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, September 17, 2025 2:30 p.m. **BMU 205**

Members Present: Tia Saunders, Tracy Butts, Mahraya Davis, Kureha Takayama, Jamie Clyde, Beatrix Teaney, Isaac Brundage, Akylai Murzakulova, Miguel Sueki
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Jon Simmons, Thang Ho, Kendra Wright, Tom Rider, Katrina Leach, Anna Paladini, Ben Spiess, Luke Bagwell, Eliza Miller (recording), Christina Jewell (Zoom), Amanda Dubner, Brooke McCall, Windy Van Dam, Cherie Higgs, Christina Hammans, Gia Monticello, Teresa Clements, Kristen Fisher, Chris Sullivan

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Saunders, called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

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

III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 9/17/25 Regular Meeting Agenda. **Motion to Approve 9/17/25 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. (Teaney/Takayama) 9-0-0 MSC**

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 9/3/25 meeting minutes. **Motion to Approve the 9/3/25 meeting minutes, as presented (Sueki/Teaney) 9-0-0 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 9/5/25
   a. Approved the 9/5/25 regular meeting agenda
   b. Approved Minutes of the 4/25/25 and 5/2/25 regular meetings, as presented.
   c. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee for Academic Year 25-26

B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
No Meeting Held

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
No Meeting Held

VIII. **BUSINESS**

A. Discussion Item: Resolution to enter into a transaction with the California Department of Education and the California Department of Social Services to provide childcare and development services and to authorize the designated personnel to sign contract documents for Fiscal Year 2026-27**.** - Saunders recognized Jon Simmons, who shared that this item is a contract that comes back every year to authorize the EVP to sign on behalf of the organization. It will return at the next meeting for a vote.

B. Discussion Item: Audit Committee recommendation regarding 6/30/25 Audited Financial Statements and report to the Board of Directors.- Clyde shared that the Audit Committee met on Monday to review the annual audit of

AS's financial statements. She shared that an unmodified opinion is the best result you can receive on an audit, which is what the AS received. Saunders shared that this recommendation must be voted on today due to timing. **Motion to suspend the rules and make business item B an action item. (Teaney/Sueki) 9-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve Audit Committee recommendation regarding 6/30/25 Audited Financial Statements and report to the Board of Directors, as presented (Sueki/Murzakulova)9-0-0 MSC.**

C. Information item: Associated Students Executive Orders 2025-01 and 2025-02. - Saunders reported that these two Executive Orders were issued over the summer to appoint three vacant elected representative positions.

D. Information Item: 24/25 Annual Self-Assessment. - Clyde shared that this was a new requirement from the chancellor's office for auxiliaries, undertaken by the AS Assistant Director for Risk Management, Keith Crawford. Crawford shared that the assessment was successful and has been turned in and signed by President Perez.

E. Information Item: Activity Fee Budget vs Actual March 2025. – Leach shared that as of March 31st 2025, the Activity Fee was at 54.56% of the budget overall. She shared that at the end of quarter three, the AS should expect to be at about 75% of the total budget or lower.

F. Information Item: Review of Investments – Quarter ending 3/31/25 & 6/30/25
1. Local Agency Investment Fund and Money Market – Leach reviewed Q3 and Q4 investment balances for AS Local Agency and the Money Market investments. She shared that in Q4 ending June 30, 2025, the local agency investment fund ended at $16,428,094, with an average daily investment of $4,449,880 and the Money Market ended at $5,517,855.
2. Board Designated Fund. Leach reported that at the end of June, the balance was $1,217,660. She shared that the board will see more withdrawals from this balance next quarter, as the Board-designated fund projects approved by last year's Board continue to be distributed.

A. Director of Academic Affairs Report—Takayama shared that the first SAS meeting was hosted last Friday, and Chase Weiland was appointed Vice Chair. She added that many College of Business students came to share public comments, and she looks forward to working with them this year. Takayama shared that SAS had a conflict with the initially scheduled time, and has found a new time on Thursdays at 9:00 am. SAS's next meeting will be on October 2nd. Takayama shared that the number of students attending on Zoom who wanted to make a public comment was very challenging to manage while chairing the meeting in person, and shared that they are considering moving away from allowing public comment via Zoom. Wright shared some context around the laws that must be followed for public meetings, which states that Zoom is not required. Dr. Butts shared her concerns about keeping fully online students engaged without the opportunity for Zoom public comment. Takayama shared that she hopes that she can accept online public comments via email instead. Dr. B appreciated her solution and shared his experience offering public comment at the Board of Trustees meeting, which allowed for email or Zoom public comment within strict parameters that SAS could try out.

B. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report— Davis shared that she has not held any meetings yet, but is working through appointments, and has a tentative time for her meetings.

C. University Vice Presidents' Reports— VP Brundage shared that Rush is currently underway. He added that this year, first-semester students are allowed to rush, which differs from the past. This change aligns rush for both the recognized and unrecognized organizations. GI 2025 is coming up, and he will attend along with Director Takayama. He shared that he also hopes to bring the strategic enrollment plan that they recently developed to the Board in the future.

VP Clyde shared that financials have wrapped up, and the division of Business and Finance has moved into audit. They are analyzing how they would like to handle building closures for the upcoming winter break. She shared that she is open to any student thoughts about the topic. Clyde shared some updates around campus parking, including a potential parking addition to the Chico State app to help students identify available parking spots. She also discussed possibly adding hourly parking to the R1 spaces within certain hours, sharing that more details will come. Sueki shared enthusiasm about the work to address parking.

D. Faculty Representative Report **-** Dr. Butts shared that Monday is census. She reminded the Board to make sure all their classes are reflected appropriately on their records before Monday.

E. Executive Director's Report— Clyde shared some updates on the Board Designated Fund projects approved by last year's board. $70,000 has already been sent stateside for several projects. She added that the AS is working through some final details on Board Designated Fund projects internal to the AS. They have also met with the Vice President of Advancement about additional funds that the previous board set aside for an endowment. Clyde shared that the Board will need to identify a subcommittee to determine the parameters required to receive funds from the endowment before the endowment can move forward. Clyde shared that the AS has been with their current auditor for several years and is in the RFP process to determine who the AS will contract for audit services in the future. This process will come through the BOD at a future meeting. She shared that there have been some very preliminary conversations with minor league baseball teams about joining campus, and the AS has been part of those early conversations to discuss the possibility of the AS providing concession services, with more information to come in the future. Clyde shared that the Harvest Market is 10-2 on Monday.

F. President's Report—Saunders shared that she met with President Perez yesterday, where they discussed their goals for the year. She shared updates from CSSA, including discussions about AI integration in higher education and the SIRF fee, which funds CSSA. She and AS Chief of Staff Luke Bagwell are working on a campaign to promote resources across campus through the AS President's Instagram. To conclude her report, she shared that she is working on planning a Town Hall with President Perez and the cabinet.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS—Dr. Butts praised Akylai's work as an International Ambassador over the summer with international students. Dr. Brundage shared that the First-Generation Welcome celebration is in The Well today at 5:00 p.m. Sueki shared an opportunity for students interested in business on October 13th to get experience and help prepare for interviews and career fairs. Teaney shared that there is a Cool Cat Closet pop-up next Wednesday, 9-12, on the Gauntlet. They are accepting donations at the event.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – Cherie Higgs, AS Sustainability Program Coordinator, shared that SFAC workshops are starting next week. She encouraged the Board to share the opportunity with any students with ideas for sustainable projects and send them to her. She is working on planning Campus Sustainability Day to be held in October. Chris Sullivan shared a public comment to congratulate the new Board and share some words of wisdom and encouragement. He requested that the Board maintain accessibility for students to make public comments online. He concluded with appreciation for the progress on the Board Designated Fund projects. Teresa Clements shared the upcoming Chico State Takeover at Funland from 6:30 to 8:30 next Tuesday. Christina Hammans expressed thanks for the Board Designated Funds allocated to purchase a red light therapy booth, which has just opened for use and is already very successful. She also shared that the Well has added self-defense classes. The next one will be on October 21st from 5:00 to 7:30pm. Anna Paladini shared additional details about the Funland takeover. She reminded the room that the Nessa concert is on October 11th. She added that the AS will bring more artists in the future if this is popular.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Saunders, adjourned the meeting at 3:51pm.