

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday, April 9, 2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Aishwarya Gowda, Dev Kachiwala, Aaron Schwartz, Jamie Clyde, Jaiden Grivette, Isaac Brundage, Tracy Butts, Rishika Tyagi

Members Absent: Chris Sullivan

Others Present: Eliza Miller (recording), Hugh Hammond, Tom Rider, Jon Simmons, Keith Crawford, Kendra Wright, Anna Paladini, Steve Novo, Teresa Clements, Colin Chambers, Windy Van Dam, Katrina Leach, Luke Bagwell, Emily Berry

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 2:40pm
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** - The meeting started with reading the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 4/9/25 Regular Meeting Agenda. **Motion to Approve 4/9/25 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. (Grivette/Gowda) Motion to amend agenda to place Item XI Public opinion as item IX before the closed session and move all other items down on the agenda (Tyagi/ Kachiwala) 6-0-0 MSC Roll call vote Gowda - Yea, Kachiwala - Yea, Clyde – Yea, Schwartz – Yea, Grivette – Yea, Tyagi – yea. Dr. butts entered the meeting at 2:42 pm. Vote to approve amended Agenda 7-0-0 MSC Roll call vote: Butts - Yea Gowda - Yea, Kachiwala - Yea, Clyde – Yea, Schwartz – Yea, Grivette – Yea, Tyagi – Yea.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 3/26/25 meeting minutes. **Motion to Approve the 3/26/25 meeting minutes, as presented (Tyagi/Kachiwala) 7-0-0 MSC.Roll call vote: Butts - Yea Gowda - Yea, Kachiwala - Yea, Clyde – Yea, Schwartz – Yea, Grivette – Yea, Tyagi – Yea.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Schwartz shared that at the last meeting, the Board had a report of an approved purchase from ASFC for security fencing behind the WREC that he would like to state for the record: he finds it too expensive. Kachiwala shared that he is excited to review the board-designated fund at today's meeting.
- 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. 4/4/25 GAC Regular Meeting
 - a. No actions taken
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee
 1. 4/4/25 ASFC Regular Meeting
 - a. Action Item: Approval of Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Facilities Committee Meetings for the academic year 2024-25. (attached, page 5)
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
 1. 4/8/25 ASBC Regular Meeting
 - a. Approved Minutes of the 3/25/25 Regular Meeting (attached, page 6).
- VIII. **BUSINESS**

- A. Information Item: Board Designated Fund Recommendation (under separate cover)—Schwartz invited VP Tyagi to review the list of projects the Board Designated Fund brought forth. Their total proposed allocation is \$181,600 across 12 different projects. Kachiwala shared more details about the wellness vending machine that will offer many wellness items, such as sexual health items and Narcan, among others. They would be partnering with the Well Cat Health Center to assist with stocking the vending machine. Schwartz recognized Cristina Hammans from the well to speak about how they will be keeping the machine stocked. The machine will use student ID cards to access the materials. They are looking to put this in the basement, slightly outside the well, so that it is accessible. Leach clarified if the Well would be responsible for exchanging any funds. Hammans shared that it is unclear at this time. **Clyde left the meeting at 3:00 pm.** Leach clarified that her concern was the AS Purchasing items to stock the vending machine rather than the health center providing the items and handling the financial transactions. Hammans shared that other CSUs have machines like this. **Brundage entered the meeting at 3:02 pm.** Tyagi reviewed the rest of the list. Kachiwala added that the funds listed for the affinity centers are to be used for student programming, not marketing or swag giveaways. Gowda asked for more details about the BMU revamp project and the banned books library. Schwartz shared that the library idea came from the Meriam Library and the Council of Graduate Studies. They would like to allocate funds to the library to support their efforts to purchase banned and out-of-print books that can be really challenging to find. Tyagi shared some additional details about the BMU revamp to encourage more community in the BMU, including things like a community board, game space, and making some comfortable spaces for students in the BMU that are more casual hang-out spaces.
- B. Information Item: 2/28/25 Dining Services Financials - Tyagi reviewed the February 2025 financials for AS Dining Services. For February 2025 Dining Overall, income was \$900,776 with the cost of sales at \$347,258. Net income for the month was a loss of \$52,972.
- C. Information item: 02/28/25 AS Wildcat Store Financials – Tyagi Reviewed the February 2025 financials for the AS Wildcat Store contract. Income for the Month of February 2025 was \$47,974, with \$24,544 of that being commission. Year-to-date commission income is \$230,587.
- D. Information item: 02/28/25 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Tyagi reviewed the financials for the Follett Wildcat Store in February of 2025. For February, Course materials income was \$50,771, down 46% over last year. General merchandise income was \$149,060, down 13% over last year. Total sales for the store year to date are \$2,030,859 Schwartz asked if we think we will make our budgeted goals. Leach shared that we are currently within 3% of our estimate for the AS portion of the financials, so we should be very close to our budget at the end of the year.
- E. Director of Academic Affairs Report—Kachiwala shared that he attended the Reimagining Academic Affairs expo yesterday, where he chatted with other students. He encouraged more students to attend the final student-only expo today in Colusa 100. He also encouraged students to attend GAC this week, where they are discussing a resolution on Reimagining Academic Affairs.
- F. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report—Gowda shared that they discussed the new Chat GPT rollout and academic integrity at the last SJEC meeting. She also shared that her committee has some funds left for Social Justice or diverse programming or projects. Clyde re-entered the meeting at 3:25.
- G. University Vice Presidents' Reports—VP Brundage shared that as we wrap up the semester, please take care of yourselves and others. VP Clyde echoed Dr. B's sentiments and added that there is a lot of dialogue about student fees currently.
- H. Faculty Representative Report - Dr. Butts shared some thoughts with the committee about the Academic Reimagining, sharing that the budget has been a concern all along, but the provost's desire was to separate the two processes to prevent finances from dictating the vision. She added that budget issues have since become a hurdle and that the situations with Sonoma and other CSUs have brought budget concerns even more to the forefront of this conversation.
- I. Executive Director's Report—Clyde praised Brooke McCall and her team for hosting a lovely welcome for the newly elected reps last week.
- J. President's Report—Schwartz read a written report from President Sullivan, who was absent. Sullivan's report provided updates on his work at CSU Hill Day. He shouted out McCall and her team for a successful election.

- IV. PUBLIC OPINION** - Zion Fozo shared feedback about the currently available merchandise and apparel in the Wildcat store and encouraged the use of more secondary colors and lower-cost items in the bookstore to appeal to more students and make items more accessible to students who don't have much disposable income for such items.
- V. CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to Education Code Section 89307 (a)(1): Bookstore RFP-** The Board went into a closed session at 3:45 pm. The Board came out of the closed session at 4:06 pm. No action was taken during the closed session.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—**Gowda shared details for several events happening this week and encouraged members to attend.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Schwartz, adjourned the meeting at 4:08 pm.