

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Michael Pratt, Vu Nguyen, Teddy Delorenzo, Andrew Roberts, Bro Dumas, Brett Rahtz, Tammi Fleet, Drew Calandrella

Members Absent: Jim Hyatt

Others Present: David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Jen Halford, Thang Ho, Susan Jennings, Leah Railey, Jon Slaughter, Nan Timmons, Annabel Grimm, Alisha Sharma, Sarah Foisy, Katrina Robertson

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by the Chair, Pratt.
- II. **AGENDA** – Motion to approve the 3/22/17 agenda (Nguyen/Roberts) 7/0/0 MSC.
- III. **MINUTES** – None
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Roberts said the Wildcats Men's Basketball Elite 8 game is tonight at 6:30 pm – Go Wildcats!
- V. **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 – Nguyen reviewed the items with the Board and noted the original Organic Cotton Resolution passed in 2000 mandated that every t-shirt purchased with Activity Fee funds needed to be made of organic cotton. Over the 17 years this has been in effect, the industry has changed and organic cotton has gone up significantly in price and programs are being significantly impacted by the increased costs. The new Resolution includes a \$1 assessment fee for every t-shirt purchased if not organic cotton. Funds will be collected by the AS and allocated to a different water conservation group yearly by GAC. Pratt researched how much water is used to make shirts and \$1.05 is amount of water used in order to make an organic cotton t-shirt. Discussion was held. Delorenzo questioned first Resolve, "That each non-cotton t-shirt purchased..." She questioned if it should say "That each non-**organic** cotton t-shirt..." The Board was in agreement with this change and that it does not need to go back to GAC for further review/approval. Nguyen said the International Festival will be held on Kendall Lawn this year, the last Saturday of April.
 1. GAC Actions of 3/9/17
 - a. Approved the 3/9/17 revised agenda.
 - b. Approved the minutes of the 2/23/17 regular meeting.
 - c. Consent Agenda – 2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments
Confirmation of appointment to Community Affairs Council
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs student appointment: Omar Salidvar
 - d. Approved EFAC allocation in the amount of \$4,000 for the Art 4 Peace Event presented by the Chico Hillil Organization to be held 4/27/17 at Trinity Commons from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - e. Approved Organic Cotton Resolution, as amended. (Calandrella joined the meeting at 1:37 p.m.).
 - B. Bell Memorial Union Committee – Roberts reviewed the items with the Board and noted he has been working on the Financial Services Office space renovation.
 1. BMUC Actions of 3/20/17
 - a. Approved the 3/20/17 agenda.
 - b. Approved minutes of the 2/27/17 regular meeting and 3/6/17 special meeting.
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Rahtz reviewed the items with the Board. He noted the 3/6/17 minutes were revised to change the Textbook Scholarships to AS 75th Anniversary Textbook Scholarships.
 1. ASBC Actions of 3/20/17
 - a. Approved the 3/20/17 agenda.
 - b. Approved minutes of the 3/6/17 regular meeting.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes: Legislative Affairs Council Code, including title change to Legislative Affairs Committee Code. **Motion to approve addition to Associated Students Corporate Codes: Legislative Affairs Council Code, including title change to Legislative Affairs Committee Code, as presented (Roberts/Dumas).** Dumas reviewed with the Board, noting the committee has been restructured and sub-committees have been created. Under Section VI. D. 2. d) 5. a., Delorenzo suggested in order to stay consistent, changing Federal Advocacy Group to Federal Advocacy Corp. Regarding Item VIII. C., it was suggested that the sentence be changed from, "Shall coordinate and work to lobby legislators on students issues," to "Shall coordinate and advocate through CSSA on student issues." **Motion to amend the original motion with the following changes: Under Section VI. D. 2. d) 5. a., change "from Federal Advocacy Group to Federal Advocacy Corp." Item VIII. C. to be changed from, "Shall coordinate and work to lobby legislators on student issues to, Shall coordinate and advocate through CSSA on student issues."(Roberts/Dumas) 8-0-0.** Slaughter said under Section VIII. E., 1., 2. and 3. that "oversee" should be replaced with different wording. **Motion to amend these three areas by replacing "oversee work" with "inform the work of the..." (Dumas/Calandrella) 8-0-0.** Regarding section VII. E, **Motion by Pratt to strike "50% plus 1" and insert "quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members."** Slaughter suggested leaving this as is because this change does not follow the current Corporate By-laws. He will be following up with Jeff Carter regarding this issue. **Motion failed as there was no second. In favor of approving Action Item A as amended 8-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Information Item: Spring 2017 Ballot – Timmons reviewed the ballot that was provided with the agenda packet. She noted that because of the nature of the ballot advisory measure, the AS didn't feel the need for an impact statement to go along with it. However, Mark Stemen's class would like their impact statement added to the ballot, which is their belief as to why students should vote to approve this item. Discussion was held regarding the impact statement and Timmons said we don't have the option to not include their impact statement. Timmons noted that Declaration packets are due by noon this Friday. A mandatory candidate orientation meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Monday. After that, candidates can begin campaigning. Fleet questioned the wording of elected officers vs. elected senators. Timmons said this wording has been taken from the Bylaws and suggested not changing the ballot; otherwise the Bylaws would have to be changed. Rahtz asked if voting for senators is limited to the college they're in and Timmons said no because at any given time it's virtually impossible to know who is a major in what college and would exclude those that have yet to declare a major. Nguyen questioned if it would be possible to include some type of survey instrument to gauge what the student body would like to see from their elected officers. Timmons suggested a separate survey or focus group, noting a survey would make for a very long ballot, causing ballot fatigue.
- C. Information Item: Proposed staff reorganization Dining Services/Conference Services – Buckley said based on the failed search for a dining director, he has asked Clyde to look at possible ways to reorganize Dining, which could affect Conference Services. He noted this reorganization would limit the amount of time Clyde is focused on Dining Services so that she can learn the corporation in a larger scale. Buckley said he advised ASBC and BMUC of this at their meetings earlier this week. He will come back with a formal organizational chart as well as the changes. Buckley said this is being done with the idea of not going back out for a dining director.
- D. Information Item: 2/28/17 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Rahtz reviewed with the Board.
- E. Director of University Affairs Report – Fleet reported that CHESS was held two weeks ago. They met with Assemblymen Gallagher and the meetings were very good. She said this past Monday, the senators had a joint meeting with the ad hoc on Student Success and explained how student success on this campus can be improved. Fleet said tomorrow she and the student senators will have a mid-spring training/review regarding their roles and positions. Fleet is in the process of reviewing President Scholarship applications which are due by Friday.
- F. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Dumas said LAC met this morning and although there were no action items, they reviewed CSSA legislations that they're working on. He advised of Assembly Bill 234 which is trying to address the issue of the fact that California will need more teachers, and will assist them with their student loans. He said we at CSU, Chico are supporting this bill and it will probably be put on the April CHESS meeting agenda.
- G. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Calandrella said the Wildcats Men's Basketball team is in the Elite 8 and game is tonight at 6:30 p.m. He noted the Board of Trustees is currently meeting to determine whether

or not there will be a fee increase. Calandrella said at the recent Town & Gown meeting there was discussion regarding the lights and cameras installed on the bike path and the amount of money put in to it. He said Chico PD reports that crimes are down 80% in this area due to cameras and lights and it's our money talking.

- H. Executive Director's Report – Buckley said regarding the lack of teachers in California that 115 schools will be attending Education Career Fair this Saturday. He said this goes to show that they're hungry for teachers, noting that 10 years ago approximately 60 schools attended the Education Career Fair. • Buckley said the Staff Retreat was held recently at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom and was a big success. He said the nicest thing for him was that it's an opportunity for a majority of staff that never get to go to anything, to be able to attend this retreat. • Buckley said he received today the 60% drawings for the FSO renovation. He said a wall is being put up to divide the Financial Services Office (FSO) and the Wildcat Leadership Center. He noted they are also trying to replace all the carpet, including in the AS HR/Administration Office. He said \$500,000 has been allocated for the whole project. He reminded that the downsizing of FSO caused the excess space that is available.
- I. President's Report – Pratt's Academic Conference Report was included with the packet. He said he had a Meet & Greet with President Hutchinson and Student Housing. He noted they are going out to talk with students, and also plan on doing an on-line meeting with distant learner students. Pratt said if the on-line meeting is successful he will start bringing in other elected officials to better represent the students. • Pratt said there has been a fierce push by a number of student trustee to get additional representatives on the Board of Trustees, which has caused some CSSA reshuffling. The Student Trustee search is underway and applications are due April 3. • In regards to the Wildcat Statue, Pratt said the Trinity Commons area and bookstore side of the building are a no-go for placement of the statue. He said President Hutchinson suggested the BMU plaza on 2nd Street for the Wildcat statue and we're looking in to it. Buckley said the fire marshal has no problems regarding the plaza. Rahtz asked about the timeline and Pratt said President Hutchinson is in agreement with placing it soon. Buckley said that a couple of years ago the AS Board approved allocating \$40,000 of the bookstore commission and BMUC contributed \$10,000. He said the Board didn't vote on a space. Buckley noted President Hutchinson wants to go back to Campus Planning to update them regarding the new location and he doesn't think Campus Planning will have an issue with this. He did suggest; however, that if they want to engage students regarding the statue location, they need to do so now so that their information can be provided to President Hutchinson.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Rahtz said this is the first week of spring, go outside and enjoy it!

VIII. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m. by the Chair, Pratt.