

UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

September 16, 2021

Attendees: Phil Phillips, Connie Horton, Danny DeWalt, Greg Ramirez, Hung Le, Lee Kats, Maretno Agus Harjoto, Michael Feltner, Nicolle Taylor, Michael Feltner, Jim Gash, Jay Brewster, Marc Goodman, and Gary Hanson

Absent: Lauren Cosentino and Donna Nofziger Plank

I. UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CALL TO ORDER:

Chief Operating Officer Phil Phillips called the University Management Committee meeting to order. The meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, September 16, 2021. Provost Jay Brewster opened in prayer. Chief Operating Officer Phillips introduced Executive Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer Nicole Koski as the new secretary for the University Management Committee.

II. MEETING MINUTES:

Upon the motion duly made and seconded, the University Management Committee minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting were approved.

III. CHUMASH ART INSTALLATION PROPOSAL:

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Brittany Skinner, Seaver student Jerry Calderon, Dean of Libraries Mark Roosa, and Associate Vice President for Planning, Operations, and Construction Ben Veenendaal sought approval to commission the previously presented Chumash art installation in Payson Library. The presenters provided background about the proposal's origination and purpose, the commissioned artist, Chumash and Humaliwo history, the proposed artwork and materials, installation location, funding sources and amounts. The proposed artwork includes three 10 by 4 feet tall Redwood panels containing 12 designs and an informational plaque. The proposed installation location is the first floor of Payson Library. The Committee discussed the importance of the process of procuring the materials used for the piece. At this time, the presenters left the meeting.

The Committee discussed various elements of the potential artwork installation. The Committee requested confirmation any materials used to create the art are responsibly and appropriately sourced or harvested. The committee discussed legal challenges other institutions have faced in the wake of land acknowledgments. Therefore, the Committee objected to a reference on the proposal exhibit of a space reserved for a future land acknowledgment.

The Committee made clear its approval of the art proposal excluded anything related to a land acknowledgment, noting consideration of a land acknowledgment would require separate discussion and action. The Committee favored a plaque that would consist of descriptions of the artist, history, and artwork. Upon the motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the proposal as amended.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Unless otherwise notified, the next meeting will be held on October 21, 2021.