

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Monday, October 9, 2023

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Johnathan Montes, Vincent Sy, Dr. Tracy Butts, Mia Arisman, Jamie Clyde, Allison Wagner

Members Absent: Christian Sullivan (excused), Dr. Isaac Brundage

Others Present: Curtis Sicheneder, Karen Bang (recording), Kyle Alsberry, Kendra Wright, Leah Mercer, Katrina Robertson, Thang Ho, Tom Rider, Lexi Extein, Anna Paladini, Keith Crawford, Steve Novo, Windy Van Dam, Shar Krater, Sarah Wilson, Brooke McCall, Charlie Foor

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 10/9/23 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/9/23 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sy/Montes) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/25/23 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/25/23 regular meeting, as presented (Arisman/Sy) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- VII. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Action Items forwarded to the Board of Directors from the standing committees stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Board action.
 - A. Government Affairs Committee
 1. GAC Actions of 10/6/23 – Alaniz-Wiggins reviewed the approved items.
 - a. Approved the 10/6/23 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 9/22/23 regular meeting, as presented.
 - c. Approved appointment of Sri Ramani Thungapati to the Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs position for Academic Year 2023-24, as presented.
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
 1. ASFC Actions of 10/9/23 – Sy noted the items approved at their meeting.
 - a. Approved the 10/9/23 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 4/28/23 regular meeting, as presented.
 - c. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Facilities Committee Meetings for the academic year 2023-24, as presented.
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
 1. ASBC Actions of 10/4/23 – Montes reviewed the approved items with the Board.
 - a. Approved the 10/4/23 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the regular meetings of 5/1/23 and 5/8/23, as presented.
 - c. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Businesses Committee Meetings for the academic year 2023-24, as presented.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of appointment of Allison Wagner to the Executive Vice President position for Academic Year 2023-24. **Motion to approve appointment of Allison Wagner to the Executive Vice President position for Academic Year 2023-24, as presented (Montes/Sy) 6-0-0 MSC.** Wagner was welcomed to the table.
- B. Action Item: Approval of Zackary Machado as the joint appointee to the Associated Students Businesses Committee (ASBC) and the Associated Students Facilities Committee (ASFC) as nominated by the Associated Students Vice President of Business and Finance and the Associated Students Vice President of Facilities and Services for Academic Year 2023-24. **Motion to approve Zackary Machado as the joint appointee to the Associated Students Businesses Committee (ASBC) and the Associated Students Facilities Committee (ASFC) as nominated by the Associated Students Vice President of Business and Finance and the Associated Students Vice President of Facilities and Services for Academic Year 2023-24, as presented (Montes/Sy) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Approval of June 30, 2023 Audited Financial Statements and Report to the Board of Directors per the Audit Committee recommendation as it stands. **Motion to approve the June 30, 2023 Audited Financial Statements and Report to the Board of Directors per the Audit Committee recommendation as it stands (Montes/Sy) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- D. Director of Academic Affairs Report – Arisman reported that Student Academic Senate met; however, because they did not have quorum, no business was conducted.
- E. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report – Sullivan was at the Men of Color Conference so Alaniz-Wiggins provided his report. The first Social Justice and Equity Committee meeting will be held 10/16/23 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meetings will be held biweekly. UDC is focusing on the Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander community. Tribal Relations will be holding a Cultural Class on 10/12/23 from 2 to 5 p.m. Dr. Cortez and Dr. Morales will be holding Free Speech at Chico State Workshops from 12:30 to 2 p.m. biweekly.
- F. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Clyde said Dr. Brundage and Dr. Cortez are also in Long Beach at the Men of Color Conference. She said labor union negotiations are getting a little closer, though nothing is final yet. Clyde said Montes attended the 2 ½ hour budget presentation at the recent University Budget Committee meeting. She noted campus was almost \$9 million in the hole last year, and projected to go further in the hole this year. Clyde said the Board of Trustees tuition increase was voted on and passed; a 6% increase each year for five years. She explained that this still doesn't close the budget gap and does not count towards labor negotiations. Clyde said there are multiple committees for and against bikes being ridden on campus and suggested discussing this at Student Academic Senate and the Government Affairs Committee, noting this is a very hot topic on campus. Clyde said she is expecting to see an increase in advocacy in terms of freedom of speech and noted that Dr. Morales' department is taking the lead, with Dr. Cortez' assistance. She said campus encourages free speech, even when it's not something that we want to hear.
- G. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts said Happy Monday and noted that this weekend is Wildcat Preview, where prospective students and their families are welcomed to campus. She said academic programs and student support services would be showcased and encouraged everyone to attend and talk to some prospective students.
- H. Interim Executive Director Report – Sicheneder said Chartwells Higher Education representatives visited campus on 10/4/23 as part of the Master Sponsorship Agreement (MSA) process that Associated Students Dining Services (ASDS) is exploring. He explained that the MSA Chartwells has with the CSU system allows any CSU campus to enter into negotiations directly with Chartwells without having to go through a full Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Sicheneder noted the main reasons the Associated Students Businesses Committee (ASBC) chose to explore this route was due to both declining revenue of our retail businesses as enrollment and in-person foot traffic have declined since 2019, as well as the closure of Whitney Hall and the substantial loss of residential student income to both ASDS and University Housing (UH). He said a Public Forum and Stakeholder meetings were held last week for fact finding for Chartwells as they'll prepare a proposal reflective of the personal needs of Chico State. He noted they heard from representatives of UH, Athletics, Basic Needs, the Chico State Farm, community business owners, FMS, ASBC members, and our AS President amongst others. They will be following up with a series of meetings to further explore some of the key things they heard while on campus. Sicheneder said Rider will provide additional updates and information about the process, as well as some of their proposed ideas, at the 10/23/23 Board meeting.

- I. President Report – Regarding internal affairs, Alaniz-Wiggins said today is Indigenous Peoples' Day and reminded to be mindful of the indigenous peoples of the U.S. She said a video regarding this will be posted today on the AS story. She said campus safety is the subject for the upcoming Hot Drinks and Hot Topics, then leading onto a campus safety forum with Student Affairs using the responses provided by students during the Hot Drinks and Hot Topics event. She said this will be led by the Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy and Commissioner of Community Affairs. Regarding the Cozen O'Connor Title IX and DHR Assessment, Alaniz-Wiggins said they are looking for student representation for their subcommittee, so please let her know if interested. Regarding Chartwells, Alaniz-Wiggins reminded Board members it's their responsibility to attend the events, listen and voice concerns. Regarding external affairs, Alaniz-Wiggins said there is a small workgroup that has been independently convened to discuss managing geopolitical issues as students, and concerns with that. She said a meeting will be held on Friday with the presidents to discuss concerns and how to go about it and our own issues with our own campuses. She requested that if anyone would like to share any information with her regarding this, she'd appreciate it. Alaniz-Wiggins said last year Krystal Alvarez was elected chair of the student Board of Trustees search committee. She was excited to announce that she has been selected chair of the search committee this year.
- IX. **CLOSED SESSION** – Pursuant to Education Code Section 89307 (c)(1): Personnel Matter – The Board went into Closed Session at 2:52 p.m. and came out of Closed Session at 3:04 p.m. Alaniz-Wiggins stated that Action was taken during Closed Session, as follows: **Motion to approve Marcella (Chela) Mendoza Patterson to start work on October 11, 2023 and assume the role of Interim Executive Director from October 29, 2023 not to exceed June 30, 2024, as presented (Wagner/Montes) 6-0-1 MSC.**
- X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Sicheneder reminded that The Patio Grand Opening at the WREC is at 3:30 p.m. today.
- XI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Krater said Chela Mendoza Patterson was one of her first mentors and is excited for the AS and this next chapter.
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.