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

Monday, March 23, 2015  2 p.m.  BMU 205

Members Present: Taylor Herren, Nicole Lung, Michael Pratt, Darion Johnston, Jeffery Zawoysky, Teddy Delorenzo, Deanna Jarquin, Lori Hoffman

Members Absent: Drew Calandrella

Others Present: David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Susan Jennings, Curtis Sicheneder, Sally Parenti, Thang Ho, Leah Railey, George Rankin, Jon Slaughter, Nan Timmons

I.  CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by the Chair, Herren.

II.  AGENDA – Railey distributed updated information for Item VIII. B. which replaced page 7 of the agenda packet. Herren added Information Item F., Campus Leadership, to the agenda. Motion to approve the revised agenda (Johnston/Lung) 7/0/0 MSC.

III.  MINUTES – None

IV.  ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V.  PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI.  OPINION – 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 – Zawoysky said Cats in the Community will be Tuesday, March 31. Candidate campaign packets are due Wednesday, campaigning begins April 1.
   1.  GAC Actions of 3/10/15
      a. Approved the 3/10/15 revised meeting agenda.
      b. Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of 3/3/15.

B.  Bell Memorial Union Committee – No meetings held. Jarquin said through her position she is working on space guidelines for the Government Affairs side of the Wildcat Leadership Center.

C.  Associated Students Businesses Committee – Lung reviewed discussions held at this morning’s ASBC meeting.
   1.  ASBC Actions of 3/23/15 – No Actions

VIII.  BUSINESS

A.  Action Item: Approval of student pay scale as adjusted for the January 1, 2016 minimum wage increase. Motion to approve student pay scale as adjusted for the January 1, 2016 minimum wage increase, as presented (Johnston/Zawoysky). Railey said the information was the same as presented at the last Board meeting. Buckley pointed out that each of the grades is bumping up 11% per grade – approximately $1 per grade. 7/0/0 MSC.

B.  Action Item: Approval of adjustment to the career employee pay scale. Motion to approve adjustment to the career employee pay scale, as presented (Johnston/Pratt). Railey said they’re now proposing to eliminate the first step because once minimum wage increases, this first step wouldn’t meet the minimum pay. She also noted that no employees are in Grade One anyway. Buckley explained that this does not give any career employees pay increases, unlike the students who will receive the $1 increase in January. He said this just adjusts the scale itself so that new employees will now come in at a little bit higher; other employees will receive a 3% increase next year. (Hoffman joined the meeting at 2:08 P.M.) 8/0/0 MSC.

C.  Information Item: Spring 2015 Ballot – Herren noted that the sample ballot was included with the agenda packet. Timmons said the five Activity Fee funded programs (CAVE, CLIC, KCSC, GSEC and CDL) will
also be added to the ballot. Slaughter explained that Activity Fee funded programs have always been eligible for revenue sharing. Slaughter said regarding Delorenzo’s suggestion to place “yes or no” after the first paragraph of the ballot measure that he checked with Jeff Carter regarding this and he said that’s where it belongs.

D. Information Item: Funding Executive Order 2015-01 — Herren explained these were two DAC allocations.

E. Information Item: Investment Committee recommendation to invest LAIF funds — Jennings said the Investment Committee met on March 11 and discussed the two companies they were looking at for being investment advisors - Wells Fargo Bank and Asset Management Group. She said it’s their recommendation to go with Asset Management Group, who the AS has a current relationship with as they help us manage our 401(k) Plan. She said they also talked about the RAC Endowment Funds, and the ability to bump the funds up from $769,000 to $1 million for investment purposes, which is the goal of the RAC Endowment account. She said the source of approximately $231,000 would come from the Wildcat Store reserves, which would be transferred to the RAC endowment to increase it to $1 million. Jennings said they also discussed the amount of funds to invest if RAC is bumped up to $1 million, noting they’d maximize the rate of returns via various lengths of CD’s. Jennings said that also, the Wildcat Store has cash available, some of which is being held in LAIF. She said they discussed the ability to invest $1 million from the Wildcat Store. She said this balance fluctuates somewhat but $1 million should leave enough funds for operations. Jennings noted that they’d reevaluate this in a year to see if there would be additional cash to invest beyond the $1 million. Buckley said the Board will officially vote on these recommendations at the next Board meeting.

F. Information Item: Campus Leadership — Hoffman said President Zingg will be taking two to four months to recover from triple by-pass surgery. She said Chancellor White designated Rollin Richmond, former Humboldt State President, as Acting President and he will begin on Friday. Herren said the Board will be having lunch with Chancellor White and Acting President Richmond this Thursday. Upcoming University projects and issues were discussed. Herren asked Hoffman if there’s anything specific the Board should bring up at the meeting and Hoffman suggested the location of the wildcat statue. Hoffman said she’d defer to the AS directors regarding AS issues. Hoffman suggested presenting up to five items. Herren said she would send the Board members a draft of items by tomorrow morning so they’ll have something formal to present on Thursday.

G. Director of University Affairs Report — Pratt said regarding the Student Evaluation of Teaching Committee, before they left on spring break, they had seven faculty and three students on the committee. They now have input from Student Academic Senate that they’ll hear at FASP, to remove those 10 members and just have seven permanent members, including his position. He said faculty, staff, students and administration will all have one seat. Regarding the Ombuds Office Committee, the Student Academic Senate is going to be integrated into that language and they’re going to propose having a student specific ombuds person who would have all information centralized at the Ombuds office to have available for students. He noted that student shared governance is being taken more seriously.

H. Director of Legislative Affairs Report — Johnston said that she, Pratt and Herren attended CSSA this weekend. She said she had an opportunity to go to Long Beach with the CSSA executive team regarding strategic planning and they also met with Chancellor White in regards to trying to get a student trustee a position as a chair or vice chair on a Board of Trustees committee. Regarding CSSA, Johnston said they are finishing up constitutional, bylaw and policy amendments because SIRF changed a lot of things on how CSSA operates. She said they’ve been working on this the last two months. She said they also officially passed the new Memorandum of Understanding between CSSA and the campuses. In addition, they also looked at 16 pieces of legislation and took positions within their Legislative Affairs Committee.

I. University Vice Presidents’ Reports — Hoffman thanked those that participated in the Chief of Police search. The AS Operating and Lease Agreement was discussed. Hoffman said she or the acting president can sign the document in President Zingg’s absence.

J. Executive Director’s Report — Buckley said in regards to the warehouse space that’s connected to University warehouse space off campus, that a meeting with staff is being held this week to discuss whether that location makes sense and if staff is comfortable with the location. He said he found out that on weekends the parking lot tends to be a party scene and University staff have to clean the lot up every Monday. Buckley said their plan was to store all the AS vehicles outside, and they’ve been considering whether or not
the vehicles would be safe. • Buckley said the ADP contract is almost done and the NetSuite contract has been completed. They will then begin moving forward on implementation. • Buckley said in 2012 the Board approved a MOU that was geared towards him taking some of the responsibilities for Student Life and Leadership. He explained that after discussing this with other executive directors, he looked at the MOU again and thought it might be confusing as to whether he’s an AS or state employee. He said a portion of his pay is reimbursed back to the AS from the University. Buckley said Calandrella contacted the Chancellor’s Office attorney and he agreed that the MOU should be cleaned up a bit so that it’s not so confusing. He said the terms won’t change but the MOU will be revised to be clearer that the AS will be paid a certain amount of money for services provided to the University and no longer stating that he’d be paid a certain percentage for services provided. He said this doesn’t change the essence of his role.

K. President’s Report – Herren said This Way to Sustainability is this Thursday and Friday and noted students can attend for free. • Herren said a rally against violence was held on March 11. She said there’s another event downtown tomorrow before the City Council meeting and that she’ll be going. She said students will also be speaking at the City Council meeting in regards to safety in the community. She said a number of AS officers are supportive of this and that it’s timely with Cats in the Community and Cesar Chavez Day coming up. • Herren explained the upcoming Executive Director review process. She said she also wants outreach to directors and senior staff of the AS regarding Buckley’s review and noted that Buckley had asked for a five year extension, which will probably be his last five years with the AS. She said they’ll be looking at future priorities for the AS and what would be important to focus on in regards to transition and changes in leadership. • In regards to the luncheon on Thursday with Chancellor Reed and Acting President Richmond, Herren said she will also prepare an upcoming events calendar to provide to them.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pratt said the Student Evaluation of Teaching Committee is discussing making SETs available for all students so that students can see the evaluations of their professors. He said this would counter balance the ratemyprofessor.com site which can have overwhelmingly negative remarks. He said Student Academic Senators thought the SET would be a better way for students to evaluate professors for determination of whether or not students would want to take a class from them.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – Herren said members of the Real Food Challenge group reached out to her regarding what the process would look like moving forward regarding signing a contract if the Real Food Challenge advisory measure passes and future leadership in the AS decides to act upon it. Discussion was held and Hoffman said the AS could ask the Interim President if he’ll support this, which could be an announcement to the campus. Rankin said in essence the AS has been participating in this already.

XI. OPINION – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:51p.m. by the Chair, Herren.