BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Monday, November 27, 2023

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

Members Absent: Jamie Clyde

Others Present: Chela Mendoza Patterson, Karen Bang (recording), Kyle Alsberry, Kendra Wright, Katrina Robertson, Leah Mercer, Tom Rider, Keith Crawford, Lexi Extein, Kristin Chelotti, Steve Novo, Shar Krater, Eliza Miller, Sarah Wilson, Amanda Dubner, Windy Van Dam, Brooke McCall, Colin Chambers, Teresa Clements, Anna Paladini, Katey VonMosch, Saul Garfia

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 11/27/23 regular meeting agenda. Motion to approve the 11/27/23 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sullivan/Montes) 7-0-0 MSC.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 11/6/23 regular Board meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/6/23 regular Board meeting, as presented (Arisman/Sullivan) 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
   1. GAC Actions of 11/17/23 – Alaniz-Wiggins reviewed the approved items.
      a. Approved the 11/17/23 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved Minutes of the 11/3/23 regular meeting, as presented.
      c. Approved Consent Agenda regarding 2023-24 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments:
         Confirmation of appointment to Campus Engagement Council
         Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Student Appointment: Imani Martin

B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
   1. ASFC Actions of 11/27/23 – Sy reviewed the items approved, explained the SFAC items and noted that SFAC will meet on 12/8/23.
      a. Approved the 11/27/23 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved Minutes of the 11/6/23 regular meeting, as presented.
      c. Approved B-Line Project in the amount of $18,800 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) for further discussion and deliberation, as long as the project application meets the SFAC ranking criteria, as presented.
      d. Approved Biofuel Integration Project in the amount of $18,866 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) for further discussion and deliberation, as long as the project application meets the SFAC ranking criteria, as presented.

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
   1. ASBC Actions of 11/15/23 – Montes reviewed the approved items.
      a. Approved the 11/15/23 regular meeting agenda.
b. Approved Minutes of the regular meeting of 11/1/23, as presented.

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: 9/30/23 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Wright provided an overview of each area, noting the benchmark for this period is 25%. Total Revenues at 18.22%. Total Expenses at 17.18%. Net Increase of 6.19%.

B. Discussion Item: 9/30/23 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statement – Dr. Patterson reviewed the statement and said the Student Union has expended 22.7% of the approved annual budget and generated 47.13% of projected income.


E. Discussion Item: 9/30/23 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Robertson said Textbooks were down 33.2% for the month, YTD down 35.2%. General Merchandise was down 7.0% for month. She said big sales are coming up so hopefully will help. Overall, the store was down 13% for the month, mainly in Textbooks and Clothing. YTD down 19.5%. Dr. Brundage said it sounds like some of our practices as a university are hurting businesses with our partnerships on campus. He said he will be speaking with Cabinet and others to show how this is affecting campus partners, noting that if Cabinet is serious about AS and campus partners, they should be supporting the AS in a better way. He also suggested that perhaps the AS could come up with some sort of presentation to present to Cabinet.

F. Discussion Item: 9/30/23 Corporate Services Budget vs. Actual Income and Expenses – Robertson reviewed each area with the Board (Financial Services Office, Human Resources Office, Administrative Office, Information Technology Department and Corporate Insurance), noting these areas are reimbursed by other areas of the AS.

G. Discussion Item: 9/30/23 Activity Fee, Student Union, Auxiliary Activities and Corporate Services Fund Capital Expenditure Reports – Robertson said these are reported to the Board quarterly for any items purchased over $5,000 with a useful life of more than one year. She noted that Activity Fee, Auxiliary Activities (Dining and Wildcat Store) and Corporate Services did not have any capital expenditures. Student Union (BMU and WREC) spent $88,081 and she explained the purchases for each area.

H. Director of Academic Affairs Report – Arisman reported that Dean Ryan Patten attended the recent Student Academic Senate (SAS) meeting, noting he is the Chair of the Academic Scheduling Advisory Committee. She said he was seeking student feedback on the schedule for final exams. Arisman said a survey was sent out and 612 submissions by students were received. She said the following three options were provided to choose from on the survey: 1. Have an additional fall break but finals are mandatory. 2. Fifteen weeks of school without a formal dead week. 3. No changes at all. She said students preferred fall break, then 15 weeks of school, then no changes. She said changes will not necessarily be made but the committee will take the student responses into consideration and she’ll keep the Board posted. Alaniz-Wiggins congratulated the senators for pushing this survey out to their colleges.

I. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report – Sullivan said both the Multicultural Showcase, and the Cultural Fashion Show collaboration with the CCLC were both successes. He said he and Alaniz-Wiggins were facilitators at the Title IX Restorative Circles event and it was also a success. He said it was a great way to connect with the community regarding the Title IX Cozen O’Connor implementation with the campus. Sullivan said the Office of EDI is having an Art Project Survey on the finalists. He said he’s also in the process of shifting displays in the BMU atrium for cultural awareness for December. He also noted that the last Free Speech Workshop with Dr. Morales on campus safety was held.

J. University Vice Presidents’ Reports – Dr. Brundage said Cabinet has been outreaching with regional community colleges and their superintendents. He said they’re preparing MOU’s centering around enrollment, transfer
students and success of students and how we interact and work with community college partners, school districts and other community agencies as well. He said they’re finishing up a MOU with Shasta, Butte and Yuba Colleges. • Dr. Brundage said this week he will be going to a statewide VP’s meeting. He said the Speak on Safety event is tomorrow in partnership with the AS. He thanked those who participated in the President’s Open Forum with students and noted at today’s Cabinet meeting they went over some of the feedback that was received so that concerns can be addressed (Wagner joined the meeting at 3:01 p.m.). Dinner with students will be held tomorrow.

K. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts said the student feedback of teaching period opens today and runs until December 12. She requested students provide their feedback assessment. • Dr. Butts said they’re looking at the spring schedule, enrollment and what class changes may or may not need to be made. She reminded students to enroll in their classes.

L. Interim Executive Director Report – Dr. Patterson said they’re really close to announcing the Associate Executive Director. • Dr. Patterson said we get periodic enrollment updates from the Interim AVP for Enrollment Management and it’s looking pretty good for our new and continuing students for spring. She said all the different student services and advising areas have been working really hard to remove barriers to make that happen. For Fall of 2024, she said new undergraduate domestic admits are up 19%, which is a positive sign. She said we’re outperforming the CSU system, which is really good for Chico and will help with financial issues.

M. President Report – Alaniz-Wiggins said in April 2022 Governor Newsom said that all meetings are to return to in-person meetings, which was reiterated at a system-wide directors meeting that Wright attended. She noted that Zoom is an alternative method. Meetings are to be attended in person by all members, unless sick, out of town, or have prior chair approval. She requested chairs of committees and councils to pass this information on to their members. • Alaniz-Wiggins said she was invited by Campaign for College Opportunity, a campaign group for higher education, to attend a conference in LA on 12/8/23. She said they’ll be releasing a report on their evaluation of the UC system, community college system and CSU system regarding inclusion of more underrepresented minoritized faculty, as well as underrepresented faculty within leadership positions, especially Academic Senate. • Alaniz-Wiggins said the 10% Project is going smoothly, noting this is an AS project in collaboration with Kate McCarthy, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Kim Jackson, a professor who leads Research for Student College Success. They are soliciting 1,400 student voices through qualitative assessment. Ten percent of that will be a videography and this project will take up most of the spring semester. • Alaniz-Wiggins said the Students Speak on Safety event is tomorrow in BMU 210. She also noted the Cozen O’Connor Report out to community is the next day regarding Title IX, DHR, and obtaining community feedback for final recommendations, which will be provided to the President and the Chancellor’s Office.

IX. CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Education Code Section 89307 (c) (1): Personnel Matter – The Board went into Closed Session at 3:09 p.m. The Board came out of Closed Session at 3:16 p.m. and Alaniz-Wiggins reported that the following Action was taken during Closed Session: Motion to approve Resolution to appoint Retired Annuitant Marcella M. Patterson as Interim Executive Director, as presented (Arisman /Montez) 8-0-0 MSC.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XI. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Krater thanked Sullivan for putting on the Multicultural Showcase which had more than 400 attendees. She asked if gallery attendees would be able to attend meetings via Zoom and Alaniz-Wiggins said that will still be an option. • Mercer clarified information regarding the search for the Associate Executive Director, stating that once the interview is completed, they move on to reference checking, then a background check, and then a conditional offer will be made. Mercer will have AS Marketing send out an email announcement to all AS employees and the Board once the process has been finalized.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice-Chair, Wagner, adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.