

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Wednesday, March 23, 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, Jon Slaughter, Hugh Hammond, Katrina Robertson, Leah Railey, Curtis Sicheneder, Keith Crawford, Katie Peterson, Shar Krater, Lauren Lathrop

- 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** – Approval of the 3/23/22 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 3/23/22 regular meeting agenda (Lopic/Burns) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 3/2/22 regular Board meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 3/2/22 regular Board meeting, as presented (Lopic/Burns) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Lopic said Happy Wednesday and that stimulus money should start being sent out tomorrow. He said two career fairs will be held soon. Kirkpatrick said they need folks to participate in Cats in the Community so please spread the word to volunteer. Duncan said elections will be held April 6 & 7, 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- 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 3/9/22 – Burns reviewed the approved items and said next week's GAC meeting has been cancelled.
 - a. Approved the 3/9/22 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved the 2/23/22 regular meeting minutes.
 - c. Approved revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes: Revenue Sharing Policy, as presented.
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee – Kirkpatrick advised that today's meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum and will hopefully be rescheduled for next Wednesday.
 1. ~~ASFC Actions of 3/23/22~~
 - a. ~~Approved the 3/23/22 regular meeting agenda.~~
 - b. ~~Approved the 3/2/22 regular meeting minutes.~~
 - c. ~~Approved Living Roof for the BMU Project in the amount of \$58,004 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation.~~
 - d. ~~Approved Eco3Go Project in the amount of \$33,120 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation.~~
 - e. ~~Approved A Dishwasher for Energy, Water and Zero Waste Project in the amount of \$126,242 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation.~~
 - f. ~~Approved Solar Agrivoltaics System at the University Farm Project in the amount of \$200,000 to be acknowledged and moved to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee for further discussion and deliberation.~~

- C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Lopic said they approved moving forward with contract negotiations with Steve's Pizza.
1. ASBC Actions of 3/7/22
 - a. Approved the 3/7/22 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved the 2/21/22 regular meeting minutes.
 2. ASBC Actions of 3/21/22
 - a. Approved the 3/21/22 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved the 3/7/22 regular meeting minutes.
 - c. Approved moving forward with contract negotiations for possible outsource with Steve's Pizza for BMU Marketplace area.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Item: Report on COLA Percentage – Robertson said as part of our annual budget cycle, this information is reported to the Board. She noted that the very last date listed should be 2021, not 2020. Robertson reviewed the information with the Board and noted the calculated COLA using calendar year 2021 indices is 4.625%.
- B. Discussion Item: 1/31/22 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Burns reviewed with the committee, noting Activity Fee is at 32% of revenues and is doing good on everything.
- C. Discussion Item: 1/31/22 Dining Services Financials – Lopic reviewed, noting Dining Income at \$535,301 with Net Income at \$11,475.
- D. Discussion Item: 1/31/22 AS Wildcat Store Financials – Lopic said Income was at \$79,705, Expenses and Transfers at \$76,124, Net decrease YTD of (\$155,083). Kirkpatrick questioned the \$72,418 Follett commission income and Clyde said it's approximately 14.2% of sales, except for technology sales, that goes back to the AS.
- E. Discussion Item: 1/31/22 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Lopic reviewed the report with the Board, noting that overall they ended the month at \$613,957. He said there are a lot of new logo products in the bookstore. Young asked if the AS receives a percentage from Herff Jones sales and Lathrop confirmed that the AS does.
- F. Discussion Item: Items the Board would like to address by the end of the academic year – Young said the Board could take a moment to discuss possible items and priorities for budget season. Quezada Haro said a good priority would be to increase cultural diversity events on campus and that perhaps during budget season they could try to get partnerships with different minority groups to show the outside how diverse our campus is via programming events. Clyde said in terms of money, there's money to do that in those program areas. She suggested talking with Peterson and sharing his view regarding more cultural programming. It was noted that during summer, events are planned for next year. Burns suggested perhaps allocating more Activity Fee funds to our contract programs such as GSEC and CCLC. Clyde said they also have quite a bit of money as it has rolled over yearly and that programming needs to be pushed again now that campus isn't shut down due to COVID. Young said Social Justice & Equity could provide ideas for contract programs. Young said he has been working with Slaughter, Krater and others regarding reinstating the Wildcat Leadership Institute (WLI). He said there is already some money budgeted for this and it would be worthwhile to help build the next generation of leaders. Burns questioned why the WLI isn't currently running and Clyde said it has gone through challenges since the beginning and has been dormant for the last couple of years. Young suggested perhaps providing stipends for certain activities. Lawrence said maybe academic senators could be put in charge. It was noted that across campuses they're seeing less student involvement and a lack of interest and we need to find out what students want. Young said the senators have had a lot of engagement with students in their colleges and suggested engaging at the college level. Discussion was held and it was noted that having senators introduce the WLI might be a good way to get the word out. Lawrence said he'd bring this up at Student Academic Senate. Reallocation of funds from student representatives' budgets was also discussed. Young said recognizing the issue of reductions in enrollment, it might be worthwhile to make investments in a development officer, similar to what CSE has. Clyde said Student Affairs is trying to start with a half-time position and that perhaps we could utilize what they're doing. She said she could talk with Rios about this. Young said with the employment challenges that are being faced, it might be worth investing in trying to find ways to automate our systems more using AI and technology. Clyde said Dining is doing something similar to this, such as taking orders online. She said the majority of what we do and who we are is primarily boots on the ground and that Ho is always looking at this. Ho said he constantly reviews processes and looks at software that can be used. He noted that Sally the Robot, an automated salad vending machine, will be here soon. He said new vending

machines will be App based and cashless. Butts asked what impact this would have on our student employees in the long run and Ho said technology creates jobs, won't eliminate jobs. Clyde said we employ less students now than we have in the past for a lot of different reasons and that Dining specifically employs less. She said that area is not a money maker and is really driven by labor and cost of sales. Butts said they're all in a similar position across campus regarding priorities and what they need to put limited funds behind.

- IX. DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS REPORT** – Lawrence said Cabinet was cancelled this week. He said SAS is discussing the AB 928 feedback piece and have drafted a statement for SAS's approval on Friday. CFAC is wrapping up proposal rankings. Lawrence said he recently sent out a spread sheet to sign up for AS election events, and requested student representatives sign up. He said Jade Tsao is researching a possible resolution regarding adding SAS to the actual Academic Senate.
- X. DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY REPORT** – Quezada Haro reported that he has reached out to the MGC president to speak to his committee. He would like to utilize that avenue and utilize fraternities and sororities to spread the message of SJ&E and cultural diversity and inclusion.
- XI. UNIVERSITY VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS** – Rios said he has been learning from Kendall Ross about Rec Sports programs and she told him they've seen this academic year that we'll get back to pre-COVID numbers of students involved with sports clubs. He said she also told him that Esports and online gaming are very popular and explained that people gain similar benefits from Esports and online gaming in terms of stress and anxiety reduction and that it creates community. Ross told him that scholarships are being given out to students to be competitive gamers. Rios said that this fall the campus will be opening up 1,000 sq. ft. of space in Whitney Hall for Esports and online gaming because the demand is so great. He said this new space would also be helpful in terms of enrollment. Rios said on the academic side of the house, the College of Engineering has a computer animation game development class. Butts said there is also a class of philosophy of video games which is an academic tie (Lawrence left the meeting at 3:26 p.m.).
- XII. FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** – Butts said this Thursday and Friday distinguished alum will be on campus. She said there will be a reception, class presentation and the opportunity to meet individuals who have graduated from colleges which might lead to mentorship opportunities.
- XIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Clyde said the AS received \$125,000 of HEERF dollars to help supplement the bookstore and will hopefully receive another \$125,000 payment in spring, for a total of \$250,000.
- XIV. CHAIR REPORT** – Young said he will be out of town Tuesday, through the following Sunday but would be available by email and will attend as many meetings as possible. He said the Chico State men's basketball team played last night in Indiana for the quarter finals.
- XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- XVI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Lathrop said the last day to pre order graduation items is March 31. Lopic said the date was changed to April 4. Lathrop said stoles aren't available to order on the website; they can only be pre-ordered or purchased in the bookstore.
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Young, adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.