

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

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

**8 a.m.**

**BMU 205**

**Members Present:** Trevor Guthrie, Teddy Delorenzo, Bre Holbert, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, Anthony Ruiz, Kaylee Biedermann, Ann Sherman

**Members Absent:** Chris Taverrite (excused), Sandy Parsons-Ellis

**Others Present:** David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Susan Jennings, Tom Rider, Katrina Robertson, Katie Peterson, Noah Levinson, Ryan Rosenbaum, Chelsea Lund, Steve Novo

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Guthrie, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**II. AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 10/24/19 agenda (Alfaro Ramirez/Ruiz) 6/0/0 MSC.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of 10/10/19. **Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/10/19, as presented (Ruiz/Biedermann) 6/0/0 MSC.**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 – Ruiz reviewed the items with the Board and said they are on a bi-weekly meeting schedule now.

1. GAC Actions of 10/10/19

- a. Approved the 10/10/19 revised agenda.
- b. Approved Minutes of the 10/3/19 regular meeting.
- c. Approved Consent Agenda:  
2019-20 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments  
Confirmation of appointments to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)  
- Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources Appointment: Eduardo Amezcuita
- d. Approved revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Diversity Affairs Council Code, as presented.

2. GAC Actions of 10/17/19

- a. Approved the 10/17/19 agenda.
- b. Approved Minutes of the 10/10/19 regular meeting.
- c. Approved revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2019-20.
- d. Dis-approved DAC allocation for \$1,950 for the 'Town Hall with Neil Lazuras' event by the Chico Hillel Club to be held 11/5/19 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in BMU 210. **Guthrie pulled this item from the Consent Agenda and placed as Business Item VI. B.**
- e. Approved revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for Commissioner of Diversity Affairs, as presented.

B. Bell Memorial Union Committee

1. BMUC Actions of 10/10/19

- a. Approved the 10/10/19 revised agenda.
- b. Approved Minutes of the 9/26/19 regular meeting.

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee

1. ASBC Actions of 10/21/19

- a. Approved the 10/21/19 agenda.
- b. Approved revised Minutes of the 10/7/19 regular meeting. Bang noted under Item VI, that Seaboard should have been spelled as CBORD, and under Item XIII., Vice Chair Corona adjourned the meeting.

**VI. BUSINESS**

A. Action Item: Approval of Compensation Study findings and publically available pay schedule. **Motion to approve Compensation Study findings and publically available pay schedule, as presented (Biedermann/Ruiz) 6/0/0 MSC.**

- B. Dis-approved DAC allocation for \$1,950 for the 'Town Hall with Neil Lazuras' event by the Chico Hillel Club, to be held 11/5/19 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in BMU 210 – Ruiz said GAC voted to not approve this DAC allocation as the item was double-posted on the GAC agenda so they didn't have a chance to review it. He said there was a lot of confusion at GAC regarding the Israel and Palestine controversy. He said no one voted for it, two voted against it, and four abstained, which led to the abstentions being included with the No vote. Advisors have been meeting with representatives from the Chico Hillel Club, and Ruiz said they are here to represent. Guthrie said this item would be reconsidered at next week's GAC meeting so that they will have more time to look at it. Slaughter said they need to affirm what GAC did, override GAC's decision, or override and send back to GAC for reconsideration. He noted that abstentions do not count during this vote (Sherman joined the meeting at 8:10 a.m.). Delorenzo questioned why GAC did not approve it, whether it was a procedural concern or a substantive concern. Holbert said they were offered this action item but some folks brought up at the table that this speaker would be controversial, so a number abstained because they were unsure of possible conflicts. Delorenzo said this is an example of censoring by subject, similar to the Border Patrol issue. She expressed concern that if we pick this person, speaker, subject as one we approve of, but not another one, we are making distinctions of what is popular, unpopular, or controversial. She explained that we have free speech here at this University, no matter how distasteful. Delorenzo said from her perspective, she will vote on the process, not the topic. Alfaro Ramirez said the group could still have the event on campus, they would just not get funding from the AS. Holbert said this issue was brought up to GAC late in the game and with no information for the committee. She said genocide came up, and she does not want to support genocide. She suggested for those on GAC, that next time the information should be brought up earlier. Buckley said he agreed with Delorenzo, noting the AS had funded many controversial speakers here. He reminded that there could be legal issues of picking and choosing whom they want to fund and warned against them setting precedent; they should try to bring a balance. Alfaro Ramirez said he understood the legality; however, from a social perspective aspect, he said he looks at it differently and what the AS might be complicit in. Levinson said this is a conversation they want to bring to campus, to discuss diversity. Regarding the conflict in Israel, he said they have no intention of inciting fear and violence. He said there are different perspectives, and some misinformation. Levinson said they want to bring the speaker here to gain perspective, just to have a conversation. Discussion was held.
- Motion to override GAC's decision and send the Chico Hillel Club's DAC proposal back for reconsideration (Ruiz/Biedermann).** Buckley explained that all 7 Board members would need to vote. Krater questioned timing issues since the event is scheduled for November 5. Slaughter said a Special GAC meeting could be held; however, a Special Board meeting would need to be held in order to report the information, or an Executive Order could be prepared if the item is approved at GAC's Special meeting. Holbert said she would be voting yes and noted more education needs to be provided to GAC. Timing for applying for funding was discussed and Lund explained the application process that was explained to them. **6-0-1. Motion carried.**
- C. Information Item: 9/30/19 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Jennings reviewed the information with the Board, noting that Textbooks were down 14% to last year and up 78% to two years ago. YTD at -35%. She said General Merchandise was down 5% for the month and now down 5% for the year. Computers were down 15% for the month and down 27% to last year. Overall, in comparison to two years ago, they were up 17% while being down 11% to last year for September. Jennings said they continue to see a struggle in Textbooks and Technology while other areas are fairly flat. YTD, the store is down -24%. Jennings said a new textbook manager will begin at the bookstore soon and they are going to faculty to follow up on adoptions for spring. Novo said they were closed for 11 days during the Camp Fire last year, and could not even come in for the online sales during that time. Novo said they are hitting faculty hard for spring adoptions, with a November 1 deadline to all faculty to get adoptions in. He said if they can get all of the adoptions in before dead week and finals week, they could buy back a lot more books from students, which helps students. Buckley explained to the Board that they would have to make a decision by early spring whether or not to extend the Follett contract, or do another RFP. He said their numbers are concerning and it has reached the point where it's costing the AS more money. He said Clyde would be providing them with some type of proposal and said if they decide to do a RFP, it needs to be done sooner than later.
- D. Director of University Affairs Report – Alfaro Ramirez reported that union bargaining talks were held and that it's bargaining season right now. He said a survey went out to faculty and staff.
- E. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Holbert said her committee is tabling tomorrow for the first time.
- F. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Sherman reported that she just returned from the California Administrative and Business Office (CABO) meeting. She said GI2025 was discussed, and a conference was held in Sacramento last week regarding it. Sherman noted good progress on graduation rates but not on the equity gap. She said the Governor was at the GI2025 Conference, and he said he would not be giving as much

money to any state agencies next year due to the economy going into uncertainty. Sherman also noted that for the CSU, UC, community colleges and pre-K to 12 groups, they would be asking for a General Education Bond on the March statewide ballot in an amount of approximately \$15 billion in general obligation funds. She said \$9 billion of that would go to pre-K to 12 groups; the rest would be split at \$2 billion each for the other groups.

G. Executive Director's Report – No report

H. President's Report – Guthrie said he attended the GI2025 Conference in Sacramento last week and was able to connect with people from the Chancellor's Office. He said he and Holbert attended CSSA in Fresno at which the Board adopted a letter in opposition of the Quantitative Reasoning Proposal by the CSU. He said during today's Academic Senate meeting they would be talking about the letter and reviewing the resolution from Student Academic Senate.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Guthrie, adjourned the meeting at 8:42 a.m.