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

Friday, April 23, 2021 10:30 a.m. Via Zoom

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

Members Absent: Sandy Parsons-Ellis

Others Present: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Jon Slaughter, Thang Ho, Susan Jennings, Hugh Hammond, Shar Krater, Leah Railey, Katie Peterson, Tom Rider, Katrin Robertson, Curtis Sicheneder, Eliza Miller, Kristin Chelotti, Keith Crawford, Lauren Lathrop

I. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Holbert, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

II. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.

I. AGENDA – Approval of the 4/23/21 regular meeting agenda. Slaughter requested that Item H, Logo Centralization, be pulled from today’s agenda. Motion to amend the agenda by removing Item H – Information Item: Logo Centralization (Biedermann/Lapic) 6-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve the revised 4/23/21 regular meeting agenda (Biedermann/Lapic) 6-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve the agenda 6-0-0 (Biedermann/Lapic) 6-0-0 MSC.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

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 – Holbert reviewed the items with the Board, noting the Activity Fee budget was approved with the addition of hours for the new position of Chief of Staff to the AS President.
   1. GAC Actions of 4/21/21
      a. Approved the 4/21/21 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved Minutes of the regular meeting of 4/7/21.
      c. Approved the Activity Fee Fund Budget, including Activity Fee Administration, Capital Expenditures, Government Affairs Office and Elections Budget, estimated results 2020-21 and proposed budget 2021-22, as presented.
      d. Approved Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Discrimination and Response to Violence Resolution, as presented.
      e. Approved South West Asia and North Africa (SWANA) Resolution, as presented.

B. Bell Memorial Union Committee – Biedermann reviewed the items with the Board.
   1. BMUC Actions of 4/19/21
      a. Approved the 4/19/21 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved Minutes of the regular meeting of 4/5/21.
      c. Approved Student Union Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2020-21 and proposed budget 2021-22, as presented.
      d. Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) Report
         - Approved the agenda.
         - Approved the Minutes of the 12/4/20 meeting.
         - The following projects were approved to proceed to funding allocation deliberation.
            1) The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER) Environment and Community Health Outreach Project.
            2) Beyond the Shell: A Film on the Ecology and Culture of a Scarce Marine Resource Project.
         - The following projects under $5,000 were approved for funding:
            1) The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER) Environment and Community Health Outreach Project for $1,732.17.
2) Beyond the Shell: A Film on the Ecology and Culture of a Scarce Marine Resource Project for $4,999.

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Lapic reviewed the items with the Board.
   1. ASBC Actions of 4/19/21
      a. Approved the 4/19/21 regular meeting agenda.
      b. Approved Minutes of the regular meetings of 4/5/21 and 4/12/21, as presented.
      c. Approved Associated Students Auxiliary Businesses Budget – Dining Services (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2020-21 and proposed budget 2021-22, as presented.

VI. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of Associated Students Budget (including Pay Schedule), estimated results 2020-21 and proposed budget 2021-22. Motion to approve Associated Students Budget (including Pay Schedule), estimated results 2020-21 and proposed budget 2021-22, as presented (Biedermann/Lapic). There were no additional questions regarding the budget. 5-0-1 MSC. Holbert thanked everyone for their hard work on this large budget.

B. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Human Resources Policy – Commissioning Comparability Study Policy, Policy #331, including title change to Compensation Policy. Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Human Resources Policy – Commissioning Comparability Study Policy, Policy #331, including title change to Compensation Policy, as presented (Biedermann/Lapic). Sherman questioned having compensation studies being done more often than every three years, noting that there is some debate regarding this because we shouldn’t be constantly reacting to possible swings in the market. Clyde said they wouldn’t be done frequently, and there wouldn’t be a direct reaction each time. She said Chico State Enterprises is doing this as well. Clyde said data would be provided to us regarding different positions, but we’re not tied to decision making based on that data. 6-0-0 MSC.

C. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Restated Bylaws of Associated Students of California State University, Chico – Graduate student unit requirements for elected positions – Holbert said Slaughter updated the language per the discussion held at the last Board meeting. Slaughter said this version separates out undergraduates and graduates to make the information clearer regarding what is required of both at the time of filing. Biedermann said she likes the separation of information for undergraduates and graduates and Lapic said this helps cover all bases and assures no confusion at the time of filing by students. Motion to approve revisions to Restated Bylaws of Associated Students of California State University, Chico – Graduate student unit requirements for elected positions, as presented (Lapic/Biedermann) 6-0-0 MSC.

D. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Associated Students Appointment Policy – Slaughter said these revisions clarify the requirement and verification of student appointees needing a minimum 2.0 GPA to be appointed to a committee or council and also outlines attendance responsibilities and absence notifications, including possible removal due to unexcused absences. In addition, it also clarifies University and AS appointments.

E. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes, including title change from Attendance Policy for Elected Officers and Senators to Attendance Policy for Elected Representatives – Slaughter said this name change is being requested because Senators aren’t necessarily considered officers, and all would be covered by the title change to Elected Representatives. He noted the only exception regarding titles is in section VI.D. because Executive Directors, Commissioners and Senators return to campus at different times. The 2.0 minimum GPA requirement was discussed.

F. Information Item: Asian Pacific Islander (API) Discrimination and Response to Violence Resolution – Holbert said she drafted this statement with the advice and guidance of the Government Affairs Committee, Logan Lee and folks in the API community. She explained that the document presented today does not include small revisions that were approved by GAC to make it more intentional. Holbert said she would like to see this moved to Action today to avoid stalling this Resolution. Motion to change Business Item F. to be an Action Item on today’s agenda (Lapic/Biedermann) 6-0-0 MSC. Motion to amend the Asian Pacific Islander (API) Discrimination and Response to Violence Resolution Action Item with revisions from the Chair (Biedermann/Lapic) 6-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve this Action Item (Lapic/Biedermann) 6-0-0 MSC.

Holbert said she would finalize the document and then work with Anna Paladini of AS Marketing to put this item out on social media.
G. Information Item: South West Asia and North Africa (SWANA) Resolution – Holbert said this information was brought forward at CSSA a couple of months ago. She said the Cal State Apply doesn’t have a SWANA designation so those students have to select White when they apply, which doesn’t represent the whole CSU student body. The Chancellor’s Office is working on making this happen for the next group of students when they apply, to have SWANA be recognized. Holbert said a similar resolution was passed by CSSA; this one is more related to Chico. Holbert reviewed the Resolved statements with the Board, noting Resolved statements are what they want to be done.

H. Information Item: Logo Centralization – Pulled from today’s agenda.

I. Director of University Affairs Report – Snyder said Academic Senate met yesterday and another meeting will probably be added in order to finish up the items they weren’t able to get to on yesterday’s large agenda. She noted that Student Academic Senate will not be meeting this week.

J. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Ruiz said all of the bills that CSSA endorsed via their Legislative Affairs Committee and Board of Directors passed at their respective committees, which is really good news. He said the Legislative Affairs Committee meets on Wednesday and are continuing their talk about CSSA legislation review, mainly focusing on menstrual products and the possibility of them being provided by the AS. Ruiz said Michelle Davis will be the new Commissioner of Legislative Affairs and will continue on with this work next year (Butts joined the meeting at 11:08 a.m.). He said May 1 and 2 is the last CSSA for the semester for current representatives and Duncan Young and Michelle Davis will most likely be in attendance to see that transition. CSSA elections will be held as well – candidate statements and bios can be found on the CSSA website and thoughts on candidates can be provided to Holbert as she’s a voting member on the CSSA Board. He noted that three familiar names are running for CSSA elections.

K. University Vice Presidents’ Report – Sherman said she and others have been busy regarding the Chancellor’s announcement yesterday regarding vaccinations being required this fall for faculty, staff, students and others that will be on campus. She explained that once the COVID vaccine has been approved by the FDA, then this requirement will be set in place. Sherman said the joint statement was by the CSU and UC Chancellors, and made National news. The Community College Chancellor did not participate in this. Registration will likely be delayed about a week to see if additional in-person classes can be held. She said there are many implications to this, including social distancing and how many seats will be allowed in classrooms. Sherman said they still haven’t received the HERFF 3 money, and the delay in getting that notice from the Federal government allows the campus time to set up plans and dispense within a time period. Biedermann asked if there will be an option to opt out regarding being vaccinated. Sherman said there are religious and health exceptions and discussion was held regarding the vaccination requirements. Sherman said throughout this whole process the University has been abiding by the CDC and California Department of Public Health guidelines and noted that this last week they became unaligned. She said they’re trying to obtain further information. Sherman reminded that in another five months things could be completely different; however, she hopes to see dramatic vaccination protocols and compliance happening.

L. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Butts said she’s waiting for the same type of clarification that Sherman is waiting for.

M. Executive Director’s Report – Clyde said Jennings has let her know that she is retiring in December. She said Jennings has been absolutely amazing and beyond someone that we will just miss. She said Jennings institutional knowledge, her way with employees and students and her ability to answer complex questions will be impossible to just replace. Clyde said recruitment for this position will likely begin in the next six weeks as this is a huge position, requiring a large skill set. Holbert noted appreciation for all the work Jennings has done over the years and wished her the best.

N. President’s Report – Holbert said she will be working on the resolutions and statements presented today. She said CSSA elections will be held next Saturday and there are some Chico State folks running. • Holbert said for those graduating, if they’d like to attend next Wednesday’s Drive-in event to watch Ferris Bueller’s Day Off, there are only 10 spots available. • Holbert said on Wednesday a webinar conversation with Ibram X. Kendi was held and over 3,000 people attended. Snyder asked if the conversation was recorded and Holbert said she would research and send the link to the Board if available. Holbert said she’s trying to tie up loose ends and is on-boarding Duncan Young.
VII. CLOSED SESSION - The Board went in to Closed Session at 11:23 a.m. The Board came out of Closed Session at 11:58 a.m. No action was taken during Closed Session.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Lapic said Happy Friday.

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

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