A. Committee Recognition and Thanks**

B. Tila took time to thank all the members of the committee individually and recognized them for their contributions this year with a certificate and gift card. Each committee member shared their pleasure with working on the committee and all agreed it was a very valuable experience.

J. Francis thanked B. Tila for serving in his role as chair and commended him for his professionalism and strong work ethic.

B. Tila thanked J. Francis for serving in his role as Executive Secretary.

**X. Announcements**

P. Suarez reminded the group about the upcoming Dreams to be Heard events.

T. Rassamekiartisak reminded the group about attending the upcoming Multipurpose Event Center open house.

Chair Tila reminded the group about attending the USU's Year End Celebration event.

**XI. Adjournment**

By general consensus, the regular meeting of the Facilities & Commercial Services Committee was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. by Chair, Bhernard Tila.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jimmy Francis