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

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Bre Holbert, Jennifer Mendoza, Anthony Ruiz, Ella Snyder, Austin Lopic, Kaylee Biedermann, Tracy Butts, Ann Sherman, Sandy Parsons-Ellis

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Susan Jennings, Jon Slaughter, Tom Rider, Shar Krater, Sarah Fenton, Hugh Hammond, Katrina Robertson, Katie Peterson, Leah Railey, Curtis Sicheneder, Thang Ho, Rhiannon Tice, Melinda McCluskey-Wise, Kristin Chelotti, Lauren Lathrop, Ember Funk, Keith Crawford

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Holbert, 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 10/14/20 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/14/20 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Biedermann/Lopic) 7-0-0 MSC.** (Parsons-Ellis joined the meeting at 2:32 p.m.).
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/30/20 regular Board meeting. **Motion to approve Minutes of the 9/30/20 regular Board meeting, as presented (Biedermann/Lopic) 8-0-0 MSC.** (Snyder joined the meeting at 2:32 p.m.)
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Lopic said Happy Wednesday, and that this past Monday was Indigenous Peoples' Day. Biedermann reminded that free flu shots are available for faculty/staff/students. Holbert said please vote, and also noted that today is the last day of the Census.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic - 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. Holbert reviewed the approved items for the three committees.
  - A. Government Affairs Committee
    1. GAC Actions of 10/7/20
      - a. Approved the 10/7/20 revised regular meeting agenda.
      - b. Approved Minutes of the regular meeting of 9/23/20.
      - c. Approved Consent Agenda:  
**2020-21 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**  
**Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)**  
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointments: Alexis Manzo, Nina Cardinale  
**Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes**
        1. Student Academic Senate Code
        2. Duties for the College of Agriculture Senator
        3. Duties for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Senator
        4. Duties for the College of Business Senator
        5. Duties for the College of Communication and Education Senator
        6. Duties for the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management Senator
        7. Duties for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts Senator
        8. Duties for the College of Natural Sciences Senator
  - B. Bell Memorial Union Committee
    1. BMUC Actions of 10/6/20
      - a. Approved the 10/6/20 regular meeting agenda.
      - b. Approved Minutes of the regular meeting of 4/22/20.
      - c. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Bell Memorial Union Committee Meetings for the academic year 2020-21, as presented.

- C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
  - 1. ASBC Actions of 10/12/20
    - a. Approved the 10/12/20 regular meeting agenda.
    - b. Approved Minutes of the regular meeting of 9/28/20.

## VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of 2021 Health Insurance Plans and Premiums. **Motion to approve 2021 Health Insurance Plans and Premiums, as presented (Biedermann /Lapic)**. Clyde said the suggested premium split was 85/15, AS pays 85% and employees pay 15%. Overall a 14.1% decrease in premiums. In addition, moving to the pooled plan (Anthem Blue Cross). **9-0-0 MSC**.
- B. Action Item: Approval of June 30, 2020 Audited Financial Statements and Report to the Board of Directors per the Audit Committee recommendation as it stands. **Motion to approve the June 30, 2020 Audited Financial Statements and Report to the Board of Directors per the Audit Committee recommendation as it stands (Lapic/Sherman)**. Sherman said she was happy that it was an unqualified audit and that the committee's discussion with the auditors went well. **9-0-0 MSC**.
- C. Action Item: Motion to approve appointment of Edgar Hernandez as Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources. **Motion to approve appointment of Edgar Hernandez as Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources, as presented (Biedermann/Snyder)**. Mendoza said he will be developing an action plan for what his position will look like. She said he will help reach out for more student engagement for events and collaboration with clubs. **8-0-1 MSC**.
- D. Action Item: Motion to approve appointment of Anastasia Schmeeckle as College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management Senator. **Motion to approve appointment of Anastasia Schmeeckle as College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management Senator, as presented (Snyder/Butts)**. Snyder provided Schmeeckle's background and said it's exciting to have her in this position. **8-0-1 MSC** (Sherman left the meeting at 2:52 p.m.).
- E. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes:
  - 1. Student Academic Senate Code.
  - 2. Duties for the College of Agriculture Senator.
  - 3. Duties for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Senator.
  - 4. Duties for the College of Business Senator.
  - 5. Duties for the College of Communication and Education Senator.
  - 6. Duties for the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management Senator.
  - 7. Duties for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts Senator.
  - 8. Duties for the College of Natural Sciences Senator.

Snyder said the revisions made to these were done by last year's senators and approved by SAS and GAC this semester. The overall purpose is to try and narrow down the exact purpose of SAS and the senator roles, giving more guidelines regarding their duties. Snyder said the goal is to make senator positions equal for the amount of work done, but when trying to make them uniform, it's not always equitable for each college as they have specific needs for each college. Holbert said SAS plans on bringing a pay increase for senators up to GAC and BOD. Snyder said last year the senator pay increase was rejected but they still went through with updating the SAS Code and Duties for each college. Butts asked what the role of the colleges are to help make student senators successful, and also what senators can do to support the colleges. Discussion was held and Snyder said senators have a responsibility to reach out to the dean or associate dean, to find out the needs of the college, as well as what the college can do to assist the senators. It was noted that there needs to be a better understanding of what senators expect, as well as the colleges and their expectations.

- F. Discussion Item: 6/30/20 and 7/31/20 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter said June 30 is the end of FY 2019-20 and that the year was very favorable for Activity Fee. He said they had anticipated putting about \$60,000 on the bottom line but ended up putting \$410,000, which was much better than anticipated. He said they had approved to go into reserves for this year by \$377,000 so these extra funds will help. Slaughter next reviewed the July report, noting the benchmark for July was a little over 8%.

- G. Discussion Item: 6/30/20 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statement – Biedermann reviewed the budget information with the Board. The Student Union expensed 82.45% of their approved annual budget and generated 96.06% of projected income.
- H. Discussion Item: 7/31/20 Dining Services Financials – Rider reviewed the Executive Summary portion of the financials for Dining Overall, Sutter Dining and Cash Ops. He noted the only income they currently have is from the contract with Housing.
- I. Discussion Item: 7/31/20 AS Wildcat Store Financials – Jennings reviewed the financials with the Board, noting Income at \$16,365, Expenses and Transfers at \$64,031 and \$6,671 in Commission Income.
- J. Discussion Item: 7/31/20 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Lopic reviewed, noting there was an increase in Textbook sales, General Merchandise was down almost 80% and overall, they finished the month at \$47,694, which was down 75% to last year.
- K. Director of University Affairs Report – Snyder said she plans on providing a written report to be included with the agenda packet so the Board can see all the student involvement with the University. She said SAS is meeting Friday. Kenda Wright from Student Life & Leadership will be discussing student involvement and how senators can play a part in that.
- L. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Ruiz advised that a Vice Chair of LAC was elected. He said there would be a Voting Watch Party for the 10/22 Debate Night. CSSA is this weekend and will report back.
- M. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Parsons-Ellis reminded everyone to get their flu shot. She said the Policy team at Cabinet is considering proposals to open up limited indoor study space. She said the outdoor study space at Warrens Reception Center closed due to lack of use and asked for input as to why students may have not used it. The use of tables, preferably with electrical plugs, instead of small classroom desks was suggested by Holbert. Lopic said he had never heard of this location and didn't see any signage for it. He also said students like to be around multiple areas of campus, including nature areas. Discussion was also held regarding the lack of electrical plugs for students on campus. Parsons-Ellis said all of this would be discussed at tomorrow night's Policy meeting. Ruiz asked about the process for reopening the library and Parsons-Ellis said it is part of what they're considering for indoor study space. • Parsons-Ellis said there is a relatively new COVID testing site with a one to two-day turnaround at 900 Mangrove Avenue. • Lathrop asked if there are public restrooms available for students anywhere on campus as they are often asked this question in the bookstore by students and parents. Parsons-Ellis said she would also bring this up at the Policy meeting.
- N. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts said we're in the eighth week of the semester – smack dab in the middle of the semester.
- O. Executive Director's Report – Clyde said there are open electrical plugs by the auditorium entrance and said the lack of restrooms is a valid concern. • Clyde said flu shots will be available near the voter ballot box by the BMU auditorium entrance on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. • Regarding study space, Clyde said the AS is considering the BMU and WREC space as a part of the second tier study space proposal, but this probably won't happen until January. • Clyde was excited to report that the WREC is opening on October 19. To start, three sessions will be held daily, just under 100 people per session. She said based on capacity, we're allowed 10%, which is over 800 students. The Fusion App will be used by students to sign up for sessions.
- P. President's Report – Holbert said today was the last day of the Sustainability Conference and noted the conference speakers. She said she was honored to moderate the panel and 530 people attended the conference. Holbert shared a quote from Leah Thomas, "Rest and joy are radical acts of resistance in a system of oppression that we all live, and exist in, in many difference spaces." • Holbert said the next Town Hall meeting is planned for November 2. A separate meeting for the AS Board members and others will be held to meet with Cabinet the week of October 26 to prepare for the AS Town Hall. They will be discussing five organizing themes. Different sectors from campus will speak on the five organizing themes at the Town Hall meeting that students are wanting to hear more about from our University leadership.
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Lopic said Happy Wednesday. Mendoza reminded to be compassionate and patient with students as virtual learning is putting them on the brink of a breakdown. Parsons-Ellis reminded that the Counseling Center has 24-hour coverage available.

**X. PUBLIC OPINION** – None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Holbert, adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.