

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

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

8:30 a.m.

BMU 205

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Shar Krater, Curtis Sicheneder, Leah Railey, Tom Rider, Katrina Robertson, Elaine Kramer, Thang Ho, Chela Patterson

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 2/20/19 agenda (Guthrie/Scott) 8/0/0 MSC.**
- III. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of 2/6/19. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/6/19 regular meeting, as presented (Guthrie/Geiser) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- 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. He said although the deadline for the Board to approve the Geography 440 Ballot Initiative is next Tuesday, the class OK'd that it could be approved at a Special Board meeting next Wednesday. Sharma said the Special Board meeting would probably be held from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 2/27/19.
 1. GAC Actions of 2/13/19
 - a. Approved the 2/13/19 revised agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 1/30/19 regular meeting.
 - c. 2018-19 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments
 - Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC)
 - Director of Legislative Affairs Appointments: Austin Lopic and Alexander Smith
 - Director of University Affairs Appointment: Paul Shafer
 - Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Stepheni Dougan
 - Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council (CAC)
 - Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointments: Adam Fasbender and Erika Guerra
 - Confirmation of appointment to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)
 - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Maggie Scarpa
 - Confirmation of appointments to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)
 - Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources Appointment: Dollie Partida
 - Executive Vice President Appointments: Alexander Smith and Hailey Barrera
 - d. Approved EFAC allocation by DAC for \$1,789 for 'The 10th Annual NSSLHA Spring Conference' event by NSSLHA to be held 3/9/19 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. in Colusa Hall.
 - e. Approved EFAC allocation by DAC for \$3,165 for the 'Biz Talks' event by Delta Sigma Pi to be held 3/6/19 from 5 – 7 p.m. in PAC 144 with a Reception at 6 p.m. in BMU 203.
 - f. Approved DAC allocation in the revised amount of \$2,444 for the 'Cruzando Fronteras' event by Central Americans for Empowerment to be held 2/28/19 or 3/7/19 from 6 – 10 p.m. in Selvesters Café Room 110, as presented.
 - g. Approved Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the spring semester of 2019, as presented.
 - B. Bell Memorial Union Committee – Scott distributed and reviewed the revised Facility Master Plan with the Board. Clyde said the summary is updated yearly based on priorities. Buckley advised last year the University hired a consultant to look at a variety of buildings from an infrastructure perspective. The consultant said it would cost approximately \$10 million for upgrades to the BMU. He said Mike Guzzi of FMS will meet with the consultant to see how costs can be honed down, as they seem high. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a Wellness Center in the BMU.
 1. BMUC Actions of 2/12/19
 - a. Approved the 2/12/19 agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 1/29/19 regular meeting.
 - c. Approved revised Facility Master Plan, as presented.

- d. Approved Wellness Center concept, as presented.
- C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – 2/11/19 meeting cancelled. Williams said one of the committee members resigned, so she will be looking to fill this position.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval to fund the Laptop Loanout Project Proposal for \$15,000 for one year from the Board Designated Fund. **Motion to approve funding the Laptop Loanout Project Proposal for \$15,000 for one year from the Board Designated Fund, as presented (Geiser/Guthrie).** Geiser said he would like the next Board to be advised of this funding and that it was only for one year, in hopes that it will be funded again. **8-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Approval to fund Textbook Scholarships Proposal for \$15,000 for one year from the Board Designated Fund. **Motion to approve funding the Textbook Scholarships Proposal for \$15,000 for one year from the Board Designated Fund, as presented (Scott/Guthrie) 8-0-0 MSC.**
- C. **Time Certain: 8:45 a.m.** – Presentation: **Student Transition and Retention (STAR) Center** – Sharma explained that the five year Operating & Lease Agreement is up for renewal as of June 30. As part of the renewal process, Sharma said she and Buckley met with Lang and Sherman yesterday. Sharma said a portion of the CCLC component is included in this agreement and they are looking to possibly fund the STAR Center within this agreement as well. Patterson presented, noting they are still working on naming of the center. It will either be Strategic Transition and Retention Center, or Student Transition and Retention Center. She said they want STAR to be aspirational, a positive image for students. She provided background, noting the CSU Graduation Initiative in 2016 established specific goals for increasing graduation rates (for first year and transfer students) and eliminating achievement gaps for underrepresented minority (URM) and Pell-eligible students. Patterson said there are gaps for underrepresented minority and that the CSU system represents the demographics of California, all campuses are becoming a majority of minority campuses. She said the STAR Center is a campus-wide targeted intervention to make significant progress toward these co-mandated goals and that she will be overseeing this center. She explained that current services on campus are not enough to serve students and the focus will be on underserved populations who are not in a specific support program. She did note; however, that any student could go to the center. The focus will be on academic support and opportunities to further engage with the campus. She explained that first gen students historically feel like they're not as engaged as others are on campus. The STAR Center would be located in the same library hallway as the CCLC, at the center of campus. She reviewed the personnel that would be hired for the center. In addition, Academic Advising would house one of their advisors in the STAR Center and tentatively there would be faculty advisors scheduled as well. She said three academic departments are interested in assisting the center. Patterson said they would be collaborating with other departments to provide assistance for students regarding career preparation, leadership development, mentorship, learning assistance (tutoring, study skills) and wellness. She said they will be looking at usage data for the center, student identified needs and aspirations, persistence data (how students are doing), eventually increased graduation rates, and noted both quantitative and qualitative data would be collected. Guthrie asked if a study lounge area would be included to help students feel comfortable and Patterson said the intent is to not have a lounge be the focus, but that students be intentional about their schoolwork. Delorenzo questioned if the STAR Center could be a portal for faculty to send students to for other areas of support and Patterson affirmed. Patterson said their target is for students not in a program. A soft opening will be held this semester if possible, ramping up for next fall. Lang said when he met with Patterson it was noted that there are thousands of students who are first gen and low income who have no idea regarding how to navigate this campus. He said this would provide support and empower students to take full advantage of the campus, its programs and resources. Delorenzo said reentry students and disabled students don't seem to have a place to go to on campus and Patterson said these two areas will also be focused on. Sharma said the Operating & Lease Agreement will be discussed more formally at an upcoming Board meeting.
- D. **Information Item: 12/31/18 Activity Fee, Student Union, Auxiliary Activities and Corporate Services Fund Capital Expenditure Reports** – Jennings reviewed each of the areas with the Board (Akinwande joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.).
- E. **Director of University Affairs Report** – Akinwande reported that during his committee's meeting at CSSA, during public comment a student talked about the 20% Real Food Challenge by 2020 and said that most

campuses are only at 8% so far, and that only seven campuses are participating. Clyde said that it was decided at ASBC to not sign the Real Food Challenge document because it would have meant the AS would have had to increase many of their prices to cover administrative costs, which would not necessarily benefit students. She said the AS holds itself accountable and are currently at 17% or more. Rider said they are still aiming for 20% by 2020. Akinwande said students also discussed students at large being funded to attend CSSA. He said three resolutions were passed: Justice for Josiah and Students of Color Safety, CSSA Say on Pay Resolution and the CSU Campus President Evaluation Policy and Procedures. Regarding the Justice for Josiah and Students of Color Safety Resolution, Akinwande said they discussed supporting students of color both on and off campus. He said he suggested a Student Advisory Climate Board like the one here at Chico State. He said students also brought up the lack of support between the Chancellor's Office and system wide culture and identity centers.

- F. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Guthrie said at his CSSA committee meeting, they talked about CHES, which will be held in March. They are advocating fixing financial aid, and voted to sponsor a number of bills in the State Legislature. He said Senator Steve Glazer talked about his legislation. • Guthrie said he is on the Ballot Initiative Review Process Committee, which met yesterday. They approved the language, which has now been sent to the AS lawyer for review.
- G. University Vice Presidents' Report – Sherman said regarding the Governor's proposed budget, they are looking for a round of support from all avenues to help legislators make good decisions about funding for higher education across the state. She noted the final budget will come out in June. Sherman said she has been learning how various budgets work at this campus, and looking to see how we can ensure best utilization of dollars that we have. She said Business & Finance is an area that students may not know exists and she is talking with her team about how they can assist and interact with students. • Lang said in addition to being the VP for Student Affairs, he is also the Chief Diversity Officer. He explained that the University Diversity Council meets monthly and is comprised of faculty, staff and students. He said the committee felt they didn't have authority to make recommendations to Cabinet, nor get them supported and implemented. He said because he is a Cabinet member, this will help assist them with bringing forward recommendations for approval and support. Lang said the committee is working on approximately 15 diversity and inclusion topics. He said he would like to provide a presentation to the Board soon to give them a sense of what he's doing regarding connecting and partnering with the campus community around diversity and inclusion.
- H. Executive Director's Report – Buckley reported that a month or so ago, Jennings had sent an email to the Board regarding a RFP for software for the payroll and HR system. He said they are reviewing the five RFP responses received, and will then update the Board regarding next steps. Buckley said the consultant is working on the Compensation Study and they hope to report to the Board by the first part of April. Buckley said the Dining Director position is open through March 20.
- I. President's Report – Sharma said last Friday's Women Like You Leadership Symposium was very successful. She said Clyde led the planning committee for this event and 617 people attended. She said she was proud to have been a part of this event. • Sharma said one of the resolutions passed at CSSA was regarding supporting opportunities and resources for undocumented students. In addition, they awarded Senator Glazer the Legislator of the Year Award. • Sharma said CHES is March 10. She said CSU Advocacy Day is March 6 in Sacramento and she will be joining others that morning to advocate for a continued budget from the Governor. She said Geiser will chair the AS Board meeting that day in her absence. She noted a WASC visit is also that same day and student government officers will be meeting with the WASC team. • Sharma said Academic Senate approved changes to the Constitution, which now goes to faculty to vote on. She also noted the University Budget Committee meets next week.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Guthrie said they discussed at CSSA making sure campuses are supporting formerly incarcerated students and to use inclusive language for them, such as transition collective. Akinwande said SAS Senators & S'mores is this Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the UHUB. He said he's working on how to best support online distance students and this will be discussed at SAS. • Delorenzo said she also will not be at the March 6 Board meeting (Delorenzo left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.). • Sharma said AS Elections are coming up and it's her goal to have a student run for every position. Geiser updated regarding election deadlines.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT – the Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.