

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N29-20, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Duncan Young, Taryn Burns, Austin Lopic, Olivia Rosso, Tracy Butts, Tom Rios, Melvin Quezada Haro, Kiley Kirkpatrick

Members Absent: Ann Sherman

Others Present: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Susan Jennings, Jon Slaughter, Tom Rider, Shar Krater, Hugh Hammond, Katrina Robertson, Katie Peterson, Leah Railey, Curtis Sicheneder, Thang Ho, Eliza Miller, Mike Guzzi, Lauren Lathrop, Keith Crawford, Kimberly Morales, Anna Paladini, Jade Tsao

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Young, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 11/3/21 regular meeting agenda – **Motion to approve the 11/3/21 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Burns/Lopic) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/20/21 regular Board meeting (Rios joined the meeting at 2:35 p.m.). **Motion to approve Minutes of the 10/20/21 regular Board meeting, as presented (Lopic/Burns) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Lopic said Happy proper Wednesday and noted that the VP IT search committee has pretty much wrapped up, and President Hutchinson will be announcing who will be filling this position. Clyde welcomed Guzzi to the meeting, noting he's attending today's meeting on behalf of Ann Sherman, although won't be voting.
- 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.
 - A. Government Affairs Committee
 1. GAC Actions of 10/27/21 – Burns reviewed the Action items with the Board.
 - a. Approved the 10/27/21 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 10/13/21 regular meeting.
 - c. Consent Agenda
 - 2021-22 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments
 - Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council (CAC)
 - Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointments: Melvin Quezada, Samantha Gomez, Liliana Garcia, Haley Barnhart and Abby Hayden
 - Executive Vice President Appointment: Jonathan Murillo
 - Confirmation of appointment to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)
 - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Daisy Maryjane Chavez
 - Confirmation of appointment to Legislative Affairs Council (LAC)
 - Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Kharismah Sahagun-Escalante
 - d. Approved revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Scholarship Committee Code, as presented.
 - e. Approved revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Student Academic Senate Code, as presented.
 - B. Bell Memorial Union Committee – Kirkpatrick said the 11/2/21 meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. She said six SFAC proposals were submitted and deliberation will be held on 11/17. Kirkpatrick said they're still working on a name for the Wellness Center and outside WREC wellness area for students. Sicheneder said it

will be fenced in and is temporarily called the WREC Oasis. Clyde said they are in early phases of this project and that it would go to BMUC first.

1. ~~BMUC Actions of 11/2/21 Meeting was not held.~~
 - a. ~~Approved the 11/2/21 regular meeting agenda.~~
 - b. ~~Approved Minutes of the 10/19/21 regular meeting)~~

- C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – No meetings held. Lopic said as of Monday, food trucks are now on campus. He said Bug Night is tomorrow at Sutter Dining. He noted that the bookstore flash sale last Thursday went well. Guzzi asked Rider if he should push for more spaces for food trucks and suggested a space near Trinity Commons. Rider said this would be appreciated.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Restated Bylaws of Associated Students of California State University, Chico regarding lowering the enrolled unit requirement to file for elected office to match the Chancellor's Office minimum requirements, effective beginning the 2022-23 elected officer term – Burns reviewed the suggested revisions to the Bylaws. **Motion to approve revisions to Restated Bylaws of Associated Students of California State University, Chico regarding lowering the enrolled unit requirement to file for elected office to match the Chancellor's Office minimum requirements, effective the 2022-23 elected officer term as presented (Kirkpatrick/Burns) 7-0-1 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Approval of employee hazard and COVID related performance compensation – Clyde said this was discussed at the last meeting and reminded that during the 17 month closure, certain areas were asked to continue operating. She said the AS looks much different than other areas on campus and we have a lot of front line workers, such as at the CDL, WREC and Dining Services. In addition, those that weren't front line workers were asked to change entire programs in order to offer online services to students. Clyde said in the midst of this we were experiencing layoffs and there were a lot of uncertainties at the time. She said things eventually became more stable and we were able to supplement some revenue losses, received new grant funding, renegotiated some of our contracts and had some expense savings as well. Clyde said the management team prepared a list of the staff who made these changes possible, and would like to recognize those staff members. Frontline employees would be given \$0.75 to \$1.50 per hour worked during the shutdown period. Programmers, administration and support areas were calculated with a flat dollar amount. Clyde said the total cost requested is \$143,693.49. The amount includes all employee related tax cost and is net of the special grant funding for CDL (\$25,000). She said she also sent to the Board individual employee information regarding this. Discussion was held. **Motion to approve employee hazard and COVID related performance compensation, as presented (Lopic/Kirkpatrick) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Scholarship Committee Code – Burns reviewed, noting that the suggested revisions help delineate the membership of this committee, as students on the committee are sometimes also receiving scholarships, which doesn't work out well. Young said this provides additional flexibility for the committee.
- D. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Student Academic Senate Code – Burns said revisions have been requested regarding changing some of the memberships of non-voting members to be more representative of the student body. Rosso explained the revisions.
- E. Director of University Affairs Report – Rosso said applications for her position are now open. She noted that Provost Larson will be attending Friday's SAS meeting for a Q and A session.
- F. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report – Quezada Haro said there are a number of students interested in joining his committee and he's working on putting the committee together.
- G. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Rios said he has noticed the challenge this campus has in hiring faculty and staff who are from under-represented groups. He said we have a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) designation, but it's not unique as 21 of the 23 CSU campuses have that designation. He noted that in California 60% of students in K through 12 are Hispanic and those that apply to Chico State are 46% Hispanic. Of those that attend here, 80% of our Latino/Latina students are first generation college students. He said we have the HSI designation but questions the difference between a Hispanic attending vs. a Hispanic serving institution. Rios said they are going to look at pursuing a Seal of Excelencia designation which is a designation given to HSIs that can meet 13 areas of criteria to clearly tell whether the institution is actually a Hispanic serving, more than a Hispanic attending institution. He said by pursuing this it would show where we're strong

or weak as a HSI institution. He said as they go through this process, he would like to get the student leaders' assistance as they have a connection and understanding of other students. • Guzzi said the new College of Behavioral and Social Sciences building will be presented for approval at next week's Board of Trustees meeting. Discussion was held regarding the sustainability of the building. Guzzi reminded that on 11/11 (Veterans Day), the Hoorah 5k Run/Walk will be held and noted it's the only 5k that runs through campus grounds. He said proceeds are for student veteran scholarships and they are also accepting donations. Guzzi said a partnership with Butte Community College is being worked on regarding housing grants, noting they may be able to establish a joint residency hall between the two campuses, on this campus. He said Butte is losing potential enrollees because they don't have housing for them.

- H. Faculty Representative Report – Butts said its week 11 and Academic Affairs is starting to turn their attention more closely to GI 2025 efforts. She said recent data shows they have a lot more work to do on that front, particularly in some of the freshman level classes that historically have higher DFW rates. She named various classes that students take in their first year, which have pretty high DFW rates. Butts said as an example that in 2020, 2,061 students took the History 130 class (U.S. History) and that class had a 16% DFW rate, which is actually down from a DFW rate of 27% in 2016. Butts said approximately 330 students didn't make sufficient progress in that class. She said a lot of conversations are being held regarding this issue and an action team has been set up to look at various aspects in order to make some significant improvements in that regard.
- I. Executive Director's Report – Clyde said they toured the outdoor WREC wellness space with a construction company and FMS. She said that project is being utilized with \$200,000 from the HEERF funds and BMUC reallocated \$300,000 on the original capital expenditure list. She said the project will cost more than \$500,000 and that they will work on infrastructure. Clyde said in order to build the whole grand scheme, they will have to go back to BMUC for approval for additional funds. She said usage of HEERF dollars has a time limit, so this project will need to be finished and billed out by the end of April 2022. She said Phase II will hopefully springboard right off of that to ask BMUC for more funds to complete the project. • Clyde said construction of the BMU Wellness Center begins Monday and will take approximately four months to complete. She said Phase 2 of the second floor Leadership Center has been added to the BMU project. Phase 1 was moving people in, Phase 2 is changing the infrastructure and Clyde reviewed the upcoming changes. She said they're trying to take care of construction in this area at the same time the Wellness Center is being constructed in order to be the least disruptive. • Clyde said the AS followed suit with campus in terms of required testing for those that have a COVID exemption, Notices went out today that testing will begin Monday. • Regarding recruitment, Clyde said there are still approximately 7 positions open, a lot of interviews have been held and multiple people are in the process of being hired. She said now that the AS has been able to secure three custodians and a night and weekend supervisor, they are hoping to open up the WREC and BMU in the springtime. She said that one area still in flux is the basketball courts, due to policing of masks. • Clyde said the AS won the Halloween competition once again. Butts said she enjoyed the performance but next year HFA is coming for her and will be competing.
- J. President's Report – Young said the Chancellor visited the campus yesterday, noting this was the first time AS officers have had the chance to engage with a Chancellor in many years. He said they showed what it takes to be a Chico State student and that everyone did a good job representing Chico State. • Young said he's working with Delaney Love and Michelle Davis to come up with some plans to work with the city to increase lighting downtown. He said they are doing research about selling the safety aspect of it and figuring out a way to reallocate money from the city budget. • Young said he met with Burns and Rosso regarding committee appointments. He noted a spreadsheet has been prepared which includes all committee/council appointments. • Young said the Investment Committee is meeting and will discuss SMIF. He said he'll be unavailable Thursday through Tuesday.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Burns said over Halloween weekend that 500 water bottles were handed out Saturday evening and 400 were handed out Sunday evening. She said she's still leading group meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. Young said James Lawrence and Behnam Ardakanian are putting together a Women in Stem event tonight. Lopic said Holt Station reopened today and that Rider is working with FMS on vending machines that were part of our HEERF III allocations.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Young, adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.