

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

1:00 p.m.

BMU 205

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

Members Absent: Mahraya Davis (excused),

Others Present: Jon Simmons, Eliza Miller (recording), Hugh Hammond, Kendra Wright, Luke Bagwell, Keith Crawford, Katrina Leach, Thang Ho, Charlie Arroway, Cherie Higgs, Ember Funk, Kim Canisso, Kristin Chelotti, Natalie Norton, Veronica Coats, Jackie Hansen.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Saunders, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** - The meeting started with reading the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 4/8/26 Regular Meeting Agenda. **Motion to Approve 4/8/26 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. (Teaney/Sueki) 7-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 4/1/26 meeting minutes. **Dr. Brundage entered the meeting at 1:04 p.m. Motion to Approve the 4/1/26 meeting minutes, as presented. (Takayama/Murzakulova) 6-0-2 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 4/3/26
 - a. Approved the 4/3/26 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 3/27/26 regular meeting, as presented
 - c. Approved Revisions to the Student Organization Event Allocation Fund (SOEAF) Policy
Teaney reviewed the actions and discussion topics from the 4/3 Government affairs meeting, including a presentation from the CCLC on their Diversity Summit. She also reviewed the changes to the SOEAF policy approved at the 4/3 meeting.
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
 1. ASFC Actions of 4/3/26
 - a. Approved the 4/3/26 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 3/27/26 regular meeting, as presented
Murzakulova shared the actions of the previous ASFC meeting.
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
 1. ASBC Actions of 4/2/26
 - a. Approved the 4/2/26 regular meeting agenda
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 3/26/26 regular meeting, as presented
Sueki reported on the actions from the previous ASBC meeting and shared a brief update on the progress the RFP subcommittee has made toward making a recommendation for the pouring rights contract.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Removal of the Senator for the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management. **Motion to Approve the removal of the Senator for the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management (Teaney/Murzakulova) 3-1-4 MSC.**
- B. Information Item: 2/28/26 AS Wildcat Store Summary – Sueki reviewed the financials for the AS Wildcat Store contract for the month of February 2026. For February 2026, total income was \$366,691, and total expense was \$85,227.
- C. Director of Academic Affairs Report – Takayama reported that they have a SAS meeting this Friday. She also reviewed recent conversations at UNCC, where they have been discussing trends in online enrollment for lower-division GE courses. She shared that UNCC is discussing a policy recommendation to address this topic and asked anyone with feedback they would like her to share with the UNCC subcommittee to reach out. She shared that they are currently considering recommending a limit of one online course per semester. Sueki shared his experience as a transfer student and how the availability of online courses helped him, sharing that he would not recommend limiting students to one course. Dr. Butts shared that most faculty would prefer to teach in person, but if enrollment is too low, sections are canceled. She also shared that when an online section is offered, most demand moves to the online course, resulting in waiting lists.
- D. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report—Davis was absent
- E. University Vice Presidents' Reports— VP Brundage shared that he appreciates the growth in the student board members that has been visible as we approach the end of the year. He shared that commencements and graduation ceremonies are starting up with EOP hosting their graduation celebration this Friday. He reported that President Perez hosted a staff and faculty town hall yesterday.

VP Clyde shared an update on the ongoing AS Executive Director recruitment. She shouted out the AS Election event going on today. She concluded her report by sharing that UBC is on Monday and they will be voting on budget recommendations.

- F. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts shared that she has also appreciated being part of the growth demonstrated by the student board members over the last few weeks. She shared that there are a few Academic Affairs recruitments currently ongoing, including Deans for the College of Business, the College of BSS, and the Library
 - G. Executive Director's Report – Simmons shared that voting is open for the AS Election today and tomorrow, with the Pass the Gavel event on Friday. He shared that all the standing committees will receive their budgets for review this week. He shared that he received three questions at yesterday's Town Hall with President Perez. He reviewed the topics of the questions, which included access to The Well for stateside staff and faculty, alcohol sales on campus, and updates on the AS plans for Holt Station. He shared that the SFAC deliberation meeting is on Friday. He concluded his report by expressing his thanks to Student Affairs, our campus free speech facilitators, and UPD for their support with past and upcoming free speech events planned in the BMU.
 - H. President's Report – Saunders shared that she and Gia will be attending CSSA this weekend. She also shared brief updates on the executive director search.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Sueki announced the 7-7-7 challenge that he and Commissioner Monticello have worked with the planning team for the upcoming Fanatics baseball game to launch as a new tradition. He shared that he has been looking to expand the regalia scholarship as far as possible and requested recommendations from the board members for any on-campus organizations that might benefit from regalia support. Teaney shared a number of upcoming events, including Pride with Pride, and GSEC's Take Back the Night event. Dr. Brundage shared that the search for the University Diversity Officer is beginning. Simmons shared that this Friday and Saturday are the BANFF Film Festival. Saunders shared that Thursday Night Markets have started back up downtown.
- V. PUBLIC OPINION**— Hugh Hammond shared that KCSC is hosting a concert on the lawn tonight.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Saunders, adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.