Associated Students
California State University Chico

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday, April 30, 2:30 p.m. **BMU 205**

Members Present: Chris Sullivan, Aishwarya Gowda, Dev Kachiwala, Aaron Schwartz, Jamie Clyde, Jaiden Grivette, Isaac Brundage, Rishika Tyagi, Tracy Butts
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Eliza Miller (recording), Ben Spiess, Tom Rider, Jon Simmons, Kendra Wright, Leah Mercer, Windy Van Dam, Katrina Leach, Luke Bagwell, Keith Crawford, Emily Berry, Anna Paladini, Katey VonMosch, Gaia Villani, Charlie Arroway, Christina Jewel, C L Flanagan, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Kelsey Torres, Kendall Ross, Kristin Chelotti, Steve Novo, Sarah Wilson, Teresa Clements.

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Sullivan, called the meeting to order at 2:33pm

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

III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 4/30/25 Regular Meeting Agenda. **Motion to Approve 4/30/25 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. (Grivette/Gowda) Roll call vote: Sullivan-Yea, Butts-Yea, Gowda-Yea, Clyde-Yea, Kachwala-Yea, Schwartz-Yea, Grivette-Yea. 7-0-0- MSC**

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 4/16/25 meeting minutes. **Motion to Approve the 4/16/25 meeting minutes, as presented (Gowda/Schwartz) Roll call vote: Sullivan-Yea, Butts-Yea, Gowda-Yea, Clyde-Yea, Kachwala-Yea, Schwartz-Yea, Grivette-Yea. 7-0-0 MSC**

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS—**Schwartz shared that at the last meeting, they were unable to approve the resolution about reimagining. He shared that the GAC subcommittee met with legal counsel to make adjustments and will return to GAC. Sullivan expressed his appreciation for the great year and excitement for the next team to start.

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. 4/25/25 GAC Regular Meeting
    a. Approved Minutes of the 4/11/25 Regular Meeting (attached, page 7)
    Schwartz also shared that they had much discussion about the resolution at this meeting as well.

B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
  1. 4/25/25 ASFC Regular Meeting
    a. Approved Minutes of the 4/11/25 and 4/18/25 Regular Meetings (attached, page 11)

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
  1. 4/29/25 ASBC Regular Meeting
    a. Approved Minutes of the 4/8/25 and 4/15/25 Regular Meetings (attached, page 15)

VIII. **BUSINESS**

A. Action Item: Associated Students Budget, estimated results 2024-2025, and Proposed Budget 2025-26. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Associated Students Budget, estimated results 2024-2025, and**

Proposed Budget 2025-26, as presented. (Grivette/Gowda) Schwartz asked if it was still possible to make a change, as he would like to increase SOEAF funding allocations. Clyde shared that that could happen in revisions without postponing the budget vote. **Schwartz Moves to amend the budget by increasing soeaf funding using the Board Designated Fund. No second. Motion failed.** Grivette expressed discomfort with the proposed changes. Leach shared that we would still need to align with the Board Designated Fund Policy to access the Board Designated funds. Sullivan asked if Schwartz would be ok with using a different funding source. Schwartz shared that he was completely open to alternative funding sources. Clyde shared that emergency reserves in the Activity Fee could be used to grant $15k additional funds to SOEAF. **Motion to add 15K to SOEAF funding from Activity Fee Reserves to the proposed budget (Schwartz/ Kachiwala)**. **Roll call vote: Sullivan-Yea, Butts-Yea, Gowda-Yea, Clyde-Yea, Kachwala-Yea, Schwartz-Yea, Grivette-Yea. 7-0-0MSC** The chair, Sullivan, called for the vote on the main motion to approve the budget, as amended. **Roll call vote: Sullivan-Yea, Butts-Yea, Gowda-Yea, Clyde-Yea, Kachwala-Yea, Schwartz-Yea, Grivette-Yea. 7-0-0 MSC**

B. Action Item: Approval of Revision to AS Code of Ethics. **Action requested: Motion to approve revision to AS Code of Ethics, as presented (Schwartz/Kachiwala). Roll call vote: Sullivan-Yea, Butts-Yea, Gowda-Yea, Clyde-Abstain, Kachwala-Yea, Schwartz-Yea, Grivette-Yea. 6-0-1 MSC.**

C. Information Item: CalPERS Publicly Available Pay Schedule, as presented (attached, page 20). - Mercer shared the pay schedule and shared that this new version includes our part-time employees, which it had not previously.

D. Information Item: Approval of Revisions to AS Bylaws, as presented (under separate cover)—Sullivan reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws with the Board. These changes focus on creating more equity within the processes for removing elected representatives from office. He shared that many listening sessions and feedback were considered to make these changes.

E. Information Item: Revisions to Scholarship Committee Code, as presented (attached, page 23) – Schwartz shared the reasoning behind the proposed changes to the scholarship code, including increasing the number of members to make decisions more equitable.

F. Information Item: Revision to Government Affairs Committee Code, as presented (attached, page 25)—Schwartz shared that the only change to this code is adding a designee for the VP of student affairs seat so they can send a representative if the VP is unable to attend regularly during any academic year.

G. Discussion Item: 3/31/2025 Activity Fee, Student Union, Auxiliary Activities, and Corporate Services Capital Expenditure Reports (attached, page 28). – Leach reviewed all areas' capital expenditure reports for the quarter ending 3/31/25.

H. Discussion Item: Review of Investments – Quarter ending 3/31/25
   1. Local Agency Investment Fund and Money Market (attached, page 32). **Tyagi entered the meeting at 3:20 pm.** Katrina reviewed the LAIF investments. The balance at the end of the quarter ending 3/31/25 was. She reviewed the Auxiliary business Money Market account
   2. Board Designated Fund (attached, page 33). Leach reviewed the Board Designated Fund. Leach shared that the interest earned since the last review for the Board Designated Fund.

The board went into closed session at 3:26 for time certain.

~~A. Director of Academic Affairs Report—~~

~~B. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report—Gowda~~

~~C. University Vice Presidents' Reports—VP Clyde VP Brundage~~

~~D. Faculty Representative Report - Dr. Butts~~

~~E. Executive Director's Report—Clyde~~

~~F. President's Report –~~

~~**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS –**~~

~~V. PUBLIC OPINION -~~

VI. CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to Education Code 89307(c)(1) – Personnel matter- (Time Certain 3:30 pm). The Board went into closed session at 3:26 pm. Leah Mercer and Kendra Wright were requested to remain for the closed session. **Dr Brundage arrived at 3:30. Clyde left the meeting at 3:54. Dr. Brundage left the meeting at 3:55.** The Board came out of Closed Session at 3:55 pm. Sullivan announced that the following action was taken during the closed session: **Motion to approve the fifth amendment to the Associated Students Chico Employment Agreement for the Executive Director (Schwartz/Gowda) 8-0-0 MSC. Roll call vote: Sullivan-Yea, Butts-Yea, Gowda-Yea, Kachwala-Yea, Schwartz-Yea, Grivette-Yea, Tyagi-Yea, Brundage-Yea.**

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