

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

**2:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**Members Present:** Duncan Young, Taryn Burns, Austin Lopic, James Lawrence, Tracy Butts, Melvin Quezada Haro, Tom Rios, Kiley Kirkpatrick

**Members Absent:** Ann Sherman

**Others Present:** Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Jon Slaughter, Tom Rider, Hugh Hammond, Katrina Robertson, Leah Railey, Curtis Sicheneder, Keith Crawford, Kristin Chelotti, Belen Espinoza, Jeff Carter, Scott Torres

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Young, called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Lopic requested adding an Action Item to the agenda, following Business Item A. **Motion to suspend the rules to add the Action Item to the meeting agenda (Lopic/Lawrence) 8-0-0 MSC. Motion to add the Action Item regarding revisions to the Textbook Scholarship Disbursement Policy to the agenda (Lopic/Kirkpatrick) 8-0-0. Motion to approve the 3/2/22 amended regular meeting agenda (Burns/Lopic) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2/16/22 regular Board meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/16/22 regular Board meeting, as presented (Lopic/Burns) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Education Code 89307(c)(1) – Personnel Issue** – The Board went into Closed Session at 2:36 p.m. The Board came out of Closed Session at 3:33 p.m. and Young stated that no action was taken during Closed Session.
- VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Lopic said Happy Wednesday. Kirkpatrick said Happy first meeting of month. Young updated regarding the campus vaccination status and noted that 930 people attended the recent vaccination clinic, which is the largest turnout in one day. He said masking is still required at this time and will be reassessed around spring break.
- VII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic - None
- VIII. **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. Duncan asked that members refer to their documents and reports due to a large agenda.
  - A. Government Affairs Committee – Burns reviewed the approved items.
    1. GAC Actions of 2/23/22
      - a. Approved the 2/23/22 regular meeting agenda.
      - b. Approved the 2/9/22 regular meeting minutes.
      - c. Approved appointment of Belen Espinoza as the Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy.
  - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee – Kirkpatrick reviewed the items approved and said the WREC Oasis project will not be happening due to costs and enrollment dropping.
    1. ASFC Actions of 3/2/22
      - a. Approved the 3/2/22 regular meeting agenda.
      - b. Approved the 2/2/22 regular meeting minutes.
  - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Lopic reviewed the approved items.
    1. ASBC Actions of 2/21/22
      - a. Approved the 2/21/22 regular meeting agenda.

- b. Approved the 2/7/22 regular meeting minutes.
- c. Approved removal of Cole Cassidy as a member of the Associated Students Businesses Committee, as presented.

## IX. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Attendance Policy for Elected Representatives, including title change to Attendance and Office Hours Policy for Elected Representatives – Lapic reviewed the suggested revisions with the Board. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Attendance Policy for Elected Representatives, including title change to Attendance and Office Hours Policy for Elected Representatives, as presented (Lapic/Quezada Haro) 8-0-0 MSC.**
  - B. Action Item: Approval of Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Textbook Scholarship Disbursement Policy, including title change to Bookstore Scholarship Disbursement Policy – Lapic said he's bringing this item to the Board today for approval as it's time sensitive. He said this policy is overseen by his position, and allows him to select a student organization or campus program to distribute Bookstore scholarship funds to. In addition, AS student employees also receive Bookstore scholarship funds normally based on having worked for the AS for a minimum of one year. He reviewed the suggested revisions to the policy. Clyde said we currently don't have student employees that have worked here for a year due to the COVID-19 campus shutdown and the idea is that it would impact this year's employees and elected representatives. She said that whether or not it will impact financial aid is being looked at, noting she couldn't speak to it in a general sense as each student's information is different. The funds expire at the end of the year. Clyde explained the process, which includes reaching out to the AS student employees, officers and EOP, the area that Lapic has chosen. She said the amount of the scholarship is variable. The AS gets approximately \$15,000 each year from Follett for scholarships and each person generally receives around \$50 to \$100. If the funds are not used one year, they roll to the next year. Lapic said it would be retroactive for this academic year to ensure that those who are eligible for it can utilize it and explained that they have to be an employee for us to award, have to be current and active, no past AS Government officers, no past employees and no past students from the area that is chosen. It was noted that funds received by both AS employees and students from the chosen organization could be used for textbooks and/or graduation items. Discussion was held. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Textbook Scholarship Disbursement Policy, including title change to Bookstore Scholarship Disbursement Policy, as presented (Kirkpatrick/Lawrence) 7-0-1 MSC.**
  - C. Discussion Item: 12/31/21 and 1/31/22 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statement – Kirkpatrick said the Student Union expensed 43.52% of the approved annual budget and generated 44.38% of projected income. The benchmark is at 58.3% for this period. **Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes (Young/Lapic) 7-0-1 MSC.**
  - D. Discussion Item: Items the Board would like to address by the end of the academic year – Due to time constraints, Young requested tabling this item. **Motion to table this item (Lapic/Kirkpatrick) 8-0-0 MSC.**
  - E. Discussion Item: Creation of subcommittee for Board Designated Fund distribution – Young explained that when these funds exceed \$1 million, the amount over \$1 million can be distributed. He said he's setting up a subcommittee for this, which he would chair, and requested knowing which Board members would be interested in sitting on this subcommittee. Lapic, Lawrence, Kirkpatrick and Quezada Haro expressed interest in being on the subcommittee. Clyde would also be included.
- X. DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS REPORT** – Lawrence said SAS has formed a couple of subcommittees to alter some of their language. He noted they are getting feedback on a possible University 389 syllabus that was proposed, and another subcommittee was formed for that. He said AB 928 will be presented at this Friday's SAS meeting. (Burns left the meeting at 3:57 p.m.).
- XI. DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY REPORT** – Quezada Haro reported that they're discussing adding some non-voting members to their committee. He said they also discussed the direction of the committee and what they want to do this semester. He said they're leaning towards diversity of programming, and are also thinking about putting together the image of social justice and equity out into the campus so students know who this committee is.
- XII. UNIVERSITY VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS** – Rios said this is the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row that Chico State has been named a military friendly school. He explained that he spent time with Larry Langwell, the Coordinator of the Veteran Education Transition Services Center. He said currently there are 150 student veterans on our campus and

550 veteran dependents as well. Rios said the program administers over \$8 million of veteran educational benefits each year. He explained that this campus is named a military friendly school due to the many practices, policies and support that we provide for our student veterans. He said Chico State was the first to award academic credit to veterans for their military service as well as provide priority registration, both of which are now a Federal law. Extension of admission deadlines for active duty personnel are also offered and veterans aren't required to provide immunization records. Rios said our student vets are older in age so they bring a life experience to classes.

**XIII. FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** – Butts had no report.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Clyde said they are transitioning into a structure change currently. She said Slaughter has served in his Activity Fee role for over 35 years and his area has grown quite a bit. She said they're looking at dividing that area in to a two director system immediately. There would be a Director of Government Affairs which would oversee elected representatives, staff that sits on BOD, GAC and SAS, Government programming such as Town Halls, etc., annual elections, traditional programs, student organization funding and revenue sharing, university courses, the government program coordinator, staff to councils and committees, WLI program director/coordinator, leadership programs such as FLO and Lead Cat, a series of committees to address specific movement and core values of the organization. The Director of Programming would oversee CAVE, CDL, AS Sustainability, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Art Gallery, assessments and special projects, contract programs and the Activity Fee budget. Clyde said these details are in flux and to be determined, and will be made final once the job descriptions are completed • Clyde said the AS received an approximate \$125,000 commitment from the University of HEERF funding for the bookstore. She said we are on target to lose \$366,000 which is unsustainable for the organization and the hope is that this will be round 1 of checks received. She said the University can only match an actual loss, not estimated loss. • Clyde announced that Christina Hammans, who previously worked for the campus Wellcat Services, was hired as the Wellness Coordinator for The Well. She said they expect a soft opening sometime this summer, with a full-blown ready for student usage in the fall.

**XV. CHAIR REPORT** – Young said he presented today to ASFC regarding his solar project for SFAC. He said everyone's excited for spring break.

**XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Lopic said 20 students that submitted vaccine booster information have been selected to receive \$500 each. He said student stimulus monies will be sent out towards the end of March.

**XVII. PUBLIC OPINION** – None

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Young, adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.