

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

1:00 p.m.

BMU 205

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

Members Absent: Mahraya Davis (excused), Tracy Butts

Others Present: Jon Simmons, Eliza Miller (recording), Hugh Hammond, Kendra Wright, Leah Mercer, Tom Rider, Katrina Leach, Keith Crawford, Luke Bagwell, Steve Novo, Teresa Clements, Katey VonMosch, Joe Dorgali, Charlie Arroway, Cherie Higgs, Ember Funk, Jackie Hansen, Sarah Wilson.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Saunders, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** - The meeting started with reading the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 4/1/26 Regular Meeting Agenda. **Motion to Approve 4/1/26 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. (Teany/Sueki) 7-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 3/25/26 meeting minutes. **Motion to Approve the 3/25/26 meeting minutes, as presented (Takayama/Murzakulova) 7-0-0 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 3/27/26
 - a. Approved the 3/27/26 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 3/13/26 regular meeting, as presented
Teaney reviewed the actions of the 3/27 GAC meeting. She shared a brief overview of the discussion topics at the meeting, including a budget preview and additional discussion of revisions to the SOEAF Policy.
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
 1. ASFC Actions of 3/27/26
 - a. Approved the 3/27/26 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 2/27/26 regular meeting, as presented
 - c. Approved Ozzi Box Collection Project in the amount of \$37,500 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) for further discussion and deliberation.
Murzakulova reviewed the actions of the 3/27 ASFC meeting. Additionally, she shared that SFAC is holding its deliberation meeting on April 10th, and vice chair Lanum will chair, as Murzakulova will be unavailable.
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
 1. ASBC Actions of 3/26/26
 - a. Approved the 3/26/26 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 2/26/26 regular meeting, as presented

Sueki reviewed the actions of the 3/26 ASBC meeting. Additionally, he discussed the progress of the subcommittee reviewing RFP proposals for campus pouring rights.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Item: Removal of the Senator for the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management. Takayama, Director of Academic Affairs, shared her experience with the current Senator of the College of ECC, bringing her to put his potential removal in front of the Board. She outlined multiple meetings and conversations she held with him throughout the year, addressing professionalism and duties that were not completed. She requested that the Board consider removal. Dr. Brundage expressed his appreciation for the thorough explanation and documentation prepared by Takayama. Teaney noted that the senator did not attend the meeting to advocate for himself. Wright shared that the senator was invited to speak and has chosen not to.
- B. Information Item: Report on COLA Percentage – Leach reviewed the estimated COLA, sharing that it is brought to the Board annually. She explained that this is related to the cost of living, but affects the entire budget as goods and services also increase year over year based on this number. Clyde shared that the campus not increasing wages last year may artificially lower the estimate, as that number is part of Leach's calculations.
- C. Information Item: 2/28/26 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Sueki reviewed the February financials for the Follett Wildcat Store. February course materials income was \$34,096. Sueki shared that a decent number of opt-outs came from a large course that was offered materials at a lower price directly from sales reps. Sueki called on Steve Novo, Wildcat Store Manager. Novo clarified that the course was made ineligible for IA because the IA requirement is that materials be the lowest offered price. YTD course materials income was \$1,035,901, up about 29% from last year. YTD General Merchandise ended at \$1,144,796, down just under 15% from last year. Overall, YTD sales were \$2,180,697, up about 7% over last year.
- D. Director of Academic Affairs Report – Takayama reported on the March 27th Student Academic Senate Meeting. She shared that they approved some changes to the Student Academic Senate Code, and after it is approved at GAC, it will come to the Board. She also shared her plans to use her position budget to purchase and distribute scantrons and greenbooks to students preparing for finals.
- E. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report—Davis was absent
- F. University Vice Presidents' Reports— VP Clyde shared that they held UBC on Monday. She gave an update on the campus budget process, noting that they are using three potential state funding scenarios to develop the budget for next fiscal year. She also updated on the recent CABO meeting hosted at Chico State last week. She gave a shoutout to the AS for their work during the high-profile, multifaceted meeting held in the BMU. She concluded her reports by sharing that the Executive Director interviews are underway and shouted out Mercer for the work she has been putting in on that process.

VP Brundage debriefed the Farmworkers day weekend. He shared the support efforts that were in place to keep students safe over the weekend, including water, NARCAN, and fentanyl test strips. He added that there were some medical incidents, but fewer than in past years. They are looking to adapt their support efforts for how the holiday may change going forward, stressing cultural sensitivity. He also updated the Board on the IFC recruitment process. They have worked with all the national organizations, and some have responded positively that they want to work together with the campus, but others have not. He also shared a brief update on the Student Hall of Fame, and shared that they are holding the induction ceremony on May 8th. The Wall of Fame is not up yet, due to the staff art show that is currently ongoing, but will be installed after the art show is over. He also reported on enrollment, sharing that we are in our 9th consecutive semester of increased enrollment. He highlighted the importance of outreach to transfer students in those increases.

- G. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts was absent
- H. Executive Director's Report – Simmons reported on the progress that has been made on the Board Designated Fund Scholarship. **Murzakulova left the meeting at 1:50 pm.** He shared the Book in Common event tomorrow

at Laxson and encouraged all who read the Book in Common to attend the author's talk. He shared that the SFAC deliberation meeting is on April 10th. Simmons concluded by sharing that they had received some fake meal vouchers at Estom Jamani Dining.

- I. President's Report – Saunders shared that she has formed a sub-committee for the Board Designated Fund, including herself, Sueki, and Teaney. They have \$66,000 in funding to allocate. She shared her proposed process for selecting and asked the committee to send her any feedback tonight. **Clyde left the meeting at 1:55 pm, and the meeting ended due to a lack of quorum.**

~~IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS~~

~~V. PUBLIC OPINION~~

~~IX. ADJOURNMENT~~