



Approved June 21, 2024

Remote via Zoom

Governors present: **Christina Nichols, Chair;** Joyce Densmore-Thomas; Olena Lacy; Chuck Nelsen; Cathy Pleasant; Earl Reed; Tim Sauer; Dave Scotto; **Absent:** Gayle Dilley; David Hodson; David Hufford; John Morrell; Matt Ober; Braydan Young

Ex Officio present: Steve Perez, President; Ahmad Boura, Vice President for University Advancement (CEO); Jamie Clyde, Interim Vice President for Business and Finance (CFO)

Staff present: Pam Hollis, Dwight Seuser, and Robin Carter, University Advancement

MINUTES

Governance Committee Chair Chris Nichols called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. She asked if anyone had any corrections or changes to the minutes from the October 9, 2023 meeting. Hearing none, Nichols called for a motion to approve the minutes. Cathy Pleasant moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Earl Reed seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair's Report: Chris Nichols

Nichols explained the policy review process and that Section #2: Ethics and Accountability is the section currently under review. Based on the University Style Guide, it is recommended to change CSU, Chico to Chico State throughout the policy manual. This would specifically affect the Mission Statement under Section 2.1. The mission statement is noted on the footer of the entire policy manual as well. Policy 2.2 Conflict -of-Interest has a similar issue and it was recommended by university staff to change California State University, Chico to Chico State for consistency.

Nichols also discussed Policies 2.4 – 2.7 with the governors. These policies were written by other governing bodies and have been adopted by the University Foundation.

Concern was raised about changing the name in the policy manual and if it would have ramifications beyond Chico State and the Foundation. After some discussion, it was determined not to change the university naming without further information and understanding of the branding guidelines. Ahmad Boura suggested that the University Communication team present more information on this subject at one of the General Sessions.

Nelsen moved to acknowledge that Policy Section 2. Ethics and Accountability has been reviewed and approved with exception to the CSU, Chico name changes proposed. Olena Lacy seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
GOVERNANCE Committee
Monday, February 19, 2024
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



California State University **Chico**
University Foundation

CEO's Report: Ahmad Boura

Boura apprised the board of several potential board members for 2024-25: Daniel Cerda '00, Ellie Carbajal '97, Ali Khorasaneh '96, Suzy McCreary '92, Lance Lew '79 and Bob Nienaber '89. Stuart Casillas will be stepping down at the end of this year due to his nine-year term limit. Marilyn Rees may also be stepping down as she has recently moved to the east coast and is in a transition period.

New Business: Nichols

Nichols asked for any new business. Boura shared that he and several board members recently attended the AGB 2024 Foundation Leadership Forum. He praised the board for reviewing the policies on a regularly scheduled basis. Many board members he spoke to do not have a defined review process.

There was no additional new business.

Nichols adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m. noting that the next meeting Governance Committee meeting will be held Monday, June 17, 2024.

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