

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format

Monday, October 10, 2022

12:30 p.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Krystal Alvarez, Johnathan Montes, Michelle Davis, Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Allison Wagner, Jade Tsao, Ann Sherman, Dr. Isaac Brundage

Members Absent: Tracy Butts

Others Present: Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang (recording), Hugh Hammond, Thang Ho, Katrina Robertson, Jon Slaughter, Tom Rider, Shar Krater, Kendra Wright, Leah Mercer, Curtis Sicheneder, Windy Van Dam, Steve Novo, Keith Crawford, Teresa Clements

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Alvarez, called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
- III. **AGENDA** – Approval of the 10/10/22 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/10/22 regular meeting agenda (Wagner/Montes) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/26/22 regular Board meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/26/22 regular Board meeting, as presented (Alaniz-Wiggins/Tsao) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Alvarez said Town Hall will be held on 10/26/22 and instead of holding the event in the BMU as was done previously, this time Government Affairs will be tabling from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Trinity Commons, with hot beverages. She said students can stop by and write down any concerns, topics or ideas and Government Affairs can then follow up on those items. Alvarez said they're still in the planning process for this event and it will be called Hot topics and Hot Chocolate. • Alaniz-Wiggins said she will be serving on a panel at GSEC's Womxn's Conference at the end of this month and noted a lot of advertising is being done for the event.
- 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 – Tsao reviewed the appointments that were made.
 1. GAC Actions of 10/5/22
 - a. Approved the 10/5/22 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 9/21/22 regular meeting.
 - c. Approved Consent Agenda – 2022-23 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments
Confirmation of appointments to Campus Engagement Council
 - Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Appointments: Natalie De Rose, Maria Monica Fernandez and Athena VivasConfirmation of appointment to Legislative Affairs Council (LAC)
 - Director of Social Justice and Equity Appointment: Sonia QuinteroConfirmation of appointments to Social Justice and Equity Committee
 - Executive Vice President Appointment: Katherine Hewitt
 - Director of University Affairs Appointment: Chelsea WedingtonConfirmation of appointment to Associated Students Businesses Committee
 - Government Affairs Committee Appointee: Allison Wagner
 - B. Associated Students Facilities Committee – Davis said the first ASFC meeting will be held Tuesday, 10/18/22 from 12:30 to 2 p.m., with meetings held every other Tuesday.

- C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Montes said the first ASBC meeting will be held this Thursday, 10/13/22 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of June 30, 2022 Audited Financial Statements and Report to the Board of Directors per the Audit Committee recommendation as it stands. There were no questions. **Motion to approve the June 30, 2022 Audited Financial Statements and Report to the Board of Directors per the Audit Committee recommendation as it stands (Sherman/Montes) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Personnel Policy No. 530 – Shift Differential Pay. Clyde said the only change to the policy is that shift differential pay will now also be offered to part-time non-student staff. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Personnel Policy No. 530 – Shift Differential Pay, as presented (Wagner/Brundage) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Approval to increase WREC Oasis project amount from \$300,000 to \$412,000. Sicheneder said The Well was originally going to be located in front of the WREC; however, it was too costly. He said they still thought that area would be a good location for student wellness and showed pictures of CSU Northridge's Oasis Wellness Center. He said renderings were put together regarding what the WREC outside landscaped area would look like, noting it would kind of create outdoor rooms, a place to relax and enjoy the day, both self-directed relaxation as well as group-led activities such as yoga and meditation. Pictures of the latest version were shown which Sicheneder said is about 2/3 of the original plan cost in order to make the budget work. He said the cost is \$2,045,000 with HEERF allocation of \$1,633,000 and AS Allocation of \$300,000, which leaves a shortfall of \$112,000. Discussion was held. Wagner asked if it would be less costly to put in gardening, or natural plants. Sicheneder said it will have a lot of plants and landscaping. Dr. Brundage said he supports the idea but expressed concern regarding non-students scaling the wall after hours and night. He suggested that if it's more open, such as with fencing, it would be less likely that someone would try to get inside as they'd be seen. Sherman said brick is very expensive, so they reduced the amount of brick and increased the metal as part of the enclosure. Clyde said his concerns have been addressed and noted the wall height will now be 6' instead of 8'. Alaniz-Wiggins asked about programming hours and Sicheneder said when the WREC is open, this space will be open and the outside area will also have a fireplace and a water feature. He said they plan on additional programming in that area in the future. Alaniz-Wiggins asked if AS students and clubs could use this area as reservable space and Sicheneder said not at this time. Clyde said this project started when HEERF monies from the Federal Government were brought in, with the idea to spend these monies on things related to COVID, and how we could offer services if campus was shut down. She said some of the funds were used to offset some of our programs and that this is a proposal from when we proposed The Well. She said because The Well didn't have an outdoor component, when this opportunity presented itself, we looked into this project. Clyde said they started with a larger plan; however, based on cost the footprint is now smaller. She said last year ASFC approved \$300,000 but the AS also needs to contribute, noting HEERF was budgeted at \$1,633,000. Clyde said we're \$112,000 short and there are no additional HEERF funds available. She said this item was placed on today's agenda since ASFC hasn't met yet. She also noted that HEERF dollars are running out of time, and we need to either move the project forward, or not. Clyde noted the design shown is a conceptual design. Sherman said she and Clyde have been working on this since last summer and it seemed like a really strong outcome for students, especially if we couldn't be inside due to COVID. Sherman said she has been a big advocate for this but HEERF money has to be completely expended by April so there is only about six months to finish this project. She said they need to either decide to do this project, or stop and the HEERF funds could be used elsewhere. Davis said if we go through with this project, it's a great way for students to see where all this money has gone to; the area can be utilized by them and they can see the benefit of it. Alaniz-Wiggins asked about an outdoor kitchen and Clyde said there will be electricity, but a kitchen hasn't been included in the designs. Further discussion was held. **Motion to approve increasing WREC Oasis project amount from \$300,000 to \$412,000, as presented (Montes/Alaniz-Wiggins) 7-1-0 MSC.**
- D. Discussion Item: 6/30/22 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter reviewed the June 30 financials, noting that Activity Fee was expected to go into reserves by around \$74,000 but performed \$113,400 better than expected (Alaniz-Wiggins stepped out of the meeting at 1:02 p.m.). He said it was a very good year for Activity Fee.
- E. Discussion Item: 6/30/22 Combined Student Union and WREC/AO Summary Income and Expense Statement – Robertson reviewed with the Board, noting the largest driver of income is student fees. The Student Union expensed 86.48% of the approved annual budget and generated 96.51% of projected income (Alaniz-Wiggins rejoined the meeting at 1:05 p.m. and Tsao stepped out of the meeting at 1:05 p.m.).

- F. Discussion Item: 6/30/22 Dining Services Financials – Montes reviewed the financials, noting Income at \$245,426, He said they did about \$201,882 better than expected (Dr. Brundage stepped out of the meeting at 1:07 p.m.).
- G. Discussion Item: 6/30/22 AS Wildcat Store Financials – Robertson reviewed the financials, noting Income at \$31,014 and Net Decrease YTD of (\$128,513). (Tsao rejoined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.).
- H. Discussion Item: 6/30/22 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Robertson explained that these financials are from Follett, who lease the Wildcat Store. She said Textbooks were overall down 20.5% MTD, YTD sales are up 27.3% overall (Dr. Brundage rejoined the meeting at 1:10 p.m.). General Books/Un-Imprinted Gifts YTD up 251%. Overall, YTD was up 65%.
- I. Discussion Item: 6/30/22 Corporate Services Budget vs. Actual Income and Expenses – Robertson said the Corporate Services Area is comprised of the Financial Services Office, Human Resources Office, Administrative Office, Information Technology Department and Corporate Insurance and that this report is provided quarterly. She reviewed the percentage generated for each area and noted that Income will always be exactly as budgeted as these areas are reimbursed.
- J. Discussion Item: Associated Students Executive Order 2022-04 – Alvarez explained that this Executive Order was issued to approve the following appointments: Mujtaba Azam as the Commissioner of University Affairs and Gianna Echavez-LaRocca as Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs.
- K. Director of University Affairs Report – Wagner said at their last Student Academic Senate (SAS) meeting they discussed elevating the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) to a commissioner role, similar to the Commissioner of Community Affairs and Sustainability Affairs, but decided this wasn't the correct way to incorporate graduate students more. They also revised a resolution to ask for around \$50,000 of their own fees back, and this wasn't voted on. She said at next Tuesday's SAS meeting they will vote on rather or not to elevate them.
- L. Director of Social Justice and Equity Report – Alaniz-Wiggins said the Social Justice and Equity Committee held their first meeting on Friday and approved a Resolution setting their meetings for every other Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. She said their first event will be in December as part of the AS De-Stress Fest. She said she is talking with OPS regarding having an event to center on racial stress and setting boundaries. Alaniz-Wiggins said the committee also discussed forming two sub-committees, one for event planning and one for studying underrepresented minorities (URM) and student climate culture, studying the resources on campus and seeing if there's a discrepancy between the uses of URM and their white counterparts. She said they'll be discussing members for these subcommittees at their next meeting.
- M. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Dr. Brundage said it was beautiful this Saturday to see the number of families on campus for Wildcat Weekend, Homecoming and the preview for students and their families interested in coming to Chico. • Dr. Brundage said he is still working with Wellcat Health on SB 24, regarding abortion pills being available on our campus, noting the State has mandated this beginning in January 2023. He said there may be some infrastructure changes for security reasons at Wellcat Health. • Dr. Brundage said EO 803 requires students to have certain immunizations to attend school. He said there were a large number of students that were not in compliance; however, they're working with these students to get them in compliance. • Dr. Brundage said he continues to work with VP Sherman regarding campus safety and security. • Sherman said there is a lot of activity going on regarding building of the Behavioral and Social Sciences building. Old dirt is being removed and new dirt is being brought in. She said the project was delayed due to testing of the soil and environment and keeping the creek safe. • Sherman said she has begun talking at the University Budget Committee meetings regarding the impact of our enrollment decline. She said it's having an \$8 million impact on the campus budget and also affects the AS due to less student fees. She said they are looking at where they can continue to provide a high value education, increase enrollment and also think of ways to reduce expenses.
- N. Faculty Representative Report – Absent
- O. Executive Director's Report – Clyde said we applied for a \$1 million CCAMPIS Grant to help fund the Child Development Lab (CDL), and did not get the grant. She said it won't affect how the budget looks because it's not included and because it's a rolling enrollment, we'll continue to submit for the grant. • Clyde said Lauren Lathrop, the Follett Bookstore manager is leaving. She said Follett has selected somebody who they brought to

us for our thoughts. She, Montes and Rider met with the candidate this morning and hope to see the position filled shortly.

P. President's Report – Alvarez said on Saturday she and Josh Rubinoff attended CSSA Plenary and she was elected to be the Chair of the CSU Student Trustee Committee.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Alvarez said Happy Monday and we're half way through the semester. Krater said Happy Indigenous People's Day.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – Krater thanked Ho for developing a tracking system for tracking attendance of students at events. • Sicheneder said the Bike Hub will have their Fall Bike Auction on Friday, 10/21. Proceeds go to the Get Outdoors Fund so students can apply for Adventure Outings trips. • Rider said Bug Night will be held on Wednesday, 10/19 at Sutter Dining. Students will be provided with sustainable non-traditional protein meals such as scorpions, crickets and mealworms.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Alvarez, adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.