

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

**2:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**Members Present:** Chris Sullivan, Jamie Clyde, Dev Kachiwala, Aaron Schwartz, Aishwarya Gowda, Jaiden Grivette, Dr. Isaac Brundage,

**Members Absent:** Dr. Tracy Butts, Rishika Tyagi

**Others Present:** Jon Simmons, Shar Krater, Eliza Miller (Recording), Kendra Wright, Tom Rider, Katrina Leach, Kyle Alsberry, Brooke McCall, Windy Van Dam, Chris Navarette, Colin Chambers, Huberto Partida, Katey VonMosch, Steve Novo, Delanie Love, Gia Monticello, Miguel Sueki, Charlie Foor, Christina Jewell, Craig Clavano, Kristin Chelotti, Sarah Wilson

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Sullivan, 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 9/18/24 Regular Meeting Agenda. Action Requested: Motion to amend the agenda – MSC. Moving info item B to Action. (Kachiwala/Gowda) **Motion to approve 9/18/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Grivette/Schwartz) 7-0-0 MSC.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of 5/1/24 and 5/8/24 **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 5/1/24 and 5/8/24, as presented (Kachiwala/Brundage) 7-0-0 MSC.**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**- Sullivan said “Happy First Board!”

**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 9/11/24

a. Approved the 9/11/24 Regular Meeting Agenda

b. Approved Minutes of the 5/6/24 Regular Meeting

c. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee for Academic Year 2024-25

Schwartz added that they had a student come to GAC to share their concerns about the recent changes to time, place, and manner policy.

B. Associated Students Facilities Committee

1. No Meeting Held

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee

1. No Meeting Held

**VII. BUSINESS**

A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Board of Directors Meetings for Academic Year 2024-25. Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time

**and Location for Associated Students Board of Directors Meetings for Academic Year 2024-25, as presented (Schwartz/Gowda) 7-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Action Item: Audit Committee recommendation regarding 6/30/24 Audited Financial Statements and report to the Board of Directors: (Schwartz/Kachiwala) 7-0-0 MSC. Clyde Shared that the annual audit of AS financials is a requirement of our status as a 501C3. They received an unmodified opinion from the audit, which is the best result you can receive from an audit. The recommendation from Clyde is to approve the findings from the audit.
- C. Information Item: Follett Update.: Tom Rider shared updates to the contract with Follett that was due to be renewed this summer. He shared that multiple proposals were rejected by the AS, leading to the Board vote last year to allow the Executive Director to extend the contract during the summer. They offered a 90-day extension, which expires at the end of this month. He shared some history with the contract from its inception in 2014. Rider shared some calculations from our financial services office demonstrating the anticipated financials from Follett's most recent contract proposal, which is a net negative for the AS. He presented three options to the committee: move forward with the proposed contract with Follett, extend to June 30 with Follett, and open up a request for proposals to receive proposals from other vendors or issue an RFP for a self-op online bookstore.  
Sullivan asked if there was any student feedback or suggestions for what these future proposals would look like. Rider shared that in the RFP process, there would be opportunities for student feedback.
- D. Discussion Item: California State Student Association (CSSA): Sullivan presented on the California State Student Association. He shared with the committee what CSSA does and how he serves the students of Chico State through CSSA. He shared the CSSA Policy Agenda for 2024-25 with the committee and the conferences and meetings that CSSA hosts throughout the year to advocate for the students of the entire CSU System. He requested that the committee share student concerns and feedback with him so he can take them to CSSA. Sullivan recognized Humberto Partida to share some of his experiences attending CSSA and the CSUnity Conference this August.
- E. Director of Academic Affairs Report- Kachiwala shared that they just kicked off the student academic senate on September 17<sup>th</sup>. He shared that he has attended two academic senate meetings where they discussed changing the honors designations to three decimal points from two. He is working on scheduling one-on-one meetings with Provost Cornick.
- I. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report—Gowda shared that she is serving on the provost's Special Action Team, which discusses the changing demographics of Chico State's students. Part of her own efforts in this area are her Cultural Heritage Month celebration tables in the BMU Atrium, which are forthcoming.
- J. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Dr. Brundgae shared that our enrollment is higher than initially projected, but they are still working on the continuous enrollment plan to help continue the work in enrollment. He advised the committee to get involved with the conversations on campus around the new time, place, and manner documents. They are still working with the feedback provided by students to make adjustments to Chico's addendum, but he encouraged students to share their feedback with the larger time, place, and manner document at the chancellor's office level.  
Clyde shared updates from her office. The campus did not meet our enrollment target this year and, therefore, missed out on funds from the state. Clyde shared that they're currently up in revenues, but it is expected that that will reduce. We are also seeing increases in expenses, especially salaries. She shared that the new compliance measures have resulted in the need to add people and policies, which also increase expenses. Clery compliance is also being looked at. The BSS building opened at the beginning of the semester. Some of the finishing touches are still being put on but it is almost fully complete. The campus recently converted six restrooms to general neutral, which also opened at the beginning of the semester.
- K. Faculty Representative Report – No report
- L. Executive Director's Report—Clyde shared that she is thrilled to be back as Executive Director of the AS. She shared that Dining has started this year very strong with the changes made this summer. Not only has the feedback been wonderful, but more money is coming in to dining. There have already been over 30,000 WREC visits this semester.

- M. President's Report—Sullivan shared that he and Madison Kelley will be attending CSSA this weekend and encouraged everyone to watch along online. He also shared that CAB is discussing GE changes from the Chancellor's office. He attended several affinity center openings for the new affinity centers in the east wing of Meriam Library. Latin American heritage celebration in Colusa Hall on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Dr. Brundage shared that the student forum is on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**IX. PUBLIC OPINION** – Steve Novo, introduced himself to the committee as the General Manager of the bookstore. He looks forward to working together. Delaney Love introduced herself as the new event and programs manager and shared a few upcoming events through the AS.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Sullivan, adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.