

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Tia Saunders, Mahraya Davis, Jamie Clyde, Beatrix Teaney, Akylai Murzakulova, Miguel Sueki, Isaac Brundage, Kureha Takayama

Members Absent: Tracy Butts

Others Present: Jon Simmons, Thang Ho, Eliza Miller (recording), Kendra Wright, Katrina Leach, Anna Paladini, Keith Crawford, Ben Spiess, Emily Berry, Katey VonMosch, Brooke McCall, Melody Leppard, Christina Hammans, Amanda Dubner, Windy Van Dam, Teresa Clements, Kristen Fisher, Leah Mercer, Tom Rider, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Steve Novo, Luke Bagwell, Kristin Chelotti, Cherie Higgs, Sarah Wilson, Jazmin Guajardo, Carson Fajardo, Chris Hutton, Sean Shanks.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Saunders, called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** - The meeting started with reading the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 11/12/25 Regular Meeting Agenda. **Motion to Approve 11/12/25 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. (Teaney/Murzakulova) 8-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 10/29/25 meeting minutes. **Motion to Approve the 10/29/25 meeting minutes, as presented (Sueki/Takayama) 8-0-0 MSC**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**— None.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – 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 10/31/25
 - a. Approved the 10/31/25 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 10/17/25 regular meeting, as presented
 - c. Approved 2026 AS Elections procedures, as presented
 - d. Approved 2025-26 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments:

Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Council
-Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Luke Bagwell

Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council
-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Madi Sunderman
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
 1. ASFC Actions of 11/6/25
 - a. Approved the 11/6/25 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 10/23/25 regular meeting, as presented
 - c. Approved department name change to AS Marketing and Outreach
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
 1. ASBC Actions of 10/28/25

- a. Approved the 10/28/25 regular meeting agenda
- b. Approved Minutes of the 10/14/25 regular meeting, as presented.
Sueki also added that the ASBC discussed forming a subcommittee for the pouring rights contract, and there will be more information to come soon on that.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Audit Committee recommendation regarding awarding of audit and tax services to Aldrich CPAs + Advisors LLP for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 through June 30, 2028. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Audit Committee recommendation regarding awarding of audit and tax services to Aldrich CPAs + Advisors LLP for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 through June 30, 2028, as presented. (Sueki/Takayama) 8-0-0 MSC.** Clyde reminded the Board about the details of the recommendation as discussed at the previous Board meeting. She shared that the recommendation to stay with Aldrich for another three years aligns with the average 10-year tenure observed in similar organizations..
- B. Action Item: Revisions to AS Corporate Codes: Procurement Card Policy. **Action Requested: Motion to approve Revisions to AS Corporate Codes: Procurement Card Policy, as presented. (Murzakulova/Teaney) 8-0-0 MSC.** There was no discussion.
- C. Action Item: Revisions to AS Corporate Codes: Capital Expenditure Purchases and Fixed Asset Policy. **Action Requested: Motion to approve Revisions to AS Corporate Codes: Capital Expenditure Purchases and Fixed Asset Policy, as presented. (Teaney/Takayama) 8-0-0 MSC.** Clyde reminded the Board that the financial changes in this document have been reviewed against State-side requirements and fall within acceptable limits.
- D. Discussion Item: SNAP benefit participation – Clyde shared that this item was placed on the agenda in response to the pause in SNAP benefits at the beginning of November. She shared that the conversations around who was and wasn't affected by the SNAP funding pause revealed that Dream students were also affected by food insecurity but were not being as supported through the efforts to help food-insecure students during the SNAP pause, due to being ineligible for SNAP benefits. She encouraged the Board to reach out to the Dream Center to gain additional insight into what the Board can do to support this population. Sueki shared that the Dream Center also supports mixed-status students, so he appreciates the broader outreach. Teaney asked for more information about what support the Dream Center is already providing to students. Clyde shared that she can bring more details about what the AS is already funding at the next meeting.
- E. Information Item: Review of Investments – Quarter ending 9/30/25
 - 1. Local Agency Investment Fund and Money Market.- Leach reviewed the investments for the first quarter of the 25/26 FY. The total LAIF balance as of September 30th was \$25,259,838.88, earning \$236,242 in interest at 4.3% The Money Market account used by Auxiliary Businesses earned \$43,702 in interest for the quarter, ending with an investment balance of \$3,066,558
 - 2. Board Designated Fund. – Leach reviewed the Board Designated fund, as of September 30th. She updated the board on the progress of the projects allocated last fiscal year, sharing that \$90,000 of the \$178,000 allocated has already been distributed for projects.
- F. Information Item: 7/31/25, 8/31/25 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Leach reviewed the Follett financials for the months of July and August. Total sales for July came in at \$87,396, down 9.8% from last year. Leach shared that July tends to be slow as classes aren't yet in session. August sales came in at \$441,768 overall, which is up 45.9% from last year. Much of this increase is credited to the impact of the immediate access program on course material sales, which were up 80% over last year alone.
- G. Information item: 9/30/25 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Summary – Leach reviewed the Student Union financials for the quarter ending September 30, 2025. She shared that at this point in the year, we should expect to be at about 25% of the budget. The total income was \$5,190,000 year-to-date, representing 45% of the budget. Leach clarified that the high percentage is due to already receiving half of the student fee dollars for the year from campus. Year-to-date expenses were \$2,244,152, or 19.64% of the budget.
- H. Discussion Item: Student Trustee Q&A.- Saunders invited student trustees, Jazmin Guajardo and Carson Fajardo, to speak with the Board. They shared an overview of their responsibilities for the CSU system, providing a student perspective to the trusteeship. They shared some of the duties of a CSU Trustee, including

participating in presidential searches and reviews, advocating for the CSU budget at the state level, and approving academic programs. Teaney inquired whether the trustees would ever vote on the Interim Time, Place, and Manner policy that was implemented system-wide over the summer of 2024. Trustee Guajardo shared that she asked the same questions during the implementation, and it was shared with her that this particular policy was under the purview of the chancellor, as mandated by the state. She added that there is flexibility in the oversight of TPM living with the chancellor rather than with the trustees, who have many requirements to meet quorum and vote on topics like this, which can slow down needed action. Trustee Fajardo shared that CSSA was involved in the policy process for that TPM policy and offered input during the implementation, reflecting that dedication to shared governance.

- I. Director of Academic Affairs Report—Takayama shared updates on their last Student Academic Senate meeting. They have been discussing representation for our undeclared students on campus. She shared that the next SAS meeting is tomorrow, and it is the final SAS meeting of the semester.
- J. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report—Davis shared that they have held two Social Justice and Equity Committee meetings so far this semester. They also officially appointed a vice chair for the committee. She also announced the Multicultural Showcase coming up on November 19th from 6-8 pm in the BMU auditorium.
- K. University Vice Presidents' Reports—VP Clyde shared that the University Budget Committee is meeting next week, and those meetings are now open to the public. Clyde shared that she recently toured campus with representatives from the chancellor's office to discuss and advocate for the maintenance of campus facilities. She shared that we are near the top of the list in the CSU for deferred maintenance, estimated at nearly 1 billion dollars worth of needed facility upgrades and repairs. Other meetings with the Chancellor's office reps included discussions on enrollment strategies and budget.

VP Brundage encouraged everyone to attend UBC, because it provides a lot of information about what we do financially at the institution and why. He shared some updates on enrollment, including earlier acceptance letters and recruitment scholarships through University Advancement, to help encourage students to commit to attending Chico State. He expressed appreciation for the conversation earlier in the meeting regarding support for Dream students. He expressed gratitude to AS Dining for their support in getting food to students while SNAP benefits were delayed.

- L. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts was absent.
 - M. Executive Director's Report – Clyde shared her thanks to Tom Rider, Director of AS Auxiliary Businesses, for his steadfast dedication to supporting our students during this SNAP funding pause. She addressed the article published in *The Orion* last week, addressing the accusations that anti-union meetings were being held with AS management using student dollars. Clyde clarified that no anti-union activities have or are occurring. She further explained that, as a separate entity from the University, the AS is required to maintain separate legal counsel, and there has been no change in that counsel due to union activity. All leadership meetings held were related to training and education of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) to ensure the AS stays in compliance with the law, as we see more union activity. She concluded her report by announcing that she will be stepping down as AS Executive Director, effective January 1st, and will serve full-time as VP of Business and Finance for the University. She shared her appreciation for the AS and her work with AS students over the last ten years. She expressed her desire to continue supporting and advocating for the critical work the AS does for the students here at Chico State.
 - N. President's Report – Saunders shared that she, VP Sueki, and EVP Teaney will be serving on a subcommittee to determine the criteria for the scholarship approved through the Board Designated Fund during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. She shared that she will be attending NASPA with the Student Affairs team and has been having good discussions with VP Brundage about how the AS and Student Affairs can collaborate to support students.
- IV. CLOSED SESSION-** Pursuant to Education Code 89307(c)(1) – Personnel matter (Time Certain: 3:30 p.m.)
The board went into closed session at 3:35 p.m. and came out of closed session at 3:56 p.m. Saunders announced that two actions were taken during the closed session:
The Board approved the appointment of AS Associate Executive Director, Jon Simmons, as the Interim AS Executive Director effective January 1, 2026. MSC 7-0-1
Jamie Camaren Clyde left the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

The Board approved the Modification of Jamie Camaren's employment contract to a reduced time base of .25 from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. MSC 7-0-0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

VI. PUBLIC OPINION— none

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Saunders, adjourned the meeting at 4:01 pm.