Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the CSUSM Corporation Board of Directors May 12, 2026

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present: Ann Bersi *(Vice-Chair*) Carmen Rene, Chris Thibodeau, Charles De Leone, Leon Wyden *(Chair),* Jennifer Ostergren*,* Kim Pulvers, Michael Walsh, Sarah Villarreal

Board Members Absent: Cameron Munn, Carl Kemnitz, Denise Garcia, Elaine Pollard Kristin Stewart, Viridiana Diaz

Staff Present: Deanne Ellison, Dorothy Davis, Janine Prior, Michelle Hinojosa, Travis Douglas

Staff Present on Zoom: Deborah Davis, Kerry Baker

Guests: Tristan Bugnot; Audrie Smith

I. Convening of the Regular Meeting

Wyden called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m., and Davis conducted the roll call, confirming the presence of a quorum.

II. Open Session

Wyden opened the floor for public comment. Deanne Ellison then introduced the incoming ASI President, Tristan Bugnot, and the Vice President of Student & University Affairs, Audrie Smith.

III. Consideration of Minutes

March 3, 2026, minutes were approved as distributed.

IV. Committee Reports and University Updates

A. **University Update** *(Villarreal)*

Villarreal noted that the week is particularly exciting as commencement ceremonies are being held on May 15–16, with over 2,000 graduates expected to participate.

B. **Executive Committee** *(Ellison)*

Ellison shared updates on upcoming projects: Barnes & Noble College has been secured as the bookstore vendor, with relocation to the ELB first floor planned for Spring 2027. The Campus Way Café project will move forward this summer as "200 Eats." The UVA painting project is expected to be completed in July 2026, with mitigation efforts ongoing. Ribbon cuttings for Black Oak Hall and Kwiila Dining (BOHKD) are planned for early August.

C. **Sponsored Projects Committee** *(De Leone)*

De Leone congratulated Dr. Pulvers on receiving a grant and noted that progress is moving forward smoothly, with little to no issues related to federal grant concerns.

D. **Finance & Operations Committee** (*Rene)*
Rene advised that the Finance Committee reviewed the FY 2026–2027 budget on May 12, 2026, following a postponement from May 7 due to an EOC standby. Members conducted independent reviews. Rene reported that the financials are in good standing and recommended Board approval of the proposed budget, along with the Compensation Guidelines and Structure.

E. **Joint Audit Committee Report** *(Thibodeau)*
Thibodeau shared there are no new reporting items.

F. **Housing & Dining Advisory Committee** (*Douglas)*
Douglas noted that all housing projects are underway and that hiring and recruitment remain a priority.

G. **Corporation Updates** *(Ellison)*
Ellison reported that the Corporation has received certificates of occupancy for Black Oak Hall and Kwiila Dining. She also provided an update on the onboarding of a new Marketing Manager, with a focus on better communicating the Corporation's identity. Additionally, she noted that plans for the BOHKD ribbon-cutting and the opening of Discovery Hall are underway, with both expected in early August.

V. <u>Consent Agenda</u>
Wyden noted that the Consent Agenda included the Revised AORMA Participation Agreement, Revised CSUSM Corporation Procurement Policy, and the FY 2026–2027 Proposed Budget and Compensation Guidelines and Structure. Having been reviewed by the respective committees, no items were removed. Rene put forward a motion to approve, seconded by De Leone, and all members present voted in favor.

VI. <u>Action Item (Mission Statement)</u>
Wyden asked if there was any discussion regarding approval of the revised Mission Statement. Hearing consensus from all members that it reflects the Corporation's purpose and guiding principles, he called for a motion. Rene put forward a motion to approve, seconded by Walsh, and all members present voted in favor with none opposed.

VII. <u>Adjournment</u>
Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Kim Pulvers

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Secretary

10/9/26

Date