I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by the Chair, Jarquin.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the agenda (Zaleski/Pratt) 7/0/0 MSC.

III. MINUTES – Minutes of the 9/9/15 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/9/15 regular meeting, as presented (Zaleski/Nguyen). 7/0/0 MSC.

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 – Nguyen reviewed the items with the Board.
   1. GAC Actions of 9/15/15
      a. Approved the 9/15/15 meeting agenda.
      b. Approved the minutes of the 9/8/15 special meeting.
      c. Consent Agenda

   2015-16 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments:
   Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee:
   - Executive Vice President appointment: Maxie Holmberg-Douglas
   - Commissioner of Community Affairs appointment: Andrew Roberts
   - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs appointment: Shereen Basi

   2. GAC Actions of 9/22/15
      a. Approved the 9/22/5 meeting agenda.
      b. Approved the minutes of the regular meetings of 9/8/15 and 9/15/15.

B. Bell Memorial Union Committee – No meetings held.

C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Zaleski reviewed the items with the Board.
   1. ASC Actions of 9/14/15
      a. Approved the 9/14/15 meeting agenda.
      b. Approved the minutes of the 5/4/15 meeting.
      c. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Businesses Committee meetings for fiscal year 2015-16, as presented.

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval to end Associated Students funding of the Pick and Choose Plan (PAC Plan) effective January 1, 2016, including $160 per month and 7% of career employees' annual regular wages, with 7% compensation to be added to each career employee's base wage and $152 per month to be applied towards each career employee's monthly health plan premium. Motion to approve ending Associated Students funding of the Pick and Choose Plan (PAC Plan) effective January 1, 2016, including $160 per month and 7% of career employees' annual regular wages, with 7% compensation to be added to each career employee's base wage and $152 per month to be applied towards each career employee's monthly health plan premium.
per month and 7% of career employees’ annual regular wages, with 7% compensation to be added to each career employee’s base wage and $152 per month to be applied towards each career employee’s monthly health plan premium, as presented (Zaleski/Nguyen). Buckley said regarding Hoffman’s question at the last Board meeting regarding what effect this would have on University Housing and Food Service, he said he talked with the UH&FS Director and he’s OK with the additional cost. Buckley explained in regards to the $160/month that the way our current plan was written was that every employee received $160 whether or not they chose health benefits through the AS. Going with this new model, employees will not receive the $160, it will go towards the plan to keep the costs down. He said at this time 10 employees are not on our plan and those employees’ total compensation will be reduced by about $2,000/year. He said that unfortunately there is no way to change this and still say in compliance. Hoffman questioned if the $152/month goes to employees’ salaries and Buckley said no, it will be applied towards health premiums as an employer contribution. 7/0/0 MSC.

B. Information Item: Addition to Associated Students Personnel Policies – Bereavement Leave Policy. Railey explained that Bereavement has been pulled out of the Sick Leave Policy. She said she solicited input from other auxiliaries, as well as additional searches. In addition, Staff Directors discussed this. Railey noted that direct step relations are now also included and that this will be brought back as an Action item.

C. Information Item: Strategic Plan – Jarquin said last week the Strategic Plan was reviewed with history of the Plan provided by Slaughter. She said the Strategic Plan Committee/BOD will go over suggested changes to the Strategic Plan and edit as necessary. The updated Plan will then be brought to the Board for approval.

D. Information Item: Health premiums – Buckley said around this time of year we receive the health premium amounts which will become effective January 1, 2016. He explained that the AS is part of approximately 10 auxiliaries that joined together in order to try to keep premiums down. He noted that we have the same Anthem Blue Cross plan as the University does and Wells Fargo is our Plan Administrator. Buckley said they heard from Wells Fargo recently that they were struggling with the 34% cost increase to the PPO Plan that Anthem is requiring. He said they were very concerned and contacted all auxiliaries in the group and requested data to find out about switching plans. He said he spoke with the Vice President at Wells Fargo and expressed concern that this is being done at the last minute. He said last year Anthem Blue Cross came back with approximately a 20% increase and Wells Fargo was able to negotiate it down to 11% or 12%. He said the University increase was approximately 11% (Calandrella joined the meeting at 8:44 a.m.). Buckley explained that the modification experience was quite high for a couple of the auxiliaries which caused the large increase. He said our Board needs to be provided with the 2016 plan information in a week or so, especially if we need to go to a whole new plan. Open Enrollment starts on November 1. He said Wells Fargo is trying to use the information from the auxiliaries for leverage, and he anticipates that they’ll still come back with Anthem, but hopefully with lower rates. Buckley explained the process in deciding how the costs are to be split between employer and employee.

E. Information Item: 6/30/15 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – Slaughter explained that this is the closing statement for fiscal year 2014-15 and provided an overview. He said that $100,000 more was put to the bottom line than was budgeted for and it was a very good year for Activity Fee. He said the $385,000 speaks to the efficiency and diligence of programs in spending money, but also represents vacancy of staff; they hope to fill those positions soon.

F. Information Item: 6/30/15 Student Union and WREC Summary Income and Expenses Statements – Buckley said both the Union and WREC did very well in their bottom line for 2014-15 and explained that this information is split in to the two areas because they’re fairly large budgets. He first reviewed the Student Union statement, noting that the bottom line came in $505,500 better than budgeted. He next explained return of surplus fees, noting these reserves are used up first and even though it looks like they’re in the negative, they’re not. Buckley next reviewed the WREC statement, explaining that they came in $15,000 above budget in income. Overall, the WREC came in $279,421 better than budgeted. He said everyone in both areas does a spectacular job in trying to keep expenses down.

G. Information Item: 6/30/15 Chico State Wildcat Store Financials – Zaleski reviewed the information with the Board noting that the bottom line was $98,198, including a one-time transfer out of $230,000 to RAC endowment. Total operating income came out to $4,142 and gross margin at nearly $2,000. The RAC endowment and textbook scholarships were discussed.
H. Information Item: 6/30/15 Dining Services Financials – Zaleski reviewed the information with the Board noting that operating income exceeded the revised 2014/15 budget by $32,235. He said Net Income for fiscal year end came to $142,485, compared to revised estimate of $40,594. Buckley explained the process for revising budgets each spring. He said the total income of $567,486 was huge and explained how this came about (Howell joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.). Buckley said this was one of the best years Dining Services has ever had and stated that putting $500,000 on the bottom line means we’re now exceeding our reserves and building reserves up again.

I. Information Item: 6/30/15 Corporate Services Budget to Actual Income and Expenses – Buckley reviewed the information with the Board, noting that this area is comprised of the Financial Services Office, Human Resources and Administration. He said 94% was expended for those budgets. Jarquin questioned why Wildcat Card was still listed and Slaughter said the system holds five years of history. Buckley also noted that IT implementation costs came in lower than budgeted.

J. Director of University Affairs Report – Pratt advised that the FASP Committee of Academic Senate is conducting a committee audit of the University. He said there are many committees not meeting under the purview of FASP and EPPC. He said they are collecting information regarding various committees and will provide a full report at the next FASP meeting. He noted that less than half of the University committees are actually operating. • Pratt said he has been talking with Interim Provost Elrod about her coming over to the Government Office space to spend an hour talking with the general student population regarding questions they may have regarding her position and what she has purview over.

K. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Howell said at the last CSSA meeting three ad hoc committees were adopted. He is on the Lobbying ad hoc Committee and Pratt is on the Student Trustee ad hoc Committee. The third ad hoc Committee is Marketing. He said they also adopted a policy agenda for this year.

L. University Vice Presidents’ Reports – Hoffman said the University Budget Committee will be meeting this Friday at 8:30 a.m. in KNDL 207/209. She said there will be a tutorial on opengov.com which was requested by Academic Senate this past spring. Hoffman noted that VP Calandrella will be making a presentation regarding the draft sustainable financial model that has been promulgated from the Chancellor’s Office, of which he was a member of that task force. She said they’ll also review proposals being made for the 2015-16 budget.

M. Executive Director’s Report – Buckley said he recently sent to the Board information regarding The Real Food Challenge as well as the Real Food Commitment. He said this came from the national Real Food Challenge and explained that President Zingg would be approached to sign the Real Food Commitment. Buckley said he reviewed both documents and there’s a bit of a difference between them. He has discussed this with Corinne Knapp and Clyde and noted that Knapp said that Dining is committed to this; however, there are costs involved with implementing this plan. He said he didn’t think this was made clear to GAC who passed the resolution on May 5, 2015, then sent it to ASBC as they oversee Dining Services. Buckley said it’s not an issue people being supportive of the Real Food Challenge, but the Board needs to be aware of the costs. Jarquin said GAC was aware of the costs due to food changes but administrative costs were not communicated clearly. Buckley said the President would be signing the Real Food Commitment, committing the AS to spending resources as well as a committee that would have oversight, which is different than the committee that GAC discussed. They were of the understanding that this committee would be under the purview of ASBC who would decide who should be on the committee. He noted there will be administrative costs for reviewing and tracking of information as well explaining how the 20% was met. He said they’re always concerned about adding additional administrative costs on to ASBC. He said we are currently at approximately 12%, based on the criteria to meet 20% by 2020 He noted it will be difficult to reach the 20% because we don’t have access to local buying like others in the Bay Area would. He provided examples where costs could go up such as purchasing organic milk. He said we’re committed to doing this but it won’t be a simple task. He said University presidents are being asked to sign this document because typically Dining Services falls under the University not the AS. He said this will be discussed further at ASBC and ultimately this will come to the Board. He said this commitment comes from the Real Food Challenge group, and is a national movement. • Buckley said there will be an open forum at 5:30 p.m. today at UHUB regarding concerns raised by the students which started with the lizard in the salad and follow-ups by the Orion. He said they are looking to get feedback from students to improve the perception and image of Sutter Dining especially since he recently found out that customer satisfaction has declined over the last three years. • Regarding the composting issue, Buckley said he has asked Jesus Torres and Clyde to check into purchasing an anaerobic digester. Taylor Herren has also been asked to speak with David Daley and
Cindy Daley at the University Farm to see if it could be placed there. He said they are taking this seriously and the AS is committed to being able to compost such items as paper towels, utensils, etc.

N. President’s Report – Jarquin said the Audit Committee met last Friday and nothing of importance was noted to be worried about for the last fiscal year. • Jarquin said they are moving forward with the Strategic Plan and hope to have this ready for the next budget season. • Jarquin said a working group in GAC has been formed to investigate student officers’ non-hourly compensation between officers, as well as those that aren’t being paid. She said Slaughter will lead this group and it includes Howell, Pratt, Zaleski, Curtis and Prevost. • Jarquin said they met with CFAC and are looking at University funding committees. She said the first IRA meeting is next Monday. • Jarquin said regarding the solar charging station that was approved at SFAC last semester, they are working through the logistical process of where it will go and what it will look like. This will go to BMUC for their review and the group will eventually present to the Board. • Jarquin announced that Alex Brown is the new Safe Place victim survivor advocate for the campus and starts next week. • Jarquin said the Chancellor’s Office report on the sustainable funding model will be discussed at the University Budget Committee. She said it’s on the Chancellor’s Office website if anyone would like to read it. She said it’s important for Board members to become acquainted with this document as there will be a lot of questions regarding it. • Nguyen questioned when the last day for SIRF is and Howell said it was September 18. Howell said reports will be provided.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Buckley announced that because a Dining Services Director was not hired, Clyde will be the Interim Dining Services Director through early spring, when they’ll do another search.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XI. OPINION – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m. by the Chair, Jarquin.