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, May 7, 2:30 p.m. **BMU 205**

Members Present: Chris Sullivan, Tracy Butts, Aishwarya Gowda, Dev Kachiwala, Aaron Schwartz, Jaiden Grivette, Rishika Tyagi
Members Absent: Jamie Clyde, Isaac Brundage
Others Present: Jon Simmons, Tom Rider, Katrina Leach, Keith Crawford, Emily Berry (recording) Kendra Wright, Windy Van Dam, Thang Ho, Brooke McCall, Katey VonMosch, Teresa Clements, Amanda Dubner, Leslie Cornick, Chuy Rivas, Luke Bagwell, Ben Spiess, Anna Paladini, Charlie Arroway, Christina Jewel, Eliza Miller, Ember Funk, Jason Nice, Jackie Hansen, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Kendall Ross, Kristin Chelotti, Leah Mercer, Sarah Wilson, Zion Fozo

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 5/7/25 Special Meeting Agenda. **Motion to Approve 5/7/25 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. (Gowda/Kachiwala) 7-0-0 MSC**

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 4/23/25 meeting minutes. **Motion to Approve the 4/23/25 meeting minutes, as presented (Grivette/Kachiwala) 7-0-0 MSC**

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS—** Schwartz stated normally committee reports would be given now, but the last GAC meeting introduced SOEAF policy fund changes. He wanted that to be on the record for next year's GAC meetings to get student orgs involved in that conversation.
Sullivan wanted to announce that this is the final BOD and called for applause.

VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Theresa Clements wanted to reiterate information in the policies regarding gender, as that can be removed or replaced to implement non-gendered language.

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. 5/2/25 GAC Regular Meeting
a. Approved Minutes of the 4/18/25 Regular Meeting
Schwartz stated they also approved the Resolution Regarding Reimagining Chico. Aaron then read through the Resolution in its entirety.

B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
1. No Meeting Held

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
1. No Meeting Held

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of CalPERS Publicly Available Pay Schedule, as presented. **Action requested: Motion to approve the CalPERS Publicly Available Pay Schedule, as presented (Schwartz/Gowda) 7-0-0 MSC**
Schwartz asked about compression, and wanted to know if that's happening again in this new updated schedule. Leach stated Mercer is online and this is her item. Mercer said this is something related to pay grade, so no, this does not relate to compression at all.

B. Action Item: Approval of Revisions to AS Bylaws, as presented. **Action Requested: Motion to approve revisions to the AS Bylaws, as presented (Schwartz/Kachiwala) 6-0-1 MSC**
Schwartz wanted to state that he'd prefer CSUC to be removed from the Bylaws, and the verbiage should be updated to Chico State. They stated all should also be looking to use gender-neutral terminology instead of he and she. Wright provided guidance that this would have to go to the lawyer if content was changed. Schwartz went on to search the Bylaws and stated that he and she were not listed.

C. Action Item: Approval of the Scholarship Committee Code revisions, as presented. **Action Requested: Motion to approve revisions to the Scholarship Committee Code, effective starting the 2025/26 term as presented (Tyagi/Schwartz) 7-0-0 MSC**

D. Action Item: Approval of Revision to Government Affairs Committee Code, as presented. **Action Requested: Motion to approve revision to the Government Affairs Committee Code, as presented (Grivette/Kachiwala) 7-0-0 MSC**
Schwartz wanted to note that CSUC should say Chico State and gendered verbiage should be considered moving forward. He also wanted to encourage that the GAC chair does not have a vote unless it is a tie which does not hold in term with the rest of the committees in the AS structure. He wanted to consider this for equity. Tyagi asked if this went through GAC, to which Schwartz said no, not at the time. Wright stated voting membership is comprised of students as well as professional staff, which includes intent to amplify the student voice. GAC is an eight student committee.

A. Director of Academic Affairs Report**—** Kachiwala stated they hosted their Student Academic Senate last Thursday, and the new chair, Kureha adjourned the meeting. The semester and term are coming to an end and he wanted to wish everyone good luck on their finals. Schwartz asked about highlights on the call brought on by staff members and what the student opinion of it was. Kachiwala stated a Resolution was brought to Academic Senate and they didn't know about it in advance. It will be a discussion item at next Academic Senate. This was calling on a vote of no confidence consideration. Dr. Butts went on to say it was a consideration of a vote of no confidence, not an outright call for it. Sullivan also stated there was a Miriam Library resolution as well.

B. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report— Gowda stated the new director was welcomed today, SJEC also had event organizers present feedback about the International Prom, which SJEC contributed to via sponsoring the Photobooth. AAPI and Jewish American Heritage Month displays are outside the heritage tables.

C. University Vice Presidents' Reports**—** None.

D. Faculty Representative Report **-** Dr. Butts said it's been a pleasure working with everyone this year. She also congratulated the students, and told them registration for continuing students is currently open. She also wished everyone good luck.

E. Executive Director's Report**— None**

F. President's Report **–** Sullivan stated this was his last report for BOD. It's been a pleasure working with everyone. He wished everyone luck on their journeys. He just came back from CSU Stanislaus. There was a resolution in support of trans students rights passed through CSSA. The resolution can be viewed at cssa.org. He stated it was a great reception with a lot of students present. He will be going to the SLL Award's Ceremony this Friday from 2-3:30. Sullivan has been onboarding the new President as well, Saunders. Tyagi asked what the library resolution was. Schwartz then read the resolution. It highlights the critical need for support for the library. Sullivan also said there will be an email for the Board Designated Funds Committee with a list of proposals looking for input on what was discussed regarding MOU's. He will also be meeting with President Perez next week. CSSA Elections are on the 16th. Kachiwala stated Sullivan has been an amazing chair and it's been a pleasure working with him. Sullivan wanted to shout out Kachiwala, Gowda, Tyagi, Schwartz, Grivete, Dr. Butts, Wright, Berry, and more.

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Grivette says it's been a pleasure working with everyone, and she's learned a lot in this position. Leach offered congrats on the final BOD. Leach also announced that FSO has added a remote deposit capture to our bank to allow checks to be deposited immediately, rather than going to the bank. She's also working with Keith Crawford on an assessment that will need to be completed. This is a self-assessment of procedures. Schwartz congratulated his fellow students on the BOD and the professional staff for getting things done this year. He also wanted to personally commend the Provost and President for what he's witnessed during Reimagining Academic Affairs. He called on the student body as a whole to recognize a need for action and to meet admin part of the way. Tyagi expressed appreciation for all the amazing directors and pro staff who have assisted. Next Wednesday May 14th Estom Jamani dining hall, first 500 students eat for free. It is a day-long event. She wanted to applaud Tom Rider for making it happen. The money to sponsor this came out of the Board Designated Fund.

V. **PUBLIC OPINION –** Chuy Rivas wanted to thank the Board for all their hard work during the year. Congratulations to all who are graduating, and congratulations to the president. Provost Leslie Cornick congratulated the Board on the incredible work and leadership shown despite the challenging year. She recognized the importance of the student voice, and she's been thinking of that with a desire to see more student involvement embedded in Academic Affairs. She shared that they're always thinking of the impact on students, as they are the reason we are here. The resolutions in the Academic Senate can be found on the website as well. The Library has always been a part of the Academic Affairs budget.
Jon Simmons discussed intent to enroll and how email may not be the best contact method for students. He asked the students in the room to make sure incoming or current students are checking their emails, as that's the primary way they'll get their information. He wanted to shout out the bylaws and code of ethics, as we're always trying to improve things. He also said the baseball game was excellent.
Brooke McCall shared the Well's spa day until 4 today. This Sunday is Late-night breakfast between 8 and 10 p.m. at Estom Jamani Dining. This is a free event.
Katey VonMosch stated CAVE is now recruiting semester-long partnerships with an application on their website.

VI. **TRANSITION -** Sullivan passed the Gavel to incoming president Tia Saunders at 3:32pm. He wanted to ensure she did amazing and she'll be on the wall of greatness with her new team. Saunders said she's proud of everyone at the table. She commended Sullivan as well for standing behind all that he did. She's excited to work with the new team.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Saunders, adjourned the meeting at 3:33pm.