

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

Thursday, December 5, 2019

8 a.m.

BMU 205

Members Present: Trevor Guthrie, Teddy Delorenzo, Bre Holbert, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, Kaylee Biedermann, Chris Taverite, Ann Sherman

Members Absent: Anthony Ruiz (excused), Sandy Parsons-Ellis

Others Present: David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Susan Jennings, Jon Slaughter, Tom Rider, Thang Ho, Katrina Robertson, Katie Peterson, Leah Railey, Shar Krater

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Guthrie, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Motion to approve the 12/5/19 agenda (Biedermann/Holbert) 6/0/0 MSC.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the regular meeting of 11/21/19. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 11/21/19, as presented (Taverite/Biedermann) 6/0/0 MSC.
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Guthrie announced that today is Buckley's last Board meeting.
- 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 – No meetings held.
 - B. Bell Memorial Union Committee – Biedermann reviewed the items with the Board (Sherman joined the meeting at 8:03 a.m.).
 1. BMUC Actions of 11/21/19
 - a. Approved the 11/21/19 agenda.
 - b. Approved Minutes of the 11/7/19 regular meeting.
 - c. Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) Report – 11/15/19
 - Approved the agenda.
 - Approved the Minutes of the 4/12/19 meeting.
 - The following projects were approved to proceed to funding allocation deliberation.
 - 1) Power Planters Project.
 - 2) University Stadium Drinking Fountains and Water Bottle Refill Stations Project.
 - 3) This Way to Sustainability Conference 2020 Project.
 - 4) Waste Station Expansion Project.
 - 5) Chico State Campus Carbon Capture (C3) Project.
 - 6) Reducing Energy Demand at the WREC Pool Project.
 - 7) Multispectral Drone Camera for Ecological Reserves Project.
 - 8) Edible Pedal Rides Again Project.
 - The following projects were not approved to proceed to funding deliberation:
 - 1) Waste Station Expansion Project for \$18,619.
 - 2) Reducing Energy Demand at the WREC Pool Project for \$32,500.
 - The following projects under \$5,000 were approved for funding:
 - 1) Power Planters Project for \$3,500.
 - 2) Multispectral Drone Camera for Ecological Reserves Project for \$4,850.
 - 3) Edible Pedal Rides Again Project for \$3,000.
 - The following projects over \$5,000 were approved at SFAC, **pending additional approval by BMUC:**
 - 1) University Stadium Drinking Fountains and Water Bottle Refill Stations Project for \$15,000.
 - 2) This Way to Sustainability Conference 2020 Project for \$15,000.
 - 3) Chico State Campus Carbon Capture (C3) Project for \$5,650.
 - d. Approved funding the University Stadium Drinking Fountains and Water Bottle Refill Stations Project for \$15,000.
 - e. Approved funding the This Way to Sustainability Conference 2020 Project for \$15,000.
 - f. Approved funding the Chico State Campus Carbon Capture (C3) Project for \$5,650.
 - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – No meetings held.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Attendance Policy for Elected Officers and Senators. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Attendance Policy for Elected Officers and Senators, as presented (Taverrite /Alfaro Ramirez).** Slaughter advised that based on further discussion, Section VI. D. should be amended to show that Commissioners and Senators would begin two weeks prior to the first day of the fall semester. **The Attendance Policy was approved as revised 5-1-1 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Resolution for the Adoption of Trustee Change Amendment for the Associated Students of California State University, Chico Exempt Employee 401(k) Plan. **Motion to approve Action Items B through E as presented, as follows: Resolution for the Adoption of Trustee Change Amendment for the Associated Students of California State University, Chico Exempt Employee 401(k) Plan; Associated Students of California State University, Chico Exempt Employee 401(k) Plan Amendment #2019-Trustee; Resolution for the Adoption of Trustee Change Amendment for the Associated Students of California State University, Chico Non-Exempt Employee 401(k) Plan; and Associated Students of California State University, Chico Non-Exempt Employee 401(k) Plan Amendment #2019-Trustee (Taverrite/Delorenzo).** Jennings explained that the 401(k) Plan was terminated as of June 30, 2019. They are in the process of doing distributions to participants but it may take a full year to finalize. Jennings advised that Buckley is one of the trustees on the plan and with him leaving, it would leave only her and one staff person as trustees, so she would like to add Clyde as a trustee for both the exempt and non-exempt plans. **7-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Associated Students of California State University, Chico Exempt Employee 401(k) Plan Amendment #2019-Trustee – Approval listed in Item VI. B., above.
- D. Action Item: Resolution for the Adoption of Trustee Change Amendment for the Associated Students of California State University, Chico Non-Exempt Employee 401(k) Plan – Approval listed in Item VI. B., above.
- E. Action Item: Associated Students of California State University, Chico Non-Exempt Employee 401(k) Plan Amendment #2019-Trustee – Approval listed in Item VI. B., above.
- F. Kronos Contract – Jennings explained they currently use ADP and have not been entirely satisfied with this company's product or service. She said they were going to go with Paycom, but Paycom was not able to meet required IT provisions. They have decided to move forward with Kronos, who also serves several CSUC auxiliaries who have been very happy with their service. Kronos has satisfied all of the required IT provisions. From a budget standpoint, Jennings said they had assumed that they would be able to go live as of January 1, 2020. Due to delays in the contract process, there will not be a cost increase until 2020-21 FY. Jennings said an additional \$24,000 for six months (\$48,000 annual cost) was built into the 2019/20 approved budget; however, it's coming in at about \$35,000 for an annual period, not for six months. The implementation process will begin in January.
- G. Director of University Affairs Report – Alfaro Ramirez reported that at today's Government Affairs Committee meeting they would be voting on the resolution denouncing white supremacy and hate speech. Delorenzo asked if Academic Senate would be approving this item as well and Guthrie said it's going to them as information only, not action.
- H. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Holbert said a Party Forum meeting was held last night to plan a forum on campus with all political groups. Young American Libertarians, Republican Club, Democrat Club and the CCLC attended last night. She said each group got to sit at the table, one person per group, and talked about the recent divisiveness on campus, why that sprung up, and what can be done to mitigate these problems. She said great conversations were held and a forum will be held in early February.
- I. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Sherman reported that a conference call was held yesterday with those in the system similar to her position that have Follett running their bookstores. They discussed how to look at textbook affordability and whether or not it would be advantageous for students regarding equity gap and completion to have an all access availability for books and materials. She said she was very engaged in this conversation because our bookstore is not doing well. With the contract coming up soon, she questioned how best to get this topic to this group, and how to generate more discussion about this on campus. Biedermann said at CSSA one of the meetings was about bookstores, and they have a system that almost all CSU campuses use. Taverrite said it's called Affordable Learning Solutions (ALS). Buckley said each campus has

one. Guthrie said he sits on this committee and can talk with them. Taverrite said Channel Islands has a program where they're starting to give textbooks for free to certain departments, which is done through ALS. Guthrie said they recently presented at CSSA and he can forward the presentation to the Board. Sherman said a number of campuses are looking at providing all access to certain cohort groups. She said she doesn't know if this would work well here because we have various cohorts here, groups that take classes at different levels. Taverrite said it would have to be done by department or curriculum. Sherman said there are many implications to this because faculty that are all teaching the same class would have to agree on the same book, which could be an issue. She said she is looking to this Board to take this on as a priority issue as informed decisions need to be made soon and Buckley agreed, noting the Follett contract is up in June. He said the problem with the Discover Program is that this campus isn't able to put resources towards that software program. He agreed with Sherman that the University is not putting their resources towards this issue. He said even if the campus started now, we would be lucky to get it by fall due to how complicated it is to get it. Buckley said the other issue that has been brought up, and the AS should be involved in, is that some campuses are imposing a fee on students for books. He said this came up at Chico State a couple of years ago, but the students were not in favor of it, noting this could come up again. Sherman said we have an obligation to make sure our bookstore remains viable, or that we are able to have something viable, and secondly as representatives of the students, we have to make sure books are as affordable as possible.

- J. Executive Director's Report – Buckley said it has been an honor to work for the AS and that he always felt this was a calling for him, to work in higher education and with students. He wished the students the best as they move forward in their pursuit of life. Buckley said Delorenzo has been an amazing advocate for the AS, noting that it's really difficult to find a faculty member to sit on this Board that thinks independently and critically, and does not feel that they're on one side or the other, and Delorenzo has been able to do that magnificently. Buckley said in addition to the staff present at these meetings, there are many unsung hero staff that work for the AS that never get recognized, but work tirelessly every day to help the students and this campus. He said they are committed to their jobs here, and thanked them. Buckley said the AS has tremendous staff going forward and that Clyde will take the reins, and great things will be happening because change is important and inevitable.
- K. President's Report – Guthrie said Academic Senate and GAC will be held today. Delorenzo asked process wise, if GAC approves the resolution today, if it would go to the Board, and then back to Academic Senate. Guthrie said approval by this Board is the final step. Alfaro Ramirez said regarding the fraternity party that was listed on the resolution, that he found out from Abbie Page that it was organized on a Facebook page called Chico State Class of 2020, and although it was held at the fraternity, it was not organized by them and was held in 2019, not 2018. Delorenzo reiterated her concern with content based approach to speech and cautioned that we have to be very careful in doing anything which directly, or indirectly, limits the content of people's speech. She said the thought is not what we can punish; it's the behavior and the actions. She noted that anything that is not protected speech needs to be handled carefully.

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 8:30 a.m.