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, October 14, 2026 **2:30 p.m.** **BMU 205**

Members Present: Jacob Frost, Jamie Clyde, Beatrix Teaney, Kureha Takayama, Cynthia Cobian, Chase Weiland, Dr. Tracy Butts, Dr. Isaac Brundage
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Eliza Miller (Recording), Jussi Tinnemeyer, Kendra Wright, Ben Spiess, Leah Mercer, Tom Rider, Katrina Leach, Keith Crawford, Windy Van Dam, Natalie Norton, Katey Cotton, Anna Paladini, Joe Dorgali, Kendra Clark, Jasmine Saephan, Abraham Trujillo, Thomas Duran, Marc Mercado, Christina Hammans, Kristen Fisher, Jon Simmons, Kristine Simmons, Brooke McCall, Amanda Dubner, Vic Trujillo, Thomas Dusell, Brian Cross, Dennis Price, David Rodriguez, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Jasmine Garcia, Teresa Clements, Colin Chambers, Francis Liaw, Janelle Roll, Chloe Maday, Cherie Higgs, Zachary Fickes, Connor Strain, Jack Parker, Jordan Almedia, Anthony Peloso, Nolan McIlymond, Corbin Baldwin, Tyler Hildreth, Joel Delgado, Aaron Ferrari, Max Vargas, Caden Brosnan, Joshua Simmons, Darren Hernandez Noguez, Joey Brazill, Jacob Adame, Nathaniel Ebbs, Tony Garcia, Bryce Anderson, Nathan Doight, Laura Frisbee, Adam Stubblefield, Randy Southall Jessica Westbay, Stephanie Lingsch, Ryan Caldwell, Laurie Sevier, Jenna Wright-Parrish, Allie Vassar, Daniel Jauregui, Avery Beal, Connor Patton, Josue Munoz, Sarah Wilson, Kelsey Torres, Trask Baughman, Curtis Sicheneder, Kristin Chellotti, Zoey Fozo, Cassie Flanagan, Charlie Arroway, Ember Funk, Mandy Billyos, Craig Clavano, Kendall Ross, J Jesus Rojas Rivas, Daisy Rolon, Melody Leppard, Jessica W.

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Teaney, called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

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

III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 10/14/26 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/14/26 regular meeting agenda as presented. (Cobian/Takayama) 8-0-0 MSC**

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 9/30/26 regular meeting minutes. **Motion to approve the 9/30/26 regular meeting minutes, as presented. (Frost/Weiland) 8-0-0 MSC**

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS –** None.

VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Kaylee McAllister-Knutson addressed the Board as a partner with the Associated Students through participation on various AS committees, and Student Life and Leadership, the department she works for, operating out of a shared office space in the BMU. She addressed item VIII A., the 2026 AS Annual Report, reading an excerpt from a letter by former Interim Executive Director, Jon Simmons, highlighting the importance of the students and employees of the AS to the organization's success. In her own words, Kaylee spoke to the commendable collaboration and shared governance that contributed to the success of Associated Students throughout the year under Simmons' leadership, as highlighted in the report, and thanked the AS for their campus partnership.

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 10/6/26
      a. Approved the 10/6/26 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved minutes of the 9/22/26 regular Meeting, as presented.
      c. Approved 2026-27 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments
      Confirmation of appointments to Social Justice & Equity Committee

-Director of Academic Affairs Appointment: Septen Flores
-Executive Vice President Appointment: Nuntuchapawn (Josie) Klainark
Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council
-Director of Social Justice and Equity Appointment: Lucy Ramirez
-Executive Vice President Appointment: Gracie Meek
-Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Julianna Lazono
Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council
-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Rodrigo Ambriz
-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Tallie Bachelder
-Confirmation of appointments to Campus Engagement Council
-Commissioner of Student Engagement & Advocacy Appointment: Gabriel Carbajal
-Commissioner of Student Engagement & Advocacy Appointment: Madison Durbala

Takayama reported the actions of the 10/6/27 GAC Meeting, sharing that the meeting was cut short by a campus power outage, but that all the action items had been completed before the outage, and that the discussion items not covered will be addressed at the next meeting. She also shared that there were a couple of public comments at the GAC meeting regarding the lack of gender-neutral restrooms on campus and the negative impact it has on many Chico State students. She shared that the executive team has been discussing how they can assist with this issue on campus.

B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
   1. No Meeting Held

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
   1. ASBC Actions of 10/5/26
      a. Approved the 10/5/26 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved minutes of the 4/9/26 and 4/16/26 regular meetings, as presented.
      c. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Businesses Committee Meetings for the academic year 2026-27, as presented.

   Frost reported on the actions at the first ASBC meeting on 10/5/26, sharing that they reviewed financials and a sustainability resolution passed by GAC last year.

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: 2026 AS Annual Report- Anna Paladini presented the 2026 AS Annual Report to the Board, presenting each director with a copy. She shared that the report is also available online and accessible to the public. She reviewed some highlights from the report.

B. Information Item: Q3 ending 3/31/26, and Q4 ending 6/30/26 Dining Services Financials- Frost reported on the financials for Dining covering quarters 3 and 4 ending 3/31/26 and 6/30/26. As of 3/31/2026, AS Dining overall income YTD was $7,387,844, with cost of sales YTD at $2,470,551, or 33.44% to budget. YTD Net income as of 3/31/26 was ($47,443), or 45.71% of budget. As of 6/30/26, AS Dining overall income YTD was $9,767,024, with cost of sales YTD at $3,150,894, or 32.26%. YTD Net income as of 6/30/26 was $487,030, or 500.26% of budget.

C. Information Item: Q3 ending 3/31/26, and Q4 ending 6/30/26 AS Wildcat Store Summary - Frost reported on the financials for the Wildcat Store contract covering the quarters ending 3/31/26 and 6/30/26. As of 3/31/26, the Wildcat Store contract earned $270,058 in YTD commission income and $246,828 in YTD other income, for $1,017,549 YTD total income. As of 6/30/26, the Wildcat Store contract earned $364,128 YTD in Commission income and $332,075 YTD in other income, for a total of $1,250,220 YTD.

D. Information Item: 6/30/26 Activity Fee Budget vs Actual. – Takayama reviewed the activity fee fund budget to actual for Q4 ending 6/30/26. She reported that the Q4 benchmark is 100%. She reported that the Activity Fee received $2,334,458, or 119% of its anticipated revenue, and expended $1,552,456, or 79.41% of its approved budget. Takayama shared that due to receiving a grant, the CDL did not need to utilize all its AS budgeted funds, resulting in a large savings for the year.

IX. REPORTS

A. Director of Academic Affairs Report - Weiland reported on the topics covered at the last SAS meeting, including discussions around revising senator duties to ensure they are up to date, and discussion of a spirit week between all the colleges. He reported on the Academic Integrity Council's activities, noting that they are looking to spread the word to students about the council. He requested that anyone who wants help advocating for topics coming up at Academic Senate can get in touch with him. He shared that Moonlit Safety Stroll is on October 22nd and encouraged all to share and attend if able.

B. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report - Cobian reported that the Social Justice and Equity Committee has not yet met, but it will meet for the first time in early November. She shared that she has been working with AS Presents to prepare for the Multicultural Showcase and that she will be participating in Fuerte, hosted by AS Presents in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

C. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Brundage reported on the success of Wildcat Preview, sharing that there was a 14.2% increase in students in attendance and a 10% increase in attendance overall. He concluded his report by noting that the student board members have started the year off very strong and expressed his appreciation for the work they are doing to represent their fellow students.

Clyde echoed Dr. Brundage's sentiments about the students on Board, and their strong advocacy early in their terms. Clyde also echoed Brundage's comments about Wildcat Preview, sharing that the AS showcased beautifully. She reported that there is a new sculpture near the Trial Relations Office and shared that the University Foundation Board was on campus during Wildcat Preview weekend. She also shared that building swipe access will be a topic at the next Academic Senate meeting, and President Perez will be in attendance to hear from folks on the topic.

D. Faculty Representative Report - Dr. Butts shared that Academic Affairs Strategic Plan working groups are underway. She thanked all who are participating in those working groups for their service. She also reminded everyone to check in with each other as the semester gets busy, and to attend mandatory advising and make sure they are prepared for spring registration.

E. Executive Director Report – Tinnemeyer acknowledged that he understood the public interest in this board meeting, but that he would not comment on items that would be discussed during the meeting's closed session. He then reported on his first experience with Wildcat Preview. He reported on several AS Dining and Catering events held throughout October. He shouted out Anna and the Marketing team on the work they put into the annual report. He shared that CAVE's Make a Difference Day is on October 24th, and the AO Bike Hub Bike Auction is tomorrow. He announced that the new Aquatics Coordinator is starting on November 2nd, and shared that the upcoming Koffee and Kudos will be celebrating AS Sustainability's 20th anniversary.

F. President Report - Teaney reported that the CSSA Plenary will be hosted at Chico State this weekend, adding that this is the first time Chico State is hosting CSSA in 7 years. She reported that she will be attending the Student Success Symposium in San Jose with the President's Office next week. She reported that the Meet the Reps event at El Centro on Tuesday provided the Elected Reps with valuable insights into what students want to know about Government Affairs. She reminded everyone about Wear Purple Day in support of Dating and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She reported that she will be attending the Graduate Student Assembly tonight. She reported that she attended a meeting of the Student Success Framework Working Group with representatives from the Chancellor's Office to review last year's graduation initiative and identify ways to gauge student success going forward. Teaney reported that the VP of Facilities and Services search is still ongoing and the panel is looking to identify a new VP by the end of next week. She encouraged all to take the Chancellor's office AI survey before it closes on October 19th. She shared kudos with Cherie Higgs from the AS Sustainability program for all the great work they have been doing. She concluded her report by sharing that 2:30 to 5:00 pm on October 29th, the AS will host a town hall, adding that they are currently discussing format and location.

IX. CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Education Code 89307(c)(1) - **The Board entered closed session at 3:26 pm and came out of closed session at 4:03 pm. Teaney announced that no action was taken during closed session.**

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

XI. PUBLIC OPINION –

Joe Dorgali announced that Fuerte is taking place this evening and shared that Cynthia and Ricardo from Government Affairs would be participating. He added that this is the first time Fuerte has been held in three years.

Joe Dorgali also addressed the Board about his personal career journey with the AS, sharing that he had left several years earlier due to leadership decisions that negatively impacted many staff members, including himself. He shared that he chose to return to his current seat because of how the organization had addressed those concerns and realigned with its mission to serve students. He expressed his appreciation for all the positive changes and credited the organization's recent success to Jon Simmons's leadership. He expressed his disappointment with the recent elimination of Simmons' role within the Associated Students, and how that sudden change in leadership has left many staff concerned about the future of the organization and the students it serves. He asked the Board to carefully consider the repercussions of decisions made without transparency or clear communication.

Kaylee McAllister-Knutson addressed the Board on the importance of Shared Governance in the Associated Students' operations. She expressed concern that the Board was not consulted before the decision to eliminate a leadership position, emphasizing that the student leaders in the room should have been included in this decision. She shared that, as a university employee, not an AS employee, she has heard from many AS employees who are hesitant to raise their own concerns for fear of retaliation, which is why she is here speaking out for them. She concluded by sharing her appreciation for Simmons' leadership and advocacy.

Thomas Dusell addressed the board in solidarity with Jon Simmons. Sharing that he was disappointed to lose Simmons' leadership in Facilities Management Services when he came to the AS but was proud of Simmons for taking the step. He asked the Board to reconsider the elimination of Simmons' role in the AS, sharing that he feels it is a step backward for campus and the AS.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Teaney, adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.