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 30, 2026 **2:30 p.m.** **BMU 205**

Members Present: Jacob Frost, Jamie Clyde, Beatrix Teaney, Kureha Takayama, Cynthia Cobian, Chase Weiland, Dr. Tracy Butts
Members Absent: Dr. Isaac Brundage (Excused)
Others Present: Eliza Miller (Recording),Jussi Tinnemeyer, Jon Simmons, Hugh Hammond, Kendra Wright, Tom Rider, Katrina Leach, Windy Van Dam, Kim Canisso, Joe Dorgali, Thang Ho, Leah Mercer, Katey Cotton, Anna Paladini, Gwen Graham, Eric Sahlman, Vin Kemp, Andrew Valdez, Septen Flores, Sybil Roseveare, Georgia De Guzman, Daniel Wilson, Juliana Mills, Amaris Franco, Koi Longerbach, Deven Allen

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Teaney, called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

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

III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 9/30/26 Regular Meeting Agenda. **Motion to Approve 9/30/26 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. (Takayama/Frost) 7-0-0 MSC Roll Call Vote: Teaney: Yes, Butts: Yes, Cobian: Yes, Weiland: Yes, Clyde: Yes, Takayama: Yes, Frost: Yes.**

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 9/16/26 regular meeting minutes. **Motion to Approve the 9/16/26 regular meeting minutes, as presented. (Cobian/Weiland) 6-0-1 MSC Roll Call Vote: Teaney: Yes, Butts: Abstain, Cobian: Yes, Weiland: Yes, Clyde: Yes, Takayama: Yes, Frost: Yes.**

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 9/22/26
      a. Approved the 9/22/26 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved minutes of the 4/24/26 regular Meeting, as presented.
      c. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for Academic Year 2026-27, as presented.

   Takayama reviewed the actions of the 9/22/26 GAC meeting. She also reported on some of the discussion items from the meeting, including several financial reports and a discussion of the methodology used for the elected representative scholarships. Takayama reported updates from CAB and UNCC, sharing that UNCC has been discussing the creation of a college for Health and Human Services.

B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
   1. No Meeting Held – No report

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
   1. No Meeting Held

   Frost shared that his first ASBC meeting will be next Monday, October 5th, and that they are working to finalize the three student appointments to the committee, with one already being completed.

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: 3/31/26 Activity Fee Budget vs Actual - Takayama reported on the Q3 budget to actual for the Activity Fee through 3/31/2026. She shared that at Q3, the budget should be sitting at 75%. She reported that the Activity Fee has received $1,760,959, or 78% of its anticipated revenue, and has expended $1,303,389, or 58% of the budget.

IX. REPORTS

A. Director of Academic Affairs Report - Weiland reported that SAS met last Friday and was joined by UDO Dr. Stewart and Provost Cornick. Weiland shared that SAS discussed student belonging and connection within and across the colleges. He announced that the next SAS meeting will be held on October 9th. He shared that he attended his first Academic Integrity Council meeting. He reminded the room to complete the CSU-wide AI survey, and shared that there is an incentive, and it is open to students, staff, and faculty to complete. He shared that the Campus Fee Advisory Committee is working to promote participation for students on the Student Learning Fee committees. He added that at the upcoming UNCC meeting, they will discuss a proposed split between the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Communication Studies, as well as proposed changes to majors.

B. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report - Cobian reported that she has found students to sit in all seats of SJEC and is waiting for them to be approved. She is looking to start SJEC meetings by early November. She shared that she is working on Multicultural Showcase with the AS Presents team, and that auditions are going on October 12th and 13th. Cobian also shared plans for some social media content around Hispanic Heritage Month, and an ofrenda tabling event in the BMU.

C. University Vice Presidents' Reports - Clyde shared that a CSU system compensation study was completed and is viewable online. She shared that the compensation study found that wages for the CSU system overall are about 1% below market on average. She reported that Monday was the first UBC meeting of the semester. She updated the Board on the status of the UPD Police Chief search, sharing that a conditional offer has been accepted and the candidate is undergoing background checks. Clyde announced that the last day on campus for AVP of Procurement and Distribution Services, Sarah Rumiano, is October 9th. Clyde added that Rumiano's departments will report to Clyde while the campus determines what the seat will look like going forward.

D. Faculty Representative Report - Dr. Butts reported that she was unable to attend the last BOD meeting due to being at the Faculty Recognition event, where 48 faculty members were honored, including four faculty members who were recognized for 30 years of service. She shared that the Academic Affairs Working Groups are continuing to cover topics including enrollment management, strategic deployment of resources, CSU Forward, student-centered scheduling, and mode of instruction. She added that there are several AS representative seats across these working groups. She concluded by sharing that she has been hearing from faculty that the students are more energized this semester.

E. Executive Director Report - Tinnemeyer reported that the AS is seeing significant participation in AS events, and events across campus. He reported that the CDL was awarded a prestigious grant, adding that only three programs in California and 40 programs in the US received it. He shared that Estom Jamani has been very busy this semester, with Monday, 9/28, alone hosting over 3,000 guests. He shared that October is a very busy month for AS Catering, including the Meriam Park Octoberfest event at the Barn, the Board of Governors event, and the Sierra Oro Farm to Fork Experience. Tinnemeyer reported that AS Facilities just received their new golf cart, and the BMU roof project is wrapping up, with the solar panels being reinstalled next week. He shared that the WREC just hired a new aquatics coordinator and that they recently had some security concerns after hours on the patio. UPD will be increasing patrols in the area. He shared that the AS has been participating in the Transfer in Place discussion most recently at Tahoe Community College. He shared that Wellness week kicks off next week, and multiple areas of the AS are participating in wellness events, including Gloga in the BMU Auditorium, Acupuncture at the Well, and many more.

F. President Report - Teaney shared that she attended this week's UBC meeting and that she really appreciated the context around how fees are broken down. She shared that she is serving on a FASP subcommittee focused on two Executive Memorandums addressing Police, Public Safety, and Free Speech, and that the subcommittee is drafting recommendations to FASP on how to address some of their vague language. Teaney shared that she and Director Weiland will be at the University Farm on October 3rd for the Pumpkin Festival and to represent Government Affairs. Teaney shared that she will be attending the student success symposium in San Jose with

the President's Office. She also reported on the status of VPFS recruitment, noting that interviews will be held from the end of this week through next week. She shared that Chico State is hosting CSSA on October 17th in the BMU. Teaney shared she would like to discuss weekend campus accessibility at a future meeting and concluded her report by highlighting a few upcoming campus events for the Board.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Weiland announced Make a Difference Day on October 24th and encouraged everyone to take care of themselves as burnout hits. Teaney shared that there is a letter-writing campaign underway to support the California State Archives at the Valene Smith Anthropology Museum.

X. PUBLIC OPINION –

Sybil Rosevere asked the Board for a report on the status of the previously discussed LGBTQ+ affinity center. They asked the Board to listen to the students who came today to speak in support of establishing the center.

Eric Sahlman, asked the board to revisit the proposal to create a Queer Affinity Center on campus. They shared that one of the reasons they chose Chico State was its reputation as an LGBTQ+ friendly campus. They shared that an institutional center could support the LGBTQ+ community beyond what the existing student organizations can provide, filling an important gap in services.

Septen Flores addressed the board about the challenges Chico State Pride, as a student organization, faces in supporting the needs of the queer community. They shared that the students of Pride are not equipped to handle the severity of many folks' situations and expressed the need for a resource to support the LGBTQ+ community beyond what the students can do for each other.

Joe Dorgali shared more details about Wellness Week events in support of Mental Health Awareness Week.

Katey Cotton shared CAVE's Make a Difference Day on October 24th, noting volunteer opportunities across Chico, including several on campus.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Teaney, adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.