

Approved October 8, 2021

## MINUTES

*Governors Present: **Dave Hodson, Chair**; Chuck Nelsen, Vice-Chair; Stuart Casillas, Past Chair; Dr. Marcia Moore; Cathy Pleasant*

*Ex Officio: Gayle Hutchinson, President; Ahmad Boura, Vice President for University Advancement (CEO); Ann Sherman, Vice President for Business and Finance (CFO)*

*Staff: Pam Hollis, Evonnia Dominguez, Wendi Engasser, University Advancement*

Chair Dave Hodson called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

### **Chair's Report: Dave Hodson**

Chair Hodson asked the committee members for feedback about holding the October board meetings remote or in person. Vice President Ahmad Boura explained that the resurgent Delta strain of the coronavirus had forced the campus to reinstate some of the COVID protections it had lifted in the spring. These restrictions include mandated indoor masking, even for vaccinated individuals. Many of the events scheduled are either in violation of the new requirements, or require mitigation that is either not possible, or not conducive to effective meetings and events. He added that most Parent and Alumni activities would move from in-person to a remote format. After much discussion, the board decided to make all board meetings remote, and cancel the in-person events. The president suggested hosting a small reception, in person and COVID compliant, for those board members who are in town. Marcia Moore moved to approve the change. Chuck Nelsen seconded, and the group agreed. Hodson asked for changes or corrections to the draft agendas for the October meetings. There were none. Moore moved to approve the agendas. Nelsen seconded it, and the group agreed to approve the agendas as presented.

### **President's Report: Gayle Hutchinson**

President Gayle Hutchinson shared some new information about enrollment. Enrollment is higher than last year, and they are working on a new enrollment strategic plan next year for incoming students. The President announced that 1900 students officially moved into the University dorms and that over 97% of students are vaccinated. Starting this fall, 18 new faculty members began at the University, and the Higher Education Relief Funding granted 24.5 million dollars in emergency aid to students. The final report and recommendations provided by the Presidential Task Force on examining University police policies and practices have been complete, and the President presented the new University logo to the board.

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**CFO's Report: Ann Sherman**

Vice President Ann Sherman reviewed the Chico State Budget Cycle with the board. She announced that the University had submitted its finalized CSU Budget to the Chancellor's Office, and the State Budget Allocation Process has distributed 140 million dollars to the University. Sherman also explained the covid implications of the fiscal year, including the CSU budget reduction and enrollment uncertainties.

**CEO's Report – Ahmad Boura**

Pam Hollis reported on behalf of VP Boura that they have hired two new Regional Development Officers and added an Executive Outreach Coordinator to the team. They hope to have a Development Officer retreat very soon. Rob Talley, Development Officer for Athletics, has resigned to take a position at the University of New Mexico, leaving the development team short a member. Boura added that they are currently working to recruit Regional Officers in New York City and Portland.

Hodson adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

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