

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

**Wednesday, April 16, 2:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

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

**Members Absent:** Tracy Butts

**Others Present:** Eliza Miller (recording), Hugh Hammond, Ben Spiess, Tom Rider, Jon Simmons, Kendra Wright, Anna Paladini, Steve Novo, Teresa Clements, Cristina Hammans, Colin Chambers, Windy Van Dam, Katrina Leach, Luke Bagwell, Zion Fozo, Jackson Glick, Ember Funk, Jackie Hansen, Vic Trujillo

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Sullivan, called the meeting to order at 2:31pm
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** - The meeting started with reading the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 4/16/25 Regular Meeting Agenda. **Motion to Approve 4/16/25 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. (Schwartz/Tyagi) Motion to amend to correct date of minutes approved at SFAC to 12/6/24 (Grivette/Kachiwala) 7-0-0 MSC Roll call vote: Sullivan - Yea, Kachiwala – Yea, Clyde – Yea, Schwartz- Yea, Brundage – Yea, Grivette – Yea, Tyagi – Yea. Vote to approve amended agenda 7-0-0 MSC Roll Call Vote: Sullivan - Yea, Kachiwala – Yea, Clyde – Yea, Schwartz- Yea, Brundage – Yea, Grivette – Yea, Tyagi – Yea.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 4/2/25 meeting minutes. Gowda entered the meeting at 2:36. **Motion to Approve the 4/2/25 meeting minutes, as presented (Schwartz/Kachiwala) 8-0-0 MSC. MSC Roll call vote: Sullivan - Yea, Gowda – Yea, Kachiwala – Yea, Clyde – Yea, Schwartz- Yea, Brundage – Yea, Grivette – Yea, Tyagi – Yea.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Kachiwala is looking forward to the Board Designated Fund Action item. Sullivan echoed the sentiments. Schwartz stated that the GAC passed the resolution for Reimagining Academic Affairs and it will be discussed during reports.
- 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. 4/11/25 GAC Regular Meeting
      - a. Approved Minutes of the 3/28/25 Regular Meeting (attached, page 6).
      - b. **2024-25 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**  
Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC)
        - a. Director of Academic Affairs Appointment: Julia Boyko
      - c. Approved Resolution Regarding Reimagining Chico (under separate cover) - Gowda requested to pull item c and further discuss. Sullivan invited Jackson Glick, AS Legal Counsel, to the table. Gowda shared background on the Reimagining Academic Affairs process, how the Special Action Team was created, and summarized the work they did in the Fall of 2024. She shared that this spring semester was intended for feedback and has resulted in some backlash, which has led to the resolution coming to GAC. She expressed some concerns about the language in the document and that she believes it needs further refinement. She urged the Board to consider sending the resolution back to GAC for reconsideration, to hopefully create a more collaborative resolution. Schwartz shared that he would like more specific information or language in the document about which Gowda is concerned. Gowda expressed concern that the way this resolution is drafted will cause a rift between the Associated Students and Campus leadership rather than encourage collaboration.

Grivette asked those who were at GAC if there was uncertainty among GAC members, what was done to address those concerns, and why it was approved. Gowda shared that the approved resolution came a long way from its original draft, but she still finds it to be too accusatory. She wants to ensure that the students also participate in the process. Schwartz addressed Grivette's question, stating that this resolution came through extensive discussion at three separate GAC meetings, sharing drafts across multiple campus populations, and asking for feedback. He shared that at multiple points he has recognized the opportunities the President and Provost have offered for student involvement and declared them to be good actors trying to serve students, but there are other aspects of the initiative that he believes needs more answers for students, for example, evidence that these changes would provide positive outcomes for our students. Kachiwala shared that, specifically, the section requesting student input in the decision-making process is concerning to him from a liability standpoint. He worries that expecting the students to accept liability for the decisions they make is asking too much from them. Tyagi shared that, as she wasn't on GAC, she is approaching this as simply the document presented. She shared that in reviewing the document, she finds it simply asks for transparency and highlights the need for student involvement as well. Gowda shared that budget isn't part of the special action team's role in Reimagining Academic Affairs. Schwartz responded to Kachiwala's point about the second, whereas in the resolution, he shared that he believes that there is no obligation to the students in that section and simply refers to the existing agreement on Shared Governance. He additionally shared that the AS is a business and that our job does not have anything to do with approving academic affairs, as has been reiterated by the President and Provost Cornick. Sullivan shared that upon meeting with the administration, it was made clear to him that the AS does provide binding student consultation as students who are elected by the larger body; he believes that there are some other language inconsistencies worthy of review. AS legal counsel, Jackson Glick shared some thoughts on the second section, addressing binding consultation and shared governance, and that the language in that section about representation may not be strictly accurate. He discussed some inconsistencies in the body of the document that bring in other topics, which could detract from the document's intended goals. Finally, he shared concerns that some of the requests in the document are beyond the scope of what this Board can do and could lead the Board to incur liability, specifically addressing the word binding. Glick clarified that this board is the one that ultimately speaks for the AS, and should they decide to, it can go back to allow the GAC to focus on how they feel the admin isn't being transparent and how to address those concerns specifically. As executive director of the AS, Clyde shared that what is most important to her is the students sharing their voices, but that in her consultation with members, she is not certain that the students' true desires are shared in this document. She would like GAC to have another opportunity to rewrite it so that the GAC and BOD will both agree that the document speaks for the entire organization. As VP of Business and Finance, she shared that she has seen President Perez and Provost Cornick work tirelessly to add more means for students to engage in the reimagining process. She addressed the specific resolution addressing UBC and reminded the table that there is already student representation at UBC, as well as the AS president and AS VP of Business and Finance. Dr Brundage shared some thoughts about the budget concerns, and how they are not reflected solely in the Reimagining process, but across the University, and that shared governance and shared responsibility are different things. Kachiwala shared that this was brought forth by a student and the GAC is seeking to amplify their voice, but that it's important we share it from our lens. Kachiwala added that if students are interested in a more defined advocacy role, we should encourage them to run for office or get involved in government affairs. Schwartz shared that he would like to keep this resolution at BOD and is disappointed in the fact that these concerns are coming to light now, and not while this resolution was being developed at GAC. Sullivan echoed many of the other concerns shared during the discussion, and he hopes for a less confrontational approach. Tyagi asked why legal counsel wasn't consulted earlier. Clyde shared that as these meetings are so close together, GAC had just approved on Friday, at which time legal counsel received the resolution. Schwartz asked if a subcommittee could be formed to work with the Legal Counsel and the Executive Director. **Motion to send the item back to GAC for reconsideration (Gowda/ Grivette) 7-1-0 MSC Roll call vote: Sullivan - Yea, Gowda – Yea, Kachiwala – Yea, Clyde – Yea, Schwartz- Nay, Brundage – Yea, Grivette – Yea, Tyagi – Yea**

B. Associated Students Facilities Committee

1. 4/11/25 ASFC Regular Meeting
  - a. Approved Minutes of the 3/28/25 Regular Meeting (attached, page 10).
  - b. **Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) Report**  
Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee Meeting 4/4/24
    1. Approved the agenda.
    2. Approved the Minutes of the 12/6/2524 meeting (attached, page 12).
    3. The following projects were approved to proceed to funding allocation deliberation (attached, page 14):

- a. Enhancing Bike Safety with Helmets/Head Protection
  - b. Cool Cat Closet
  - c. Sustainable Options for Menstrual Care and Gender Dysphoria
  - d. Wildcat Bites
  - e. Food Truck Power Supply Improvement
4. The following projects under \$5,000 were approved for funding:
- a. Enhancing Bike Safety with Helmets/Head Protection, for \$4,999.
  - b. Cool Cat Closet, for \$4,999.
  - c. Sustainable Options for Menstrual Care and Gender Dysphoria, for \$4,500.
  - d. Wildcat Bites, for \$4,884.
5. The following projects over \$5,000 were approved at SFAC, **pending additional approval by ASFC**:
- a. Food Truck Power Supply Improvement, for \$330,000.
- c. Approval to fund the Food Truck Power Supply Improvement project in the amount of \$330,000, as presented (attached page 16). - Schwartz requested to discuss the approval of item c. He expressed concerns about why the AS is paying for power locations on campus that the AS won't "own," and would like to ask the campus to share this cost. Grivette shared that as the food trucks were brought by the AS, if they are going to stay, we should address the generators. She also shared that this power would be able to be accessed by campus events and student organizations. Clyde clarified that projects like this are common, and essentially, the AS is undertaking this project to improve the sustainability of the campus as a statement for the benefit of students. She also shared that the income brought in by the food trucks is substantial. Schwartz asked if we would be tracking the power usage out of the hook-ups, since they are currently buying their fuel for the generators. Gowda left the meeting at 3:33. Sullivan recognized AS Associate Executive Director, Jon Simmons. Simmons shared additional details about why this project was proposed to SFAC and the larger positive impact it would have on not just the food trucks but also student clubs and campus departments. **Schwartz moved to request that the campus contribute funding to the power project. No second, motion failed.** Clyde shared that she is seeking additional funding to support sustainability on the state side. Grivette added that this funding came from SFAC, specifically for sustainability projects, and isn't from anywhere else in the budget. Tyagi clarified that this was a one-time project, Grivette confirmed. Gowda returned at 3:37. Tyagi expressed support for the funding of the project. Sullivan shared that as part of the dining consultation project, the consultants recommended that dining services keep the food trucks, so this project is in line with and enhancing their recommendations. **Motion to affirm the approval to fund the Food Truck Power Supply Project for \$330,000 (Tyagi/Kachiwala) 8-0-0 MSC. Roll Call Vote Sullivan - Yea, Gowda - Yea, Kachiwala - Yea, Clyde - Yea, Schwartz- Yea, Brundage - Yea, Grivette - Yea, Tyagi - Yea.**

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee

- 1. 4/15/25 ASBC Regular Meeting
  - a. Approved Minutes of the 4/1/25 Regular Meeting (attached, page 21).
  - b. Approval of Associated Students Auxiliary Businesses Budget – Dining Services (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2024-25 and proposed budget 2025-26.

## VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Board Designated Fund Recommendation **Motion to approve the Board Designated Fund Recommendation, as presented (Tyagi/Kachiwala).** Schwartz expressed concerns around additional costs and liability associated with the Wellness Vending Machine. **Schwartz moved to amend the proposed Board Designated Fund Allocation to remove item 5, wellness vending machine for \$18,000. No second, Motion Failed. Motion to Approve funding as presented with the caveat that item 5 will only be completed with additional research to ensure liability and subscription costs are considered. (Schwartz/Kachiwala) 8-0-0 MSC Roll Call Vote: Sullivan - Yea, Gowda - Yea, Kachiwala - Yea, Clyde - Yea, Schwartz- Yea, Brundage - Yea, Grivette - Yea, Tyagi - Yea.** Clyde left the meeting at 3. 3. **Vote on approval of amended proposal 7-0-0 MSC Roll Call Vote: Sullivan - Yea, Gowda - Yea, Kachiwala - Yea, Schwartz- Yea, Brundage - Yea, Grivette - Yea, Tyagi - Yea.**
- B. Information Item: Associated Students Budget (including Pay Schedule), estimated results 2024-2025 and Proposed Budget 2025-26 (under separate cover). **Motion to table business item B for the 4/23/25 regular**

**meeting Schwartz/ Gowda 7-0-0 – MSC Roll Call Vote Sullivan - Yea, Gowda – Yea, Kachiwala – Yea, Schwartz- Yea, Brundage – Yea, Grivette – Yea, Tyagi – Yea.**

- C. Information Item: Bookstore RFP: Sullivan recognized Tom Rider, AS Director of Auxiliary Businesses. He shared that the AS received two RFPs from two companies for the Bookstore Contract: Barnes & Noble and Follett. They were overall very similar, but the financial offer set them apart. Clyde returned at 3:58. Rider shared that Follett offered 10% commission on course materials, and Barnes & Noble offered 8%. Under \$2.5 million in general merchandise, Follett offered 16% commission, 18% over 2.5 million. Barnes & Noble offered 12.5% commission on sales under \$2 million, 14.5% over \$2 million. Leach shared a breakdown of the financials Follett and Barnes & Noble provided, projected over 10 years. In the breakdown, Follett came in with a stronger offer. Schwartz asked if there was a recommendation. Clyde shared that the formal recommendation will be coming at the next meeting, but Follett has provided a financially stronger offer.
- D. Information Item: ASCDL Program Self-Evaluation—Jacqueline Hansen, the ASCDL's program director, shared the CDL self-assessment process with the BOD, as required by their regulations. She reported that they are actively working on their report to submit to the state in June.
- E. Director of Academic Affairs Report—Kachiwala shared that SAS is tomorrow.
- F. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report—Gowda shared that GSEC is hosting Take Back the Night tonight, and SLL awards are tomorrow.
- G. University Vice Presidents' Reports—VP Clyde shared her pride with the team for the passionate conversations today and how everyone carried themselves. VP Brundage echoed this pride. He shared his thanks with Hugh Hammond, AS AV Technical Manager, for his work on the recent vigil hosted on campus and for how he enhances every event he plays a role in.
- H. Faculty Representative Report - Dr. Butts was absent
- I. Executive Director's Report—Clyde had no additional report
- J. President's Report – Sullivan shared that he just returned from Hill Day in DC and will share more details in his report at the GAC. He also recently met with President Perez, where he asked about the effects of recent visa issues on our international students. Perez shared with Sullivan that an email to the campus is forthcoming
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Schwartz stated that the resolution discussed today was a topic at three GAC meetings and asked the members to apply themselves going forward with this resolution. He asked members who believed the AS was the students' voice to look inward and consider how the result of today's vote reflected the students' concerns voiced in the resolution.
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Sullivan, adjourned the meeting at 4:08 pm.