

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BUSINESSES COMMITTEE

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format.

Friday, March 29th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Johnathan Montes, Jaiden Grivette, Anita Barker, Stacie Corona, Megan Odom, Zackary Machado, Kathleen Mwamtobe

Members Absent: Michelle Korte

Others Present: Dr. Chela Mendoza Patterson, Eliza Miller (recording), Tom Rider, Kyle Alsberry, Steve Novo, Windy Van Dam, Katrina Leach

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Montes, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION:** The meeting began with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 3/29/24 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 3/29/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented. (Corona/Odom) 6/0/0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of 3/8/24. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 3/8/24, as presented (Grivette/Corona) 6/0/0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Montes introduced the new student member, Kathleen Mwamtobe, and the committee welcomed her.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for the entire topic –None
- VII. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion Item: Budget Intro- Rider shared that this is a preview of the proposed budgets that will be shared at the next meeting. He explained the basics of the AS budget and how it is utilized as a predictive tool and reviewed the different categories that the Auxiliary Business budget includes. He also reviewed the differences between our actual, original, estimated, and proposed budget numbers, which the committee will review in the coming weeks. He also reviewed some of the factors that are factoring into the development of the budget for 2024/25, for example, inflation, enrollment numbers, and increases in labor costs. No questions were asked.
- VIII. **AUXILIARY BUSINESSES DIRECTOR REPORT** – Rider shared that the BOD had a Q&A session regarding Chartwells' proposal. He shared that the proposed contract would result in a 3-million-dollar loss to the AS and is projected to require an AS restructuring in the future to be able to sustain. This results from our AS already being set up to self-operate dining services. Baker asked when this vote would be coming. Rider clarified that it would come to the BOD in the next couple of weeks. And clarified that if the BOD voted to move forward with Chartwells, implementation wouldn't occur until spring. Rider updated that the inclusive access program between campus and the bookstore will be piloted soon. Rider shared that Choose Chico is next weekend, and Dining will participate through tours and meals at Éstom Jámani. He shared that depending on the Chartwells vote, he is planning a trip with Montes down to Cal Poly Pomona to tour their self-op dining facilities,

and they will be staying in the campus hotel. He concluded by sharing that the elections are next week.

- IX. CHICO STATE WILDCAT STORE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Novo shared that Choose Chico is coming up and is always a big day for the bookstore. He shared that the bookstore’s Apple sale is April 15th through 19th, and he’s hoping for a good turnout this year.
- X. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Dr. Patterson acknowledged the directors for all their work presenting the budget previews at our standing committees this week and expressed the importance of the students understanding the budgets they will be voting on and asking any questions the committee may have. She also acknowledged that Monday is Cesar Chavez day and encouraged everyone to take a little time on their Monday to honor him through service and positivity.
- XI. VP APPOINTEES’ REPORT** – Machado said that the international festival is on May 4th, and the bike auction is coming up soon. He shared that ASFC’s upcoming projects are repairs to the WREC roof and updates to the BMU’s doors to allow for remote emergency lockdown.
- XII. CHAIR REPORT** – Montes wished everyone a happy Easter and a reminder about the importance of Cesar Chavez Day. This is summarized by encouraging everyone to vote in the election and wishing any candidate good luck!
- XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- XIV. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- XV. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Montes, adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.