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

Thursday, June 11, 2020

12 p.m.

Via Zoom

Members Present: Bre Holbert, Ann Sherman, Anthony Ruiz, Tracy Butts, Jennifer Mendoza, Austin Lopic, Ella Snyder

Members Absent: Kaylee Biedermann (excused), Sandy Parsons-Ellis

Others Present: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Jon Slaughter, Susan Jennings, Tom Rider, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton, Thang Ho, Shar Krater, Leah Railey, Curtis Sicheneder, Anna Paladini, Kiley Kirkpatrick, Emily Bruns

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Holbert, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – There were no changes to the agenda.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2020. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2020 (Lopic/Snyder) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- V. **BUSINESS**
 - A. **Action item: Approval of Associated Students Statement Denouncing Racism. Motion to approve Associated Students Statement Denouncing Racism, as presented (Sherman/Lopic).** Sherman questioned if the Board would be approving what the plans are. Holbert said it refers to the fact that they would be doing something. She said they didn't want students to feel like no action was being done. Mendoza said they are working on creating a forum. Butts suggested capitalizing the "B" in black throughout the document. Ruiz said this is a statement of solidarity with the students, denouncing racism, and showing that the AS wants to be there for our students. He said they are also looking more within the AS regarding diversity training for staff and student employees and in the following week they will be looking at what is tangible and can impact our campus. Sherman suggested they connect with the Campus Activity Response Team (CART), who is also working on a variety of things. Holbert said they have been working with CART through Clyde and noted that Clyde had talked with them about the Listening Forum that Mendoza mentioned. Krystal Tonga and Mary Wallmark have been involved in this conversation and Holbert agreed that it's important to include them as we move forward. Sherman said it would be helpful to let them know what we're doing, and see if they would like to join us. She said it's hard to keep up with AS events on this campus because there is a campus calendar, as well as an AS calendar. She said she kept missing events because she didn't realize for a while that there was a separate AS calendar. Butts suggested regarding the "Over the last week, ..." sentence regarding opportunities that it would be a stronger statement by perhaps identifying a couple of things they are planning, instead of being vague. For example, "...by looking to implement institutional policy changes and supporting local Black businesses." Mendoza said they need to make sure that it's within the AS' reach. Discussion was held and the decision was made to change the sentence to, "Over the last week, our desire has been to not only denounce racism, but also commit to ACTIONABLE change on our campus." The words, "...through opportunities we are currently planning as this statement is published" to be removed. **The Board approved the AS Statement Denouncing Racism with the suggested changes: Capitalize the word Black throughout the statement, put a period after, "...ACTIONABLE change on our campus," and remove "...through opportunities we are currently planning as this statement is published."** 7-0-0 MSC. Holbert said once the document is finalized it will be prepared to be sent out as a statement from the AS.
- VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Snyder asked if the statement just approved by the Board would be emailed out to all of the students. Holbert said it would be posted on social media and could be sent out to students via the University. She said it could also be sent out to all of our AS staff. Holbert said in the meeting she and Clyde had with President Hutchinson, they talked about the Listening Forum and President Hutchinson agreed with the idea of having the University Police Department and Cabinet join this forum. Holbert said she is interested in having a Diversity EDU and has been working on it.

VII. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic - Peterson said the Board did a great job regarding the Statement Denouncing Racism, noting they have been active to try and make this happen. She said she appreciated their dedication, thoughtfulness and commitment to do this and said actions are louder than words for creating systematic change. Mendoza said they have been discussing what they want their fall and spring to look like and that's how they came up with the Listening Forum. She said they have discussed what impact they want to make as they go forward. Slaughter reminded the Board members to not make technical decisions outside of the meeting in order to stay within the guidelines of the Gloria Romero Act. Clyde said as they go through these processes they can feel challenging in the beginning. She said the more they do the better they will get at them and that they have had two actions as a Board before they have even had training. She said she is excited to see all the things that are going to happen this year.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Holbert, adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.