

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

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

8 a.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Alisha Sharma, Sam Akinwande, Jared Geiser, Zach Scott, Alex Williams, Teddy Delorenzo, Jeni Kitchell, Trevor Guthrie, Milton Lang

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Thang Ho, Curtis Sicheneder, Leah Railey, Tom Rider, Jon Slaughter, Colette Young, Steve Novo

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA – Motion to approve the 11/28/18 agenda (Akinwande/Scott) 7/0/0 MSC.** (Geiser joined the meeting at 8:01 a.m.)
- III. **MINUTES** – None
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – 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 – Geiser reviewed the items with the Board.
 1. GAC Actions of 11/27/18
 - a. Approved the 11/27/18 revised agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 10/30/18 and 11/6/18 regular meetings.
 - B. Bell Memorial Union Committee – Scott provided an overview of the items approved. He explained the possible expansion of the WREC to include health/wellness.
 1. BMUC Actions of 11/27/18
 - a. Approved the 11/27/18 agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the regular meeting of 11/6/18, as presented.
 - c. Approved WREC Expansion Feasibility Study in the approximate amount of \$25,000, as presented.
 - d. Approved EcoStruxure building operations, software update in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, as presented.
 - e. Approved purchase of scissor lift in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, as presented.
 - f. Approved WREC track wall repairs in an amount not to exceed \$37,000, as presented.
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Williams said Monday's meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. A Special meeting is scheduled for Monday, 12/3/18. She said a list of students affected by the Camp Fire will be provided to Follett for a scholarship they're providing for replacement textbooks and supplies.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Information Item: CSSA Student Travel – Sharma said discussions have been held regarding having two students, instead of three, attend CSSA. She said all the other campuses have just their AS President and/or Director of Legislative Affairs attend. She said AS Chico should have one main person, and one alternate member. Sharma said if a CSSA meeting is within driving distance, more students could attend. She noted this change would be effective fall 2019 and said the only con to not having three attend is that it gives one less perspective regarding items. She said this item will be brought to Action at GAC, and then will go to the Board for approval. Akinwande agreed that this change makes sense as they move forward, and includes savings of student dollars.
- B. Information Item: Officer Stipends/Scholarships – Buckley reminded that a few months ago they found out based on the decision that was made more than a year ago to pay the 17 student officers via scholarships instead of student stipends, that this had an effect on some students' scholarships. He reviewed the pros of paying via scholarships, such as undocumented students are now eligible to run for and hold office. He noted that only two or three other AS auxiliaries pay stipends, instead of scholarships. He also noted

concerns regarding legal issues of officers being paid as employees. Buckley next reviewed the cons, noting this can affect student financial aid packages. In addition, if a student leaves their position after the census period, there is no way for the AS to get a refund of the semester scholarship money. He also explained that if students were getting full financial aid, they would get no additional compensation for their officer position, which is a big con on the side of going to the scholarship piece. Buckley said by paying via scholarships, that certain students would be eligible to run; however, students that receive full financial aid may not run because they would not want to do the job for free. Akinwande said when this first happened, it effected his internship, and drained his work study almost completely. Williams said it appears the Board is deciding between two groups of students at Chico State. She said that since half of our school is receiving financial aid, we're responding to more students if we choose to keep it on payroll. Sharma said Board members would probably see the biggest impact. Guthrie asked if it could affect CalFresh as well and Buckley said it does. Guthrie asked if the AS could do both scholarships and stipends and Buckley said we need to be consistent on how to approach this situation; it needs to be one way or the other. Buckley said they could get in to some legal issues regarding picking and choosing how people are to be paid and noted that AB540 doesn't allow to have someone in a position to be paid. Delorenzo asked if the AS could prevent some of the issues with unemployment and overtime with some type of waiver if we go with stipends. Buckley said our attorney would advise that we could not have them sign waivers. He said those schools that have been doing scholarships for a while, it is not a problem anymore. Regarding undocumented students, he said that a few years ago there were around 300 undocumented students, but believes that number has gone up. Akinwande said if we go back to payroll, then not all students would have a choice to run for office. He suggested letting those who are interested in running know that they would need to contact Financial Aid to find out what effect this might have on their financial aid. Buckley reminded that undocumented students couldn't be paid. Further discussion was held. Lang said he would lean more to moving towards the scholarship model as it gives people options and creates diversity. Akinwande said he wants to provide an opportunity for all students on campus. Lang suggested that further research with other campuses be done and Buckley said he would follow up with more campuses and will provide further information at the next Board meeting.

- C. Information Item: Review of Investments – Quarter ending 9/30/18 – Jennings reviewed both of the reports with the Board and explained how interest earned is handled.
 - 1) Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit.
 - 2) Board Designated Fund.
- D. Information Item: 9/30/18 Activity Fee, Student Union, Auxiliary Activities and Corporate Services Fund Capital Expenditure Reports – Jennings reviewed the reports for each area (Kitchell left the meeting at 8:51 a.m.).
- E. Director of University Affairs Report – Akinwande reported that Student Academic Senate will be meeting this Friday regarding the opening for the Senator for the College of BSS. Akinwande said he has reached out regarding textbook affordability and those professors who require textbooks that students can't afford.
- F. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Guthrie's report was distributed.
- G. University Vice Presidents' Report – Lang said the last two weeks have been tough due to the Camp Fire. He explained that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated and they have been working long hours, spending a lot of time trying to communicate with everyone. He noted the hard work starts now regarding how to best help everyone and sustain operations to move forward. Lang said they are looking at safety, retention, recruitment, campus climate and ways to continue to empower our faculty, staff and students to reach out for support and help. He noted fundraising received is now over \$400,000. He said he's extremely proud of the people he works with and their commitment to students and the broader community. Akinwande questioned if students effected by the fire that are applying for the Master's Program should be given priority, and Lang said he would look into this.
- H. Executive Director's Report – Buckley reviewed the work the AS did during the Camp Fire and noted the entire university campus stepped up. Buckley said Jennings, Clyde, Rider, Sicheneder and some of their staff worked during the closure. He reviewed with the Board the various items done during the closure, such as payroll, setup for Staff Resource Centre in the auditorium, TODAY Show coordination at Sutter Dining, Thanksgiving Dinner coordination with World Central Kitchen, etc. Regarding students that have lost textbooks and supplies due to the fire, Buckley said they would be contacted regarding a Follett scholarship to go towards replacement of these items, as well as possible funds for next semester. He said they continue to receive requests to use the BMU and WREC for other events/meetings/classes that would

have been held in Paradise. Buckley said Follett will be selling Wildcats Rise t-shirts and all proceeds will go back towards the Wildcats Rise scholarship. He noted six AS staff lost their homes, seven have been displaced, and one staff member still does not know whether or not they lost their home. Buckley said they are looking at how to help our staff. He also noted they are pulling together costs due to the closure in order to file a Business Interruption insurance claim. He advised that budgets would be off due to having to pay non-exempt employees overtime during the closure. Exempt employees that worked during the closure will be provided with administrative leave in the future. Buckley warned that job recruitments will be more challenging as there won't be housing available and people may not want to come to Chico. Concern was also expressed regarding student housing.

- I. President's Report – Sharma said Academic Senate will be meeting next week. She thanked staff for all they did during the campus closure, and for what they continue to do to be supportive.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Williams said regarding all the events that have happened over the past 10 months, students have come to her about how appreciative they are of how the University handled everything. Delorenzo said CLIC has been supportive of Camp Fire evacuees. She said United Policy Holders will be holding an event on December 18 and will present regarding insurance. She said CLIC and local attorneys will also be partnering with Cal Northern Law School and Butte County Law Association to meet at the old Sears site twice a week to answer questions. Lang thanked the staff directors and said the leadership they showed was amazing.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT – the Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.