

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Monday, August 28, 2023

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Johnathan Montes, Vincent Sy, Christian Sullivan, Mia Arisman, Jamie Clyde, Dr. Tracy Butts

Members Absent: Dr. Isaac Brundage

Others Present: Curtis Sicheneder, Karen Bang (recording), Hugh Hammond, Kyle Alsberry, Kendra Wright, Katrina Robertson, Thang Ho, Jon Slaughter, Tom Rider, Lexi Extein, Eliza Miller, Windy Van Dam, Steve Novo, Teresa Clements, Amanda Dubner, Sarah Wilson, Anna Paladini, Zachary Machado, Keith Crawford, Owen Boggeln, Brooke McCall, Jenna Walker

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 8/28/23 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 8/28/23 regular meeting agenda (Montes/Arisman) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 5/3/23 special meeting and the 5/10/23 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 5/3/23 special meeting and the 5/10/23 regular meeting, as presented (Sullivan/Montes) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Alaniz-Wiggins said Happy First Board meeting.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic –
- 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 – Alaniz-Wiggins noted the approved items.
 1. GAC Actions of 8/25/23
 - a. Approved the 8/25/23 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 4/26/23 special meeting.
 - c. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for Academic Year 2023-24, as presented.
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee – Sy said no meetings were held.
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Montes said no meetings were held.
- VIII. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Board of Directors Meetings for Academic Year 2023-24. **Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Board of Directors Meetings for Academic Year 2023-24, as presented (Arisman/Sullivan) 7-0-0 MSC.**
 - B. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes
 1. Restated Bylaws of Associated Students of California State University, Chico – Wright explained the various suggested revisions including the recent title change of the Bell Memorial Union Committee to the Associated Students Facilities Committee. In addition, the Director of University Affairs title was changed to

- Director of Academic Affairs. Wright said she and Miller reevaluated the Bylaws as they pertain to the rules for running for office as well as holding the position. She reviewed the proposed revisions on page four of the Bylaws, noting that a 2.0 GPA is needed to run and then at the completion of the spring semester, they will need at least a 2.0 GPA or above in order to continue with the position. Wright said these revisions derive from the updated Chancellor's Office (CO) Executive Order 1068 and we will now be matching their current CO minimums for all major office holders. She also reviewed revisions to unit requirements. On page 5 of the Bylaws, Wright explained that academic probation is now called academic notice. Discussion was held.
2. Conflict of Interest Policy – Wright said this policy is being updated to note that senators can be employed up to 20 hours per week in any corporate area of the organization.
 3. Appointment Policy – Wright said this revision is being made to ensure pro staff are being held accountable to the same standard as student staff. She said part-time or full-time staff shall not be appointed to the three standing committees (Associated Students Businesses Committee, Associated Students Facilities Committee and Government Affairs Committee).
- C. Discussion Item: Associated Students Executive Order 2023-03 – Alaniz-Wiggins explained that this Executive Order was in regards to senator appointments that needed to be made. It was noted that all senator seats are now filled.
- D. Discussion Item: Review of Investments – Quarter ending 6/30/23
1. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) – Robertson said investment earnings are reported to the Board quarterly and reviewed each of the areas. Interest earned for the quarter was \$169,098.
 2. Board Designated Fund – Robertson explained that this fund is also reported to the Board quarterly and quarter to date earnings were a little over \$8,574.
- E. Director of Academic Affairs Report – Arisman said she is sending out a survey to schedule Student Academic Senate meetings. She said she attended CSSA with Alaniz-Wiggins and many hot topics were discussed at CSSA.
- F. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report – Sullivan said he visited Tribal Relations at their new location. He advised that the CSU is holding a NACRA hearing tomorrow.
- G. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Clyde congratulated the Board on their first Board meeting. She said at the next Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting they will be voting on the tuition increase, which is a big topic. She explained it would be a 6% systemwide increase each year for five years and then reevaluated. Clyde said she sits on CABO which is regarding financial issues. She explained that even though seven campuses have faced major enrollment decreases, there hasn't been a tuition increase in quite some time. She said costs have increased, there's decreased enrollment, and no revenue coming in, so the CSU definitely needs this increase.
- Clyde said enrollment has been fairly steady this year, which is a good thing, and will hopefully continue increasing. She said enrollment is exceptionally challenging for Chico, and this is our last freebie year, explaining that if we don't hit enrollment targets by the end of next year, they'll start moving 5% per year for three years.
 - Clyde said labor negotiations are another issue and all unions are in openers of contracts and looking at particular amounts of money. She said these negotiations happen at the CO level.
 - Clyde updated regarding the Cozen Report assessment on Title IX and Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation (DHR). She said it was found that the CO has to have more direct involvement on campuses and explained next steps in the process.
 - Clyde said there are monies available from the CO that support specifically black students, staff and faculty. She said the idea is to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding what we need on campus to support our black students and how we can help with that. Dr. Brundage and Dr. Morales are starting to work with the black staff and faculty and the Black Student Success group to look at the different recommendations that have been provided. She noted she volunteered Alaniz-Wiggins and Sullivan for this project.
 - On behalf of Dr. Brundage, she said he is giving out popcorn on Wednesdays.
- H. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts said happy start to the semester. She said there seems to be general excitement amongst students and staff. She noted the Colleges are already gearing up for the upcoming recruitment cycle for 2024-25 and are trying to grow enrollment, building upon particular gains made this past year.
- I. Interim Executive Director Report – Sicheneder welcomed the Board to their first Board meeting. He said Crawford, the AS Risk Manager, and Rider, the Auxiliary Businesses Director, have put together a Dining RFP. He explained the role of the subcommittee that was formed, as well as the process. The RFP process will start on September 5, 2023. He said the hope is to get through this process by the end of the fall semester and make

a recommendation as to whether or not to move forward, and if so, with what entity • Sicheneder said the Board will hear from corporate areas such as Financial Services, HR, IT, etc. He said at the next Board meeting Leah Mercer will be talking about health insurance costs, and provide an overview regarding costs to staff and the organization. The Compensation Study, which is required by policy, will also be discussed at the next Board meeting.

- J. President Report – Alaniz-Wiggins said CSSA – CSUnity was held. She said CSSA opposed the tuition increase due to vagueness of language, not necessarily the need. She said CSSA was able to get it to a five-year review; however, there's no committee from CSSA. She'll be at the BOT meeting for public comment courtesy of CSSA. Alaniz-Wiggins said the Cozen Report is also something CSSA will be taking a stance on. Regarding the Black Student Success Committee, CSSA is making a sub-committee, and she may chair it as she's the only black president this year. Alaniz-Wiggins said President Perez is testifying regarding NACRA. She said Graduation Initiative 2025 is back in person and a conference will be held. She said she heard that Chico is on target to possibly meet those goals.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

- X. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Clements commented regarding the excitement on campus this year. She said the WREC numbers are high, The Well has seen twice the numbers at their first event compared to last year, and there are many events for students. Paladini updated regarding various events. Alaniz-Wiggins said there will be social media posts from her desk, not the AS President's desk, noting she's not speaking on behalf of the AS or the Board.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.