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

Friday, February 5, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

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

Members Absent: Sandy Parsons-Ellis

Others Present: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Susan Jennings, Jon Slaughter, Thang Ho, Susan Jennings, Shar Krater, Leah Railey, Katie Peterson, Katrina Robertson, Hugh Hammond, Eliza Miller, Lauren Lathrop, Nicholas Blackwell, Cheri Chastain, Michael Guzzi

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Holbert, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
 - I. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 2/5/21 regular meeting agenda. Lopic stated his desire to postpone Business Item VIII. B. (increase of scholarships to elected Senator positions) as the entire Board is not here to discuss this item fully before a vote is taken. Snyder said this is a time sensitive issue with the election coming up (Sherman joined the meeting at 10:34 a.m.). Ruiz asked for confirmation that this item has already been delayed a month and a half and Holbert confirmed. **Motion to postpone Business Item VIII. B. to the next Board meeting (Lopic/Biedermann) 4-2-1 MSC.** Holbert said she would reach out to all Board members to make sure they're in attendance for this item. **Motion to approve the revised 2/5/21 regular meeting agenda (Snyder/Biedermann) 7-0-0 MSC.**
 - II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 12/9/20 regular Board meeting. **Motion to approve Minutes of the 12/9/20 regular Board meeting, as presented (Biedermann/Lopic) 7-0-0 MSC.**
 - III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Lopic said applications for the Wildcat Scholarship are due by February 22 and suggested including a letter of recommendation from faculty or staff. Dr. Butts said in honor of Black History Month, the Janet Turner Print Museum has a virtual exhibit featuring the work of Professor Marion Epting, the first black faculty member hired on the tenure-track here at Chico State. She said he is a nationally renowned artist. Dr. Butts also noted that later this month the museum will be presenting a virtual exhibit on art and social justice and social protest.
- IV. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic - None
- 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
 1. GAC Actions of 1/27/21
 - a. Approved the 1/27/21 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the regular meeting of 12/2/20.
 - c. Approved Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2020-21, as presented.
 - B. Bell Memorial Union Committee – Biedermann said she is still looking for one student member for BMUC. She said that WREC 2.0 is doing really well. She attended the Campus Facility Use meeting yesterday where they reviewed the new building on campus and discussed COVID restrictions for campus. She said Clyde and Anna Paladini presented regarding signage they're thinking about.
 1. BMUC Actions of 1/25/21
 - a. Approved the 1/25/21 regular meeting agenda.

- b. Approved Minutes of the Special meeting of 12/8/20.
 - c. Approved Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Bell Memorial Union Committee Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2020-21, as presented.
- C. Associated Students Businesses Committee
- 1. ASBC Actions of 2/1/21
 - a. Approved the 2/1/21 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the regular meeting of 12/7/20.
 - c. Approved Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Businesses Committee Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2020-21, as presented.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Board of Directors Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2020-21. **Motion to approve Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Board of Directors Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2020-21, as presented (Lapic/Sherman) 7-0-0 MSC**
- B. Action Item: ~~Approval to increase scholarship for Elected Officer Senator positions by 2.5% for four consecutive years effective with the 2021-22 term of office, as presented.~~ **Motion to approve increasing scholarship for Elected Officer Senator positions by 2.5% for four consecutive years effective with the 2021-22 term of office, as presented.** This item was postponed to the next Board meeting.
- C. Information Item: Climate Action Plan Endorsement – Guzzi said over the last couple of years they've been aggressively improving and updating their sustainability initiatives on campus, which has been spear headed by Chastain. He noted the Strategic Plan, as well as the Master Plan were updated, and explained that this Climate Action Plan is synced up with the other two plans to get the campus towards their goal of sustainability, updating the campus and making it more student focused. Guzzi said this plan has been endorsed by Academic Senate to move this plan forward and he would like to obtain the support of the AS, too. Chastain noted the document was included in the agenda packet. She provided an overview of the formation of the document, what's included in it, as well as the direction they would like to go moving forward. She said the first Climate Action Plan was adopted in 2011 and reviewed the initial recommendations and whether or not they were completed. She noted that climate change resilience was not included in the original plan. Chastain said the campus has made a Climate Commitment, which is administered through a program called Second Nature. She explained that the Climate Commitment is technically two separate commitments – The Carbon Commitment and the Resilience Commitment, and provided an overview of both. A chart regarding emissions was presented and Scopes 1, 2 and 3 of the chart were reviewed. Chastain noted that as of 2018, they have reduced carbon emissions by 34.8% and are aiming for carbon neutrality by 2030. She said a Strategic Energy Master Plan is also being prepared which will address natural gas combustion and electricity use and outline the path to neutrality. Chastain reviewed the improvements they are planning to do on campus, which includes solar panels being placed on both the BMU and the WREC. Climate change resilience strategies and other plan components were also reviewed. Discussion was held. Holbert said this will be brought back to the Board for their approval of endorsement of this plan.
- D. Discussion Item: 11/30/20 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter said it was another great month and said the benchmark was 41.7%. He noted Income collected at 61%, Other expenses just a little over 25%.

- E. Discussion Item: 11/30/20 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statement – Biedermann reviewed, noting the Student Union has expensed 22.35% of the approved annual budget and generated 46.53% of projected income.
- F. Discussion Item: 11/30/20 Dining Services Financials – Lopic provided an overview and reminded that they're going for net zero income for this year's budget.
- G. Discussion Item: 11/30/20 AS Wildcat Store Financials – Lopic reviewed, noting Income at \$17,656, Net Increase (Decrease) at (\$47,280) net decrease for the month, Commission Income of \$127,089 YTD.
- H. Discussion Item: 10/31/20, 11/30/20 and 12/31/20 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Lopic reviewed, noting Textbooks saw an increase of 192% due to the dramatic increase of adoption percentage for Winter Session. Overall, December sales were down 63%.
- I. Discussion Item: 12/31/20 Activity Fee, Student Union, Auxiliary Activities and Corporate Services Fund Capital Expenditure Reports – Jennings provided an overview, noting that with the exception of the Student Union, there have been no purchases so far this year. Several projects are in the works.
- J. Director of University Affairs Report – Snyder said SAS had their first meeting last week and they are held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, bi-weekly. They are having a SAS R&R meeting this week. She attended University Academic Senate yesterday and explained that two new students, Emily Bruns and Duncan Young, will be joining University Academic Senate as Holbert can't attend and another student stepped down. Snyder said EPPC and FASP meetings will be held next week.
- K. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Ruiz said at the recent CSSA meeting they laid out plans for the March 7 CHESS Conference. Five to six students from each campus will be allowed to attend and he will most likely be bringing his students from LAC. He said CSSA is looking at different legislation to adopt and support. He noted their Finance Committee postponed their action item regarding the revised Student at Large Travel Policy. • Ruiz said he is still working on a meeting time for LAC.
- L. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Sherman said that in preparation for the fall schedule, they're trying to figure out what kind of COVID testing will be available, as well as when everyone returns, trying to avoid everyone getting sick. She said they have a pilot project for this spring semester of testing 110 students in the residence halls at UV, and after spring break testing the Athletics teams that are coming back. She said they need to ensure student success and keep everyone safe at the same time. • Sherman said the Governor put out his proposed budget for the CSU and the state as a whole. She said it wasn't quite what they had hoped for but was happy the CSU got \$144 million in base funding. She said it also includes \$200 million in one-time money and about \$15 million for basic needs. Holbert asked if there is any lobbying being done so that funding across the higher education system is equitable. Sherman said now that the Governor's budget has been put forward, there are a variety of lobbying conversations happening and Advocacy Day has an impact on those decisions as well. She said she would like to see it at 40/60 between the CSU and UC since we have more students and campuses. • Ruiz asked if there's an update or timeline regarding when disbursements will be available for students for the Federal relief package. Sherman said rules coming out of the Department of Education have been significantly delayed. She said a bill was passed in late December; however, when Betsy DeVos resigned in January, there was no one there for guidance. She said they have about \$10 million for that fund, plus additional money was spent on students the last time that weren't eligible for the CARES Act. This year she expects they will have a similar process and noted they are looking to see if they could put money right into students' accounts to alleviate the issue of students not cashing their checks.
- M. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts said faculty just finished a tentative fall 2021 schedule. She said there are a number of challenges in trying to find the right mix of classes, and classes that can

be offered safely. Holbert asked if the Course Catalog is contingent on the faculty turning in their courses that they're going to teach for the fall and Dr. Butts said it runs a year in advance so is already set for the upcoming Academic Year.

- N. Executive Director's Report – Clyde said they had a security issue the first week that WREC 2.0 was opened in the parking structure, and it has been handled. They are working with the security company further to ensure no future issues. She said turnout has been amazing and that in 9 days, they had over 2,000 participants, which is hugely significant for campus. • Clyde said in BMUC they are moving forward with the Wellness Center project, which was temporarily stopped. Due to challenges with mental health and wellness, they want to make this a major priority. • Clyde said she has been working with the VPs as well as the Housing Director regarding what Dining will look like next year. She said the Dining Services contract is a three year contract but numbers are discussed yearly. She said it will probably be similar to this year's agreement and will keep the Board updated. • Clyde said regarding spring goals that they had an all-employee virtual meeting in January. She noted that she has been the Executive Director for one year, with 10 months of it not being what she would ever have hoped for. She said the goals from one year ago are very much the same again. This semester, they are trying to refocus on what needed to be focused on one year ago. She said the AS has been a great opportunist and continues feeding the needs that our students are asking for. Clyde said there are some efforts that we need to look at with our own efficiencies, and noted the Strategic Plan will be updated, compression issues plan, centralizing of our marketing efforts, recreating of logos, and centralizing our programs so we have more efficiencies within the AS. She said we need to make sure we're meeting the needs of the students that will come back to us next year. • Lopic asked if the WREC head count is per individuals, or per visit. Clyde said it's per visit and explained the scheduling process. She said on a day to day basis, they're seeing about 500 students per day. Biedermann shared the time lapse video of the WREC 2.0 set-up. She also noted that Rec. sports is presenting a Rec. Sports Carnival.
- O. President's Report – Holbert said she has been doing a lot with the Book in Common (BIC) group and the President's Task Force on Policing. She noted she has been on different committees for CFAC and is trying to find some action items that the AS can start pushing. • Holbert said at GAC they'll be discussing how students can be leaders through the COVID-19 pandemic as we go into fall. She is also working with Peterson and Edgar Hernandez, the Commissioner of SOAR, to do some type of COVID Town Hall regarding action steps moving forward from the Chancellor's Office as well as from our campus. She said they may also do one or more Town Halls with entities of GAC. Ruiz asked when election packets for next year will be out. Miller said the Intent to File packets will be available 2/15/21, due back to her by noon on 3/3/21. Snyder expressed concern regarding the Senator wage issues. Slaughter said if a decision hasn't been made, a statement could be added that it's currently under review. Miller said scholarship information isn't in the packet itself, but she covers at the information sessions. • Holbert said there will be student focus groups for the Presidential Task Force on Campus Policing and they are also doing officer groups to hear about officers' experiences, as well as their training and education. • Holbert said she and Snyder are working to find students to sit on a focus group for the BIC and explained the process. Holbert said she also sits on the Chico State Enterprises Board and will be attending their March meeting. She said she is also the systemwide Advice Chair for CSSA and they've been working on name recognitions across the CSUs. She is also helping plan for Cesar Chavez Day. Snyder said she likes that Holbert is creating groups regarding the Presidential Task Force as students don't feel there's enough transparency regarding this. Holbert said she wants the whole campus to be included, noting the more they can outreach to the campus community, the better.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

VIII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Holbert, adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.