

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

**8:30 a.m.**

**BMU 205**

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

**Members Absent:** Dr. Isaac Brundage

**Others Present:** Dr. Chela Mendoza Patterson, Thang Ho, Shar Krater, Eliza Miller (recording), Kendra Wright, Leah Mercer, Tom Rider, Katrina Leach, Keith Crawford, Kyle Alsberry, Jon Simmons, Windy Van Dam, Anna Paladini, Katey Von Mosch, Steve Novo, Teresa Clements, Curtis Sicheneder, Christina Jewell, Charlie Foor, Kristin Chelotti, Sarah Wilson, Lexi Extein, Richard Oliver, Jackie Hansen.

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

- I. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** - The meeting started with reading the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- II. **AGENDA** –Approval of the 5/1/24 Regular Meeting Agenda. Action Requested: **Motion to approve 5/1/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Arisman/Montes) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of 4/17/24 **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 4/17/24, as presented (Montes/Sy) 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 4/29/24
      - a. Approved the 4/29/24 regular meeting agenda.
      - b. Approve the Minutes of the 4/15/24 regular meeting, as presented (attached, page 6)
  - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
    1. ASFC Actions of 4/25/24
      - a. Approved the 4/25/24 regular meeting agenda.
      - b. Approve the Minutes of the 4/11/24 and 4/18/24 regular meeting, as presented (attached, page 8)
      - c. Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) Report
        - a. The following projects were approved to proceed to funding allocation deliberation
          - a. Coolcat Closet
        - b. The following projects under \$5,000 were approved at SFAC
          - a. Coolcat Closet

Dr. Butts asked about the Cool Cats closet, where they would be located, and how they get clothes. Shar Krater clarified that they are still getting set up, and a permanent location is TBD.
  - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
    - a. ASBC Actions of 4/19/24
      - a. Approved the 4/19/24 Regular Meeting Agenda
      - b. Approved of the Auxiliary Business Budget - Dining Services (Including Capital Expenditures), estimated Results 2023-24, and proposed budget 2024-25 (previously distributed)  
Montes shared that he recently visited Cal Poly Pomona with Tom Rider to tour their dining operations.

**VII. BUSINESS**

- A. Information Item: Deletion from Associated Students Corporate Codes: Associated Students Vice President of Business And Finance Candidate Qualifications Policy. - Wright shared that she and Montes have been discussing this policy. She shared that the VPBF position requires a number of classes in order to be eligible, and there are majors outside of business that are being discouraged from applying as a result. The two of them came to the conclusion that the policy is a major roadblock for applicants and that they would like to eliminate the additional requirements for the role. Montes added that he felt comfortable with this change due to the extensive training all members of the BOD receive during their term. Clyde stated that she appreciates the sentiment of this policy coming forward because she is an example of formal education not aligning with a passion for business. Dr. Butts echoed Clyde's sentiment. Sullivan asked if we had data to identify how the process affected student application rates. Montes shared that the position is frequently vacant or uncontested, as was his experience initially entering the role as a vacancy appointment.
- B. Information Item - Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes - Restated Bylaws of Associated Students of California State University, Chico. -Wright shared that these proposed changes are to bring the bylaws in line with the chancellor's office EO 1068, allowing high unit majors to fulfill 125% of the units required for their degree instead of the flat 150 max units we currently follow. She added that we hope this will help students who may have come up against the original unit to be able to serve. Clyde asked if the EO addresses multiple switches and could result in students who should be graduating staying in a position for an extended period. Butts expressed concerns that for some returning students, the additional units will still not be enough. Dr. Patterson encouraged Wright to chat with advising, but she appreciates the equity mindset from which this proposal comes. Dr Butts shared that many of our reentry units are coming in with very complicated transcripts. Kendra shared that this is simply step one of including the 125% in our bylaws to give us some flexibility to be more equitable, and the conversation at the chancellor's office can happen down the line.
- C. Information Item: Bookstore Contract- Alaniz-Wiggins recognized Tom Rider. Rider shared that the AS recently received a contract proposal from Follett and have now countered the offer. He will come back next week with updates. Alaniz-Wiggins asked if there would be an action next week. Clyde shared that there will be some kind of action next week to allow the Executive Director to sign a contract or extension since it's up in June, but it's not clear at this precise moment what the specifics of that will look like. Clyde shared that if we go to RFP, the only options are Barnes & Noble, Follett, or self-operation.
- D. Discussion Item: Child Development Lab Annual Review- Krater shared that the CDL annually conducts a self-assessment and shares that with the BOD. They are in the process of completing their review for the state right now.
- E. Director of Academic Affairs Report- Arisman is wrapping up the year and she shared that they are currently in the process of interviewing the candidates for the two senator vacancies.
- F. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report – Sullivan shared that the last SJEC committee is tomorrow, and the AAPI display is up in the BMU Atrium. He shared that May 4<sup>th</sup> is an international festival, and due to rain, they have decided to move the event inside the Auditorium. Sullivan concluded by sharing that the cultural food pantry project is hopefully piloting in the 1st few weeks of the semester.
- G. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Clyde said she flew home late last night from the Western Association of College and University Business Officers (WACUBO) conference. She acknowledged the protests at Cal Poly Humboldt. She shared that protesters took over and damaged a building, and our UPD was sent to Humboldt to help. Clyde shared that our campus is on alert about this topic and is looking for ways to protect free speech and keep students safe should some protests occur on our campus. Wagner asked if the Humboldt protests were student-led. Clyde clarified that there were students there, but it is believed there are some other groups possibly behind the scenes. Wager asked why Humboldt was considering canceling commencement. Clyde shared that she didn't have all the information on this, but she believes it's a safety concern, and additionally they sustained about one million dollars in damage to the admin building as a result of the protests. Dr. Butts clarified that in the nationwide protests at private schools, those students are asking for their schools to divest from companies that play a role in or support the Israeli government and that public schools like the CSUs do not operate in that same

way. Cyde shared that the search for the VP of Business and Finance failed. She shared that she is unsure of the next steps in this process, and there will be more to come. She concluded by recognizing Dr. Patterson for her service to the AS in Clyde's absence, as this is her final BOD meeting.

- H. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts shared that she has been spending some time on social media and shared with the table a story of a faculty member who protested in the '60s and their experience with outsiders infiltrating student protests with the intention of causing damage when the students were planning a fully peaceful protest. She added that these types of folks are what concern campuses when seeing the types of protests that are currently happening across the country.
  - I. Interim Executive Director's Report – Dr. Patterson shared additional info about the Cal Poly Humboldt protests regarding outside infiltrators. She shared that yesterday was the AS VIP celebration for the student employees and reps. It was a great event, and the new design for the AS graduation cords was very popular. They gave away all 250 goodie bags that were prepped. She shared that this is her last BOD meeting as she is leaving on a planned trip before her coming on as AS Interim Executive Director. She wanted to share her appreciation for this opportunity to return to a lively campus after her retirement during COVID-19. Alaniz-Wiggins expressed her appreciation to Dr. Patterson and thanked her for her service to the organization during this time.
  - J. President's Report – Alaniz Wiggins shared that she has her final CSSA and is wrapping up all her 1:1 meetings this week. She concluded by sharing that she hasn't heard of any plans to initiate any protests or encampments on our campus, but she is monitoring the situation. Conversations have been happening behind the scenes to ensure that any protests that may happen going forward can be conducted safely.
- VIII. CLOSED SESSION-** Pursuant to Education Code 89307 (c)(1) – Personnel matter – The BOD went into a closed session at 9:48 am and came out of a closed session at 9:59 am. No Action was taken during the closed session.
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- X. PUBLIC OPINION** – None
- XI. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.