



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
CSUSM Corporation Board of Directors
February 29, 2024**

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present: Denise Garcia, Carl Kemnitz, Jason Schreiber (*Chair*); Moy Valdez, Leon Wyden

Board Members on Zoom: Ann Bersi (*Vice-Chair*); Carmen Rene, Jennifer Ostergren (arrival 4:17p.m.), Kristin Stewart, Christopher Thibodeau, Sarah Villarreal and Michael Walsh

Board Members Absent: Justin Cadiz and Cynthia Chavez Metoyer

Staff Present: Trina Beckwith; Justin Cox, Dorothy Davis, Michelle Hinojosa; Janine Prior, Janelle Temnick

Staff Present on Zoom: Deborah Davis

Guests: None in attendance

I. Convening of the Regular Meeting

Davis took a roll call. A quorum being present, Chair Schreiber called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. Open Session

Schreiber opened the meeting to public comments. There were none.

III. Minutes of the December 7, 2023, Regular Meeting

Schreiber asked if everyone had the chance to review the minutes distributed prior to the meeting and called for corrections. *No corrections were offered; the December 7, 2023, minutes were approved as distributed.*

IV. Committee Reports and University Updates

A. University Update (*Villarreal*)

- The University Village Housing & Dining (UVHD) Groundbreaking event held on January 19, 2024, was successful. The project received \$91 million from the State of California, indicating it was a pioneering initiative in the state for student housing.
- The efforts are ongoing with campus leaders participating in advocacy at the state level in Sacramento, and plans are set for CSU Hill day in DC this April to advocate for campus and system priorities.
- Budget challenges remain a top priority, along with managing resources effectively.
- Several upcoming events happening on Campus including 'Donut with Dean Schreiber' and 'Pizza with the President', alongside numerous activities such as the arts and lecture series.

- In athletics, Women’s basketball team triumphed as Conference Champions.

B. Corporation Updates (*Temnick*)

- The onboarding of Executive Director, Deanne Ellison, including her biography, was shared.
- Photos of the USU Campus Market renovation were presented.
- The UVHD project is making significant strides; Expected completion June 2026 with move in date, August 2026. Groundbreaking event photos were shared.
- There is anticipation for higher enrollment for the upcoming academic year (2024-2025), therefore addressing overflow housing is a priority. Hampton Inn is no longer a viable option.
Potential solutions:
- Revamp single living spaces into doubles and doubles to triple conversion within our current inventory.
- Exploring opportunities to expand housing in Block C.
- CSUSM Corporation collaborated with the campus to conduct a Youth Protection Audit. This audit involved the Chancellor’s office and the Audit and Advisory Services Department. The primary focus was to evaluate youth protection measures for college students under 18 and visitors on campus.

C. Executive Committee Report (*Wyden*)

- Dr. Garcia received one of ten prestigious NIH awards nationwide for the project focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in research settings.
- Ongoing discussions were announced regarding staffing and organizational needs.
- Progress on the UVHD Project developments was shared.
- The USU Market Renovation enhancements were highlighted along with feedback received from faculty and staff.
- Efforts are underway to advance the Wellness and Recreation project through the Student Fee Advisory Committee, with a vote scheduled for April. The referendum will run for eight weeks as part of the normal election process. Construction plans for the facility within Seabreeze Properties, particularly in Block F, were discussed.

D. Sponsored Projects Report (*Beckwith*)

- Rachel Stiehl from the Office of Graduate Studies & Research (OGSR) was recognized for her role as the grant writer and serving as the principal investigator for initiating the University of Kentucky grant award, aimed at strengthening pre-award and post-award processes.
- The University received its Federal F&A rate agreement after 2.5 years, maintaining an on-campus rate of 49% for the next few years.
- The Office of Grants and Sponsored Research (OGSR) shared their proposals and awards reports for Q1 and Q2, submitting 50 proposals and receiving \$11 million in awards.
- Expenditure reports for Q1 and Q2 were shared, with expenditure reaching a record high of \$5.9 million. Q2 expenditures being \$3.9 million, lower than Q1, it was noted that this is typical during the holiday period, but still a 26% increase over the last fiscal year's Q2.

E. Finance and Operations Committee (*Rene*)

- The committee reviewed the Quarterly Financial Report & Combined Operations Summary (Attachment C) as well as the Quarterly Investment Report. (Attachment D). The financials had no discrepancies and are favorable to budget.

F. Joint Audit Committee (Thibodeau)

- The Committee received a detailed overview from Debi Smith, a consultant from Aldrich regarding the CSUSM Corporation 990 tax return. After diligent review of the returns, the committee recommends the Board approve the 990 tax returns Consent Agenda (a)(i).

G. Student Housing and Dining Advisory Committee (Walsh)

- Crash’s Market is currently installing self-checkout registers and making progress on enabling the use of EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) at their store.
- Starbucks Connect now offers mobile ordering. They are also working on integrating a solution that allows students to use their dining dollars or Cougar Cash through the app.
- Due to the UVHD project, there are some restrictions on ADA access. However, they are actively exploring alternative solutions to address this issue.

V. Consent Agenda

During the meeting, Schreiber clarified the purpose of the Consent Agenda. It was confirmed that the items had been introduced and reviewed by the Joint Audit Committee and the Sponsored Projects Committee. Following this, Schreiber invited members to voice any desire to remove specific items from the Consent list. Since there were no such requests, Schreiber then sought a motion for the approval of the following items: (a)(i): CSUSM Corporation 990 Tax Return for FY 22/23 and (b)(i), Service Centers Policy as listed on the Consent Agenda.

With no objections or requests for removal, a motion was proposed and seconded by Rene and Wyden to approve the following consent agenda items:


(a)(i): CSUSM Corporation 990 Tax Return for FY 22/23.

(b)(i): Service Centers Policy as listed on the Consent Agenda.

The board members in attendance expressed their support for this motion, and it was executed without any abstention.

VI. Adjournment

Chair, Schreiber adjourned the meeting at 4:32


Denise Garcia (May 24, 2024 15:34 PDT)

Denise Garcia
Secretary

5/24/2024

Date