

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format.

Monday, January 22, 2024

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Allison Wagner, Mia Arisman, Katie Chai, Christian Sullivan, Itzel Saucedo Dominguez, Sri Ramani Thungapati, Shari Anderson, Dr. Joseph Morales, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson

MEMBERS ABSENT –

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Dr. Chela Mendoza Patterson, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Eliza Miller, Chris Navarrete, Brooke McCall, Jon Simmons, Shar Krater

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Wagner, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Wagner called for a motion to strike Business Item A from the agenda. **Motion to strike Business Item A from the agenda (Alaniz-Wiggins/Chai) 5-0-0 MSC.** Approval of the 1/22/24 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 1/22/2024 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Chai/Sullivan) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 11/17/23 and 12/1/23 regular meeting minutes. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/17/23 and 12/1/23 regular meetings, as presented (Arisman/Chai) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Wright welcomed Shari Anderson.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- VII. **STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE (SAS) REPORT** – Action Items forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee from the Senate stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Committee action.

Student Academic Senate (SAS) Committee –
 - a. SAS Actions: SAS Actions
 - i. No meeting held.

VIII. BUSINESS

A. ~~Discussion Item: Joshua Rivedal regarding “The iMpossible Project”~~

- IX. **ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** – Alaniz-Wiggins said she had the chance to go to Sacramento and give a speech to President Garcia regarding faculty diversity and pay. She also gave a speech to Chico State at Turning Point. She attended CSSA with Sullivan. They are working to change EO___ regarding transfer students. Right now we are dealing with CFA strikes. Arisman said SAS will be 9 am-9:50 am bi-weekly on Fridays. Chai said that she is working with civic engagement, they have a large event in March. Sullivan attended CSSA with Autumn where two action items were passed. He’s working on Black History Month events. There was no SJ&E meeting held. Thungapati said that she is back from emergency family leave. She is working with committees to start getting things moving. She will be at SFAC on Friday and will be addressing the projects presented there. Saucedo Dominguez is getting her council up and running. Sullivan said that he is also recruiting additional members to SJ&E.

X. STAFF REPORTS – McAllister-Knutson said it's Wildcat Welcome, and the Resource Fair has been moved to Thursday. Clubtacular may be rescheduled from next Wednesday as well due to the weather. Dr. Morales shared that they are working with Hallel, and are partnering with Student Affairs to help students with mental health access. The campus is working on a proposal for funding and developed an EDI institute between the deans, and he will be extending this to the chair council as well. They are continuing their free speech campus initiative this semester as well. Anderson shared that Senior Sendoff is April 23rd, and there will be Wildcat Spirit Week as well, alongside the time capsule. They have CSU Alumni Event in Sacramento and Alaniz-Wiggins will be attending. Dr. Patterson welcomed all back and noted that Tipping Point focused on Black Excellence and Alaniz-Wiggins presented beautifully at it. Dr. Patterson also gave kudos to Sullivan's part on the panel as well. Dr. Patterson also thanked Thungapati for her commitment and was elated to see Anderson on this committee. Wright stated the Government Affairs team was hard at work; she stated that Miller will now be the Government Affairs Coordinator and she looks forward to having her insight and support for the students moving forward. The Commissioner of Community Affairs seat is now open, and the application closes this Friday at noon. Wagner will be the chair of this interview committee. Wright welcomes Jon Simmons as well as the new Associate Executive Director. The event with Cabinet has been rescheduled to a future date. February 2nd will be Government Affairs spring training, and she is working with Wagner to plan activities for it. Wright explained the budget will be out soon and she is looking forward to working through it with them.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Wagner said thank you to all for being patient with her while she worked with Wright regarding the training. Wagner also asked that all reach out to Martin as they see her as she will always be a part of the team. There will be an interview committee coming soon for the Commissioner of Community Affairs spot.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Simmons introduced himself to the team.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Wagner, adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm