

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday, February 21, 2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Chris Sullivan, Aishwarya Gowda, Dev Kachiwala, Aaron Schwartz, Isaac Brundage, Rishika Tyagi, Jamie Clyde

Members Absent: Tracy Butts

Others Present: Eliza Miller (recording) Jon Simmons, Hugh Hammond, Kendra Wright, Thang Ho, Katrina Leach, Katey Von Mosch, Anna Paladini, Steve Novo, Keith Crawford, Teresa Clements, Brooke McCall, Delaney Love, Christina Jewell, Cassie Flanagan, Amanda Dubner, Tom Rider, Kim Canisso, Colin Chambers, Luke Bagwell, Abraham Trujillo, Mark Stemen, Ava Bisque, Max Audley-Hinds, Windy Van Dam, Charlie Arroway.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Sullivan, called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** - The meeting started with reading the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 2/19/25 Regular Meeting Agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 2/19/25 Regular Meeting Agenda, as presented (Tyagi/Grivette) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 2/5/25 meeting minutes. **Action Requested: Motion to Approve the 2/5/25 meeting minutes, as presented (Gowda/Grivette) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Schwartz expressed his satisfaction to see an action item for the GEOG 440 initiative today.
- 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. 2/14/25 GAC Regular Meeting
 - a. Approved Minutes of the 1/31/25 Regular Meeting (attached, page 7).
 - b. Approval of Revisions to Duties of the Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs, as presented. (attached, page 11).
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
 1. No Meeting Held
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
 1. 2/18/25 ASBC Regular Meeting
 - a. Approved Minutes of the 2/4/25 Regular Meeting (attached, page 13).
 - b. Approval of adding a Capital Expense to project #2400, Concessions, in the amount of \$42,000 to purchase a mobile Commercial Smoker, Model #SPK 500, as presented. (attached, page 17).
- VIII. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of acknowledgment that the language of the GEOG 440 Advisory Measure as submitted is in compliance with CSUC and trustee policy and local, state, and federal laws and, therefore, is approved to appear on 2025 AS General Election ballot. Action Requested: Motion to approve acknowledgment that the language of the GEOG 440 Advisory Measure as submitted is in compliance with CSUC and trustee policy and local, state, and federal laws and, therefore, is approved to appear on the 2025 AS General Election ballot, as presented (under separate cover). (Kachiwala/Grivette) Wright gave a brief summary of

the process that this proposed advisory measure language has gone through thus far, highlighting the letter from AS legal council certifying their review and acknowledgment of compliance with all applicable policies and laws. She further clarified that once approved, placement on the election ballot would be contingent on a successful petition process, gathering a minimum number of validated signatures from students and submitting to the election supervisor. **8-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Information Item: Appointment of Ethan Kahn to the Associated Students Facilities Committee (ASFC) for Academic Year 2024-25.- Sullivan announced the appointment of Ethan Kahn to the AS Facilities Committee.
- C. Information Item: Activity Fee Budget vs Actual December 2024 (attached, page 19). Schwartz reviewed the budget vs. actual of the Activity Fee for the quarter ending December 2024. Overall expenses YTD for the activity fee were \$850,376, or 33% of the approved budget.
- D. Information Item: Dining Services Financials December 2024 (attached, page 20). Tyagi reviewed the dining financials for December 2025. Income for the month was \$723,021, and YTD was \$4,557,873. The cost of sales for December was 29.42% at \$212,711. YTD cost of sales was 30.81% at \$1,404,231. Net income for December presented a loss of \$68,942, with YTD income at a gain of \$226,435
- E. Information Item: Follett Wildcat Store Financials October, November, December 2024 (attached, page 23). Leach reviewed October, November, and December financials for the Follett Bookstore. YTD as of December 2024, Follett reported an overall 2.7% increase over last year. Textbooks are up 37.8% over last year, but General merchandise is down 10.3% from last year. Clyde asked Novo about some changes to technology that may be incoming for the Immediate Access program. Novo clarified that the platform is currently not communicating effectively between campuses and Follett, so they are seeking to improve and automate information transfers between the two organizations to help bring the program up to scale.
- F. Information Item: Capital Expenditure Reports for the quarter ending 12/31/24 (attached, page 26). Leach reviewed the Q2 capital expenditures for each area. Student Union Fund: Leach shared that the approved 24/25 budget for planned capital projects is \$250,000. In Q2, \$49,594, was utilized, bringing the year-to-date expenditures to \$146,890. Activity Fee fund: Leach shared that there are no planned capital expenses and no money has been spent. Auxiliary Activities: Leach shared that, of the approved 99,500 in capital projects, there were no expenditures in Q2. Corporate Services: No capital purchases were planned, and no funds were spent was spent.
- G. Information Item: Review of Investments – Quarter ending 12/31/24
 - 1. Local Agency Investment Fund and Money Market (attached, page 30). Leach reviewed the investments for each area during the quarter ending December 2024. She reported that the LAIF average daily investment during this quarter was \$5,528,896 with an annualized return on investment of 4.62%. The Money Market account in December 2024 was \$5,093,046, with \$42,365 earned in interest. Schwartz inquired if the daily investment average would reduce as funds are spent out of the Board Designated Fund. Leach shared that it is based on what is in the account, so it will affect the average daily investment if funds are spent.
 - 2. Board Designated Fund (attached, page 31). Leach reviewed the Board Designated Fund balance as of December 2024. The end-quarter balance was \$1,195,329. Tyagi asked if the amount discussed as available to use during the last Board Designated Fund conversation had increased with this quarter's earnings. Leach clarified that yes, it does increase the amount of funding that could be used this year.
- H. **Director of Academic Affairs Report**—Kachiwala shared that CFAC is reviewing proposals for funding recommendations to the provost. The Academic Integrity Council is reviewing new policies for AI in Student Rights and Responsibilities. The School of Nursing came to SAS to present updated admission requirements.
- I. **Director of Social Justice and Equity Report**—Gowda shared that her committee approved one-time funding for GSEC's Drag Show and the Hungry Wildcat Food Pantry.
- J. **University Vice Presidents' Reports - VP** Brundage shared that Choose Chico is on March 1st. This is a big day for enrollment and retention. This Sunday is Victory in Unity. He thanked the AS for the support in holding this event. The event runs all day with many different activities. Enrollment for Spring is up. He shared plans for a student hall of fame starting at the end of this semester. This hall of fame would focus on four categories and would offer a \$500 dollar award to recipients. The Hall of Fame would be hosted in Kendall Hall.

VP Clyde shared that Title IX has officially moved to SSC 420. They are looking to begin a student ambassador program. She shared that the Campus will be receiving a new facility for the Human Identification Lab, and the new softball complex has been completed. Immediate Access was piloted in the fall, and she shared updated numbers, including over 80k savings by students on this campus through the Immediate Access program.

K. **Faculty Representative Report** - Dr. Butts was absent

L. **Executive Director's Report**—Clyde shared that Lovebird Coffee has officially opened in the BSS building and has been very successful. She shared that CAVE's tutoring program kicked off last night.

M. **President's Report**—Sullivan gave the CCLC a shout-out for their panel on communication and confidence in public speaking and student advocacy. On March 4th, the AS and the University President's office are hosting a student town hall. Board Designated Fund Committee meeting is next Wednesday. CSSA was last weekend, and they discussed recent federal changes and how they affect students. They also continued conversations about Time, Place, Manner, and Title IX.

IX. **CLOSED SESSION- Pursuant to Education Code 89307(c)(1)- Personnel matter.** The BOD went into closed session at 3:39 pm. The BOD came out of closed session at 4:17 pm. No action was taken during the closed session.

X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** -None

XI. **PUBLIC OPINION** - None

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Sullivan, adjourned the meeting at 4:19 pm.