MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2024                                     8:30 a.m.                                                BMU 205

Members Present: Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Johnathan Montes, Vincent Sy, Dr. Tracy Butts, Mia Arisman, Allison Wagner, Christian Sullivan, Dr. Isaac Brundage

Members Absent: Jamie Clyde

Others Present: Chela Mendoza Patterson, Jon Simmons, Kendra Wright (recording), Hugh Hammond, Thang Ho, Eliza Miller, Katrina Leach, Leah Mercer, Anna Paladin, Keith Crawford, Kristin Chelotti, Charlie Foor, Shar Krater, Katey VonMosch, Brooke McCall, Windy Van Dam, Tom Rider, Richard Oliver, Amanda Dubner, Christina Jewell, Anna Paladin, Sarah Wilson,

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

I. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION - The meeting started with reading the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/28/24 agenda (Wagner/Sullivan ). 7/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 2/14/24. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/14/24, as presented (Sy / Montes) 8/0/0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS- None

V. PUBLIC OPINION - None

VI. 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 2/19/24
      a. Approved the 2/19/24 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved Minutes of the 2/5/24 regular meeting, as presented.
      c. Approved Consent Agenda: 2023-24 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments Confirmation of appointments to the Sustainability Affairs Committee (SAC)
         - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Student Appointment: Makaiya Jones
         - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Student Appointment: Vaishnavi Akula
         - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Student Appointment: Sruthi Vobbilissetti
         - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Student Appointment: Miguel Cruz
         - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Student Appointment: Yash Madan
      d. Approved “Join the Call for Ceasefire in Gaza Resolution.”

B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
   1. ASFC Actions of 2/15/24
      a. Approved the 2/15/24 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved Minutes of the 2/1/24 regular meeting, as presented.

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
   1. ASBC actions of 2/23/24
      a. Approved the 2/23/24 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved Minutes of the 2/9/24 regular meeting, as presented.
      c. Approved Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Businesses Committee Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2023-24, as presented.
VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Revisions to Associated Students Human Resources Policy: Sick Leave Policy #735. **Motion to approve Revisions to Associated Students Human Resources Policy: Sick Leave Policy #735 as presented (Sullivan/Wagner) 8-0-0 MSC**: Mercer mentioned this is the topic from the last meeting, and it is legally required to provide this policy. No questions asked.

B. Action Item: CalPERS Publicly Available Pay Schedule. **Motion to approve CalPERS Publicly Available Pay Schedule, as presented (Wagner/Arisman) 8-0-0 MSC**: Mercer mentioned this is the topic from the last meeting, and it is legally required to provide this schedule. No questions asked.

C. Director of Academic Affairs Report – Arisman and Alaniz-Wiggins met with Chair Trailer to discuss any possible student issues. Arisman is looking forward to the collaboration between SAS and the Academic Senate. She also looks forward to welcoming members from Housing and Academic Senate to future SAS meetings.

D. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report – Sullivan mentioned that his Social Justice and Equity council is partnering with basic needs to provide a cultural foods shelf. More information to come as that unfolds. Women’s History Month is coming up, and he would like to ask for any contributions to the display table in the BMU atrium. Sullivan mentioned that the Victory in Unity event was successful and had a great turnout. He asked the room who attended, and several hands were raised. He hopes it continues to be an event that Government Affairs can be involved in for future years.

E. University Vice Presidents’ Reports – Dr. Brundage attended Victory in Unity via Zoom. He was out of town to speak as the keynote at the Western New Mexico University Unity Brunch. He shared that a Chico Alum created the Unity Brunch here at Chico State and now works at Western New Mexico University, where he established the same tradition. Regarding our cultural centers, Dr. Brundage also shared that Chico State received $400K for an API cultural center. He also provided a preliminary announcement of $250K for the upcoming Black Excellence Center. An additional program that is coming our way is called Second Start. This initiative allows students to return to Chico State if they have been out of school for over three years. Dr. Brundage is anticipating the possibility of $30K for this program. His division is looking for additional ways to bring money in to support their programs. Super Sunday was this past Sunday for CSU. He is currently working with Black pastors in the area. Dr. Brundage anticipates that May 17th will be the next event at the Oroville Community Center. All are invited, and more information will come.

F. Faculty Representative report – Dr. Butts would like to encourage students to check in on their friends. We are in week six, and this is when it starts to get challenging. Dr. Butts encouraged the students to get some rest where they can, and we are almost halfway through the semester.

G. Interim Executive Director’s Report – Dr. Patterson is working with Katrina Leach and Jon Simmons on budgets. She has multiple meetings scheduled in the upcoming weeks with the various Directors in the AS. They are focusing primarily on revised and proposed budgets. Dr. Patterson states that Victory in Unity this past weekend was a fantastic event. She acknowledged the team within the Associated Students who helped make it happen, including conference services, catering, AV, and Hugh Hammond, who was in the room. She shared that as a previous programmer, she knows how many hours were put in to make this event successful. Dr. Patterson was impressed with the diverse attendees: multigenerational groups, high school students, students from Butte College, etc. The event reminds her of the vibrant, diverse, multicultural community we have here. She recalls times when Chico State hosted the Noble 9 and their impressive step routines. This event had two organizations from that group represented, and it was enjoyable to watch. She concluded that bringing back that energy is a positive thing and encourages all to attend if the event happens in the future. Dr. Patterson also reminded the campus community of the $5 lunch offered by AS dining services to all faculty, staff, and students in Êstom Jámani, 2/28/24 from 11 am-5 pm. All you need is your ID, so please support the program and familiarize the campus with our facilities. Alaniz-Wiggins asked about payment methods, and Tom Rider shared that it’s a cashless venue, although Wildcat dollars, Red dollars, credit/debit cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay are accepted.
H. President’s Report – Alaniz-Wiggins attended CSU Advocacy Day in Sacramento this past weekend. She will be returning to the Capitol next weekend to meet with Assemblyman Gallagher. The team will be advocating on behalf of the CSU system. She will attend CSSA and CHESS with Sullivan, Chai, Arisman, and Landry. The search for the Student Board of Trustees has now concluded. Alaniz-Wiggins has shared that the committee has provided their recommendation to the Board, and results will be announced soon. She shared that she helped make the recruitment process more equitable. The results will be posted in April. The Moonlight Safety Stroll is 3/4/24 from 6-8, BMU 210. This is an opportunity to peruse Chico State and give recommendations to the campus and the City of Chico. She shared that it’s an opportunity to learn about lighting throughout the town. She recently found out that certain streets can’t be overly lit because of bats. She encourages all to attend to learn more. Alaniz-Wiggins shared that we are the 2nd CSU to make a call for a cease-fire. Next weekend, CSSA will vote on their own as well. Alaniz-Wiggins helped co-author the cease-fire statement for CSSA. She shared that the CSSA Statement took inspiration from CSU, Sacramento, and our own statement. She sees this as a great opportunity to recognize human rights violations around the world and thanked the team for their support.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

IX. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for the entire topic – None

X. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, adjourned the meeting at 8:53 a.m.