

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

1:00 p.m.

BMU 205

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

Members Absent: Tracy Butts

Others Present: Eliza Miller (recording), Hugh Hammond, Kendra Wright, Luke Bagwell, Keith Crawford, Katrina Leach, Thang Ho, Katey VonMosch, Teresa Clements, Chase Weiland, Joe Dorgali, Windy VanDam, Brooke McCall, Ember Funk, Kim Canisso, Holden Campos, Veronica Coats.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Saunders, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** - The meeting started with reading the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 4/15/26 Regular Meeting Agenda. **Motion to Approve 4/15/26 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. (Sueki/Murzakulova) 7-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 4/8/26 meeting minutes. **Motion to Approve the 4/8/26 meeting minutes, as presented. (Teaney/Takayama) 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 4/10/26**
 - a. Approved the 4/10/26 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Revisions to the Student Academic Senate Code
Teaney reviewed the actions of the 4/10 GAC meeting. She also reviewed the discussions held, including the proposed activity fee budget for 26-27, and a presentation from student life and leadership on the SOEAF utilization from this past year.
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
 1. **ASFC Actions of 4/10/26**
 - a. Approved the 4/10/26 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 4/3/26 regular meeting, as presented
Murzakulova reviewed the actions of the 4/10 ASFC meeting and shared that the SFAC deliberation meeting was held on Friday as well.
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
 1. **ASBC Actions of 4/9/26**
 - a. Approved the 4/9/26 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 4/2/26 regular meeting, as presented
Sueki reviewed the actions and discussion topics of the 4/9 ASBC meeting.

VIII. **BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion Item: Associated Students Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2025-26 and proposed budget 2026-27 – Leach reviewed the estimated budget results 25-26 and proposed budget for 26-27. She shared that this budget was created using an annualized headcount of 14,580. She reviewed the key highlights that have influenced this proposed budget, including inflation, rising insurance costs, and increases in campus IT costs. She reviewed an all-area summary for the estimated results and the proposed budget. For estimated results 25-26, overall revenues are expected to be \$24.4M, and expenses are \$24.7M, resulting in an overall decrease in net assets of \$294k. For the proposed budget 26-27, overall revenues are projected at \$26.5M and expenses at \$26.3M, resulting in an estimated increase in net assets of \$210k. Leach reviewed the capital expenditures, highlighting a few high-cost capital projects planned for each area. Leach covered each fee area in more detail and reviewed the net asset reserves for each area, as well as local net assets for each fee area and net assets held by CSU, Chico. Under net asset reserves, Leach shared that all areas are fully funded as of June 30, 2025, adding that most areas are on track to be fully funded through 2030, with the exception of the Student Union, which may require the AS to consider a fee increase in the next year to maintain campus-mandated levels of reserves in future years. Leach reviewed the corporate services budget, which includes Financial Services, HR, IT, Administration, corporate insurance, and copy machines. Leach shared that corporate services are reimbursed from each fee area, resulting in a net 0 bottom line in this area. She shared that in addition to areas reimbursing the corporate services, all areas reimburse the Union for utilities, water, and waste collection, and reviewed the overall reimbursements for each area. Dr. Brundage inquired where the enrollment estimate came from. Leach shared that she works with the Budget Office to determine this number, noting that the AS uses a more conservative figure than the campus for enrollment projections because the AS relies on fees for budgeting. Clyde thanked Leach for her presentation and shared some context on the work that went into creating this budget behind the scenes. Clyde noted that the balance in dining reserves at this time is in line with required levels but may be lower than recommended, especially given recent student feedback calling for upgrades to dining facilities, and encouraged the board to consider reviewing the reserves policy in the near future. **Murzakulova left the meeting at 1:55pm**
- B. Discussion Item: Pouring Rights RFP Recommendation – Rider shared the recommendation from the RFP subcommittee with the Board. He shared that the committee received two proposals, Pepsi Co. and Coca-Cola, reviewed the sub-committee's recommendation that the board go with Pepsi Co. for the pouring rights contract, citing a clear difference in the sponsorship funds offered by each company and a more robust sustainability plan from Pepsi. **Davis joined the meeting at 2:08**
- C. Discussion Item: Revisions to Student Academic Senate Code – Takayama shared the proposed changes to the Student Academic Senate Code with the Board, including the addition of a non-voting member from exploratory studies to represent undeclared students, and the addition of "if applicable" to the requirement for senators to host a council within their college. Sueki asked about the change that amended the requirement to hold a council, noting that he felt its inequitable to have some senators host councils and some not. Wright clarified that the senators' duties revolve around supporting their college through the college's success center, and that the resources and priorities of each college differ slightly, and are outside the purview of the AS.
- D. Director of Academic Affairs Report – Takayama reported on the 4/10/26 Student Academic Senate meeting. She shared that the transfer support program gave a presentation. The transfer support program just started this semester, and is part of the first-year-experience office. She also shared her plans to use her budget to offer free scantrons and greenbooks for students in the lead-up to finals.
- E. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report—Davis reported that the Social Justice and Equity Committee hosted a meeting yesterday. She reviewed the allocations SJEC has made this year, totaling \$2,500 across three events.
- F. University Vice Presidents' Reports— VP Clyde shared that they have hired the auxiliary support position in the Office of Business and Finance, and the incumbent will officially start next week. She shared that UBC has made its recommendation to the president for the budget.
VP Brundage shared updates on enrollment, citing transfer students as a major driver of the increases. He reminded the Board about the Fanatics Baseball Game coming up this month. **Davis left the meeting at 2:26.**
- G. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts was absent.

H. Executive Director's Report – Simmons was absent.

I. President's Report – Saunders shared that Commissioner Montecello is in DC with President Perez for CSU Hill week. She shared some updates from the CSSA meeting over the weekend.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Takayama shared the International Prom event next Friday in the BMU auditorium. The theme this year is enchanted forest. Saunders shared a number of events coming up from the AS to celebrate Earth Month, including farm tours, the Earth Day festival, and the El Centro event, Earth Day Ride or Die. She also shared that sustainability has feedback forms available to gather student feedback on the proposed downtown revitalization project.

V. PUBLIC OPINION— None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Saunders, adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.