CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by the Chair, Jarquin.

AGENDA – Motion to approve the agenda (Zaleski/Pratt) 6/0/0 MSC.

MINUTES – Minutes of the 9/23/15 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/23/15 regular meeting, as presented (Nguyen/Howell) 6/0/0 MSC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

PUBLIC OPINION – None

OPINION – None

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 updated the Board regarding GAC and explained Checkpoint (Curtis joined the meeting at 8:34 a.m.)
   1. GAC Actions of 9/29/15
      a. Approved the 9/29/15 meeting agenda.
      b. Approved the minutes of the 9/22/15 regular meeting.
      c. Consent Agenda
         2015-16 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments
            Confirmation of resignation from Bell Memorial Union Committee
            - Government Affairs Committee appointment: Anna Paladini
            - Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council
            - Executive Vice President appointments: Kathy Pha and Robert Thammavong
            - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs appointment: Danielle Smart
            - Commissioner of Community Affairs appointment: Joshua Franco
   2. GAC Actions of Special Meeting of 9/29/15
      2015-16 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments
         Confirmation of appointment to Bell Memorial Union Committee
         - Government Affairs Committee appointment: Nicole Kowalczye
   3. GAC Actions of 10/6/15
      a. Approved the 10/6/15 meeting agenda.
      b. Approved the minutes of the 9/29/15 regular and special meetings.
      c. Consent Agenda
         2015-16 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments
            Confirmation of appointment to Community Affairs Council
            - Commissioner of Community Affairs appointments: Amelia Quinto, Kaitlyn DeLong and Katie Finney
            - Executive Vice President appointment: John-Michael Dyer

B. Bell Memorial Union Committee – Curtis said BMUC held their first meeting yesterday.
   1. BMUC Actions of 10/6/15
      a. Approved the 10/6/15 meeting agenda.
      b. Approved the minutes of the 5/6/15 regular meeting.
      c. Approved the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Bell Memorial Union Committee meetings for Fiscal Year 2015-16, as presented.
C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Zaleski reviewed the items with the Board. He also said they are looking into new credit card readers for the new credit cards with chips.
   1. ASBC Actions of 9/28/15
      a. Approved the minutes of the 9/14/15 regular meeting.
      b. Approved tabling the vote until the next meeting regarding the Resolution in support of the Associated Students committing to the Real Food Challenge’s Campus Commitment in order to do more research and present it to the committee. (Hoffman joined the meeting at 8:36 a.m.).

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of addition to Associated Students Personnel Policies, Policy No. 737 – Bereavement Leave Policy. Motion to approve addition to Associated Students Personnel Policies, Policy No. 737 – Bereavement Leave Policy, as presented (Curtis/Howell). Jarquin explained that this was a discussion item at the last Board meeting. 8/0/0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of June 30, 2015 Audited Financial Statements and Report to the Board of Directors per the Audit Committee recommendation as it stands. Motion to approve the June 30, 2015 Audited Financial Statements and Report to the Board of Directors per the Audit Committee recommendation as it stands (Pratt/Zaleski) 8/0/0 MSC.

C. Information Item: Strategic Plan – Jarquin reviewed the edited version with the Board. She said regarding the second Long Range Issue, the third We Will was changed from “Get consultation from WREC Director about broad strategic” to “Allocate sufficient resources to staff, maintain and equip facilities at levels in line with quality student experiences” (Calandrella joined the meeting at 8:41 a.m.). Regarding the We Will of the last Long Range Issue, Jarquin said the wording was changed to, “Continue to work to eliminate barriers in order to continue to provide equal opportunities throughout the Associated Students organization.” In addition, throughout the Strategic Plan, “professional staff” was changed to “career staff.”

D. Information Item: Health premiums. Buckley provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained where they are at in the process. He said the original 32% increase proposed by Anthem Blue Cross for the PPO Plan was negotiated down by Wells Fargo to 16%, with the HMO Plan at 11.5%. Buckley explained that last year the AS split the premium 50/50 with employees and that historically the split has been around 50/50. Regarding the HMO Plan, he noted new employees can’t sign up for it anymore due to the lack of doctors in the area that are on the HMO Plan. He said with the PPO Plan, employees can go to any doctor they want, but there is a higher co-pay and an annual $500 deductible. Buckley next showed samples of charges split by percentage of employee count at 50%, 60% and 70% for the AS, with employees at 50%, 40% and 30%, respectively. He also noted that a comparability study hasn’t been done for 8 years; so we are out of alignment with some of our positions which would cause additional costs. He said employees’ pay are not equitable with the University at this time. Buckley next provided a snapshot of summary increases for AS and employees based on the PPO Low Plan, noting there are 57 on the PPO Low plan. He also explained the AS is required to provide an Affordable Care Plan of $92 or less (PPO Low at 50/50 split). Jarquin asked how much was originally budgeted last year for the increase and Jennings said there was a 10% increase as of July 1. She said it went up 5% for the year. Jennings explained how the plan is funded and that it also depends on what the employee elects. Buckley said the funding starts in January; that’s why it’s half a year then catches up with the full year. Delorenzo asked if the 7% PAC Plan change is a factor in this and requested a snapshot of the last three years of what premium increases have been and what the split has been. Buckley said the 7% now goes to employees’ pay as part of their base salary and the $152 that employees used to get in PAC Plan funding is now in the AS portion. Jennings said the impact to the AS is exactly the same as it was previously, as these funds were a PAC Plan cost. Buckley noted these funds will compound in the future. Hoffman suggested showing what the impact is on the employee. It was suggested to provide the Board with information regarding what previous Boards approved over the last three to five years as well as showing a comparison of what the University employees have paid. In addition, it needs to be explored regarding how far the AS staff is off from the University staff in regards to what employees are paid. Hoffman said she’d be in support of a 50/50 split and wouldn’t want employees to take on more than 50%. She also suggested that perhaps there should be a broader discussion about the total remuneration package for staff. Jarquin suggested a Special Board of Directors meeting next week during this time to specifically discuss this item.

E. Information Item: Wildcat Statue History, Logistics and Funding Presentation – Jarquin provided a presentation regarding the wildcat statue, noting that different groups associated with the statue are talking more about the
wildcat statue, leading up to a second vote on the statue location which will be from October 9 through October 30. She noted that the wildcat became the mascot for Chico State in 1924. She said the project budget is $110,000 for artwork, $25,000 for installation and site improvements. Hoffman said the University has gotten a lot of bad press regarding their contribution for the statue and need to pull back their funding; however, they can help with “in-kind” contributions. It was noted that no state funds or student fees are being used to fund this project. Hoffman said because bronze is expensive, perhaps they could shrink the size of the statue to save money. Discussion was held. Hoffman said during 2012/13 the AS Board voted to donate $10,000. Statue location was next reviewed and it was noted that there was a goal to prominently place the statue in the core campus area. Jarquin said the spring 2015 vote count results were confusing and it was recommended to go back out and educate more. She said Open Forums will be held October 14, 20 and 28. Jarquin said voting will be held to choose between the Trinity Commons location and the Chestnut Street location (between the BMU and PAC). She said to let her know ASAP if there are any additional questions.

F. Information Item: 8/31/15 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – Slaughter reviewed with the Board, noting the benchmark of 17%. He said revenue was at 44.31% and expenses were at 11.34% and Activity Fee is doing well.

G. Information Item: 8/31/15 Student Union and WREC Summary Income and Expenses Statements – Buckley reviewed the Student Union statement, noting that the Student Union expensed 11.28% of their annual budget, generated 4.71% of projected income and is in good shape. Buckley said the WREC is doing quite well with total revenue at 2.15% of budget and overall expenses at 12.14% of budget.

H. Information Item: 8/31/15 Chico State Wildcat Store Financials – Zaleski provided an overview of the report noting total operating expenses of $159,995 with net income at $171,419. He said other income of $365,627 includes $328,506 of the Follett commission as well as the one-time bonus at $19,444 (Hoffman left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.).

I. Information Item: 8/31/15 Dining Services Financials – Zaleski reviewed the Dining Services financials, noting the cost of sales was at 12.8% less than budgeted, with operating income at 2.76% more than budgeted (Delorenzo left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.).

J. Information Item: 6/30/15 Activity Fee, Student Union, Auxiliary Activities and Corporate Services Fund Capital Expenditures Reports – (Curtis left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.). Motion to table this item until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting (Jarquin/Howell) 6/0/0 MSC.

K. Director of University Affairs Report – Pratt passed.

L. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Howell said CSSA is this weekend.

M. University Vice Presidents’ Reports – Calandrella passed.

N. Executive Director’s Report – Buckley said based on the email sent previously regarding the Real Food Challenge, he will send language that the Chancellor’s Office approved which is different than what some people think it is. He said it would be helpful for the Board to see this language.

O. President’s Report – Jarquin passed.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XI. OPINION – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. by the Chair, Jarquin.