

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Monday, September 25, 2023

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Curtis Sicheneder, Karen Bang (recording), Kyle Alsberry, Kendra Wright, Leah Mercer, Katrina Robertson, Thang Ho, Jon Slaughter, Tom Rider, Lexi Extein, Teresa Clements, Anna Paladini, Windy Van Dam, Shar Krater, Katey VonMosch, Amanda Dubner, Sarah Wilson, Saul Garfia Pinon, Brooke McCall, Charlie Foor, Zachary Machado

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 9/25/23 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 9/25/23 regular meeting agenda (Sullivan/Montes) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/11/23 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/11/23 regular meeting, as presented (Arisman/Sy) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – 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 – Alaniz-Wiggins noted the approved items.
 1. GAC Actions of 9/22/23
 - a. Approved the 9/22/23 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 9/8/23 regular meeting, as presented.
 - c. Approved 2023-24 Government Affairs Committee appointment to Associated Students Businesses Committee: Jaiden Grivette, as presented.
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee – Sy said he's working on scheduling the meetings.
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Montes said their first meeting will be held on 10/4/23.
- VIII. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Information Item: Audit Committee recommendation regarding 6/30/23 Audited Financial Statements and Report to the Board of Directors – Robertson explained that Clyde is the Audit Committee Chair and the Audit Committee Report that was included in the agenda packet is from her. She said the Audit Committee is recommending approval of the 6/30/23 Audited Financial Statements and Report to the Audit Committee. It was explained that the AS was issued an unmodified opinion, the highest opinion that we can receive. Robertson reviewed the financial highlights with the Board, noting the full report was provided to them. She said this item would be brought back for approval at the next Board meeting. Montes questioned corrections made and Robertson said the main change from Aldrich was regarding the actuarial study. She said last year PERS was fully funded and this year we were 95% funded, owing approximately \$1 million. Aldrich wants the AS to list that as a liability. She said it's an estimated liability at a point in time and explained it would be represented in our

financial statements moving forward. She said this has been a hot topic over the past few years, noting we didn't do it incorrectly; that the CPA's decided something different. Sicheneder expressed appreciation to Robertson and her staff for taking care of this audit, which he said takes a lot of effort, while still running their department.

- B. Director of Academic Affairs Report – Arisman reported that Student Academic Senate will meet on Friday, 9/29/23 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- C. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report – Sullivan said he is still working on scheduling the Social Justice and Equity Committee meetings and noted that non-voting membership on the committee is also available to those sitting on this Board. He said Tribal Relations will hold their Orange Shirt Day on Friday, 9/29/23 (Clyde joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.).
- D. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Dr. Brundage said campus safety has been a priority and they've been working with campus police and surrounding police agencies to help prevent some of the things that are happening. He noted they want to equip students on how to recognize unsafe situations and are doing presentations to some of the student organizations on campus. He said Juanita Mottley met with the Government Affairs Committee regarding this. He noted they are also looking at how to change programming for nights and weekends to assure student safety. Dr. Brundage said the Student Affairs Division is working on the Strategic Plan process and a Strategic Action Plan will be presented in November. He said he is also working with Dr. Morales on a Black student survey, as well as Black faculty and staff surveys. Dr. Brundage said they are working with Shasta, Butte and Yuba Community Colleges regarding MOU's to work together to grow enrollment. He said the Wildcat Health Center is going through accreditation next week.

Clyde said she, Krater and Mercer stopped by to give Slaughter carrot cake and flowers. She noted that Slaughter said he had 76 semesters with the AS. She said the amount of mentorship he has provided for students is incomparable! Slaughter said he loves the AS and that he appreciated the visit and kind words. He said he feels very fortunate to have had this as his career and that every year he felt that he got to usher young adults into their future and hopefully left some good tidbits of information that they can still use. Clyde said the Chancellor's Office passed the tuition increase. She noted that labor negotiations are still in the same place they were at previously. Regarding the Title IX AVP search, Clyde said that search is not going forward, noting they are bringing on a consulting company to help currently. She said this will give an opportunity for an internal candidate to grow and they'll reevaluate in January. Regarding the tuition increase, Dr. Brundage said he's working with Enrollment Management and the Financial Aid Office for pathways for students to assist with this increase. Dr. Brundage said there are pro life groups on campus and although complaints have been received, what they're doing falls under free speech. He noted they have followed the proper steps needed to be on campus.

- E. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts said she'll miss Slaughter, noting it has been a pleasure working with him and getting to know him. On behalf of her colleagues, she wished him well and thanked him for his support to our students. Dr. Butts said they are gearing up for Wildcat Preview on 10/14/23, then spring class registration at the end of the month.
 - F. Interim Executive Director Report – Sicheneder thanked Slaughter for his 38 years of serving students. He said the Dining Services RFP was canceled due to some language issues noted by the Chancellor's Office. He said they have regrouped and are now re-examining the master agreement that Chartwells has with the CSU, and we would not have to do a RFP. Sicheneder said that Chartwells was scheduled to be on campus on 10/4/23 as part of the RFP schedule, to speak with stakeholders such as Housing, Athletics and the Pantry, so this meeting will be held. He said a subcommittee will evaluate through this whole process.
 - G. President Report – Alaniz-Wiggins said she, President Perez and Betsy Boyd attended the Board of Trustees meeting last week regarding the tuition increase and she provided public comment against the increase. She said she will be working to make sure students have resources and push Wildcat scholarships further. She noted there were 150 protestors there as well. She thanked Slaughter for his years with the AS. Alaniz-Wiggins said offers for the EVP and Sustainability Affairs Commissioner positions are being extended soon. She also reminded the group about free and protected speech. She said she'd like to work with Dr. Brundage and AS government officials at community colleges regarding enrollment.
- IX. CLOSED SESSION** – Pursuant to Education Code Section 89307 (c)(1): Personnel Matter – The Board went into Closed Session at 3:02 p.m. The Board came out of Closed Session at 3:35 p.m. and Alaniz-Wiggins stated that no action was taken during Closed Session.

- X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Clements said the grand opening for The Patio at the WREC will be held on Monday, 10/9/23 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- XI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Krater said that there is an Auxiliary Organizations Association \$5,000 Scholarship of Excellence opportunity for students who has given service to an auxiliary.
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.