

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, January 30, 2026

3:00 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Beatrix Teaney, Kureha Takayama, Gia Monticello, Sarah Lanum, Dr. Cirilo Cortez, Shari Anderson, Tia Saunders, Mahraya Davis, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson

MEMBERS ABSENT – Dr. Joseph Morales, Zion Fozo

OTHERS PRESENT – Brooke McCall, Chase Weiland, Madi Sunderman, Luke Bagwell, Eliza Miller, Kendra Wright

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Teaney, called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 1/30/26 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 1/30/26 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Lanum/Takayama) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 12/5/25 meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 12/5/25 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Lanum/Monticello) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, nine 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.
 - A. Student Academic Senate Committee
SAS Actions: No Meetings Held
Takayama stated SAS happened today and will be reported at next GAC.
- VIII. **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY REPORT** – Action Items forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee from the Senate stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Committee action.
 - A. Social Justice and Equity Committee
SJEC Actions: No Meetings Held
Davis stated she'll report on the meeting at next GAC.
- IX. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for Academic Year 2025-26. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for Academic Year 2025-26, as presented. (Lanum/Takayama) 5-0-0 MSC**
 - B. Action Item: Approval of confirmation of appointments to the 2026 AS Scholarship Committee –

Executive Vice President Appointments: Zion Fozo, Sarah Lanum, Miguel Sueki, and Mahraya Davis. **Action Requested: Motion to approve confirmation of appointments to the 2026 AS Scholarship Committee – Executive Vice President Appointments: Zion Fozo, Sarah Lanum, Miguel Sueki, and Mahraya Davis, as presented. (Lanum/Saunders) 5-0-0 MSC**

- C. Information Item: Capital Expenditure Reports for quarter ending 12/31/25
Teaney stated there is nothing to report. There's not normally a budget for this report, but if an item needed to be voted on at GAC it would be voted on during the committee meeting.
- D. Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Money Market for quarter ending 12/31/25
Teaney stated that we're looking at the activity fee. Our daily investment is \$1,428,801.90 which earns an interest of around \$60,036.60 on a return of 4.2%. Our total investment balance is \$5,691,440.99 which lives in our reserves. Takayama asked if the activity fee is part of what students pay into, and Teaney confirmed yes. Takayama then asked what the tuition payment towards the activity fee this year and it was confirmed that information is on the website. It's \$80 per semester, so \$160 per year as reflected on the website.

X. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. President Report – Saunders stated she hopes everyone is getting what they want out of their positions. CHESS is also coming up as well as some other student activities that will invite more students. She's also still doing Know Your Resources.
- B. Commissioner of Community Affairs Report – Fozo is absent because she is at a debate.
- C. Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Report – Monticello stated she just came back from CSSA and Sonoma and the Chancellor's office came to present to them. She has a CSSA blog up on the website where students can read more about what happened.
- D. Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Report – Teaney stated this position is vacant and will not be a report for the remainder of this semester.
- E. Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Report – Lanum said Sustainability Affairs Council will be next Tuesday February 3rd at 3:30 in BMU 209. SFAC opens February 8th.

- XI. **STAFF REPORTS** – Dr. Cortez stated Student Affairs had a successful development day at the start of the semester. They are planning with SLL and campus partners for more traditions with more to come. They had a successful winter orientation with over 500 new students. There was also a peaceful no ICE on campus protest. Wright also took time to say that there is a survey students can fill out in student announcements for further traditions.
McAllister-Knutson stated that all the Wildcat Welcome information is on CatsConnect and she is excited for this semester.
Anderson stated everyone is working on a strategic plan for student success. Monticello will also be there presenting. She'll also be helping with advocacy on a state and federal level. The last week of February is gradfest, and there will be a lot of people tabling, including the alumni office. The commencement website has dates for this.

- XII. **DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT**— Wright stated that she's looking forward to spring training. It will be next Friday. This will be a 10 AM arrival at Estom Jamani with no need to pay or swipe. Run for Office is also currently open. Drop-ins are open Monday through Friday from 2-3 PM in BMU 220. This requires check-in at the front desk of the WLC. Wright clarified that campaigning is not yet open because we are in Run for Office. March 4th is the deadline for Run for Office. She also stated she's excited to work with the team on the AS Activity Fee budget. She also encouraged reviewing the budget and asking questions. The timeline on that will be at the end of March, she will not be in attendance on April 3rd, but the following GAC will showcase all of the numbers. Today, she also announced the AS Programs Director, and she thanked Teaney for her participation in the process. Andrew Ly was also involved and provided feedback. Her name is Natalie Norton, and she'll be starting with the AS on March 2nd.

- XIII. **CHAIR REPORT** – Teaney welcomed everyone back. She stated she's been meeting with Wright and discussing possibilities for structures for councils that have difficulties meeting quorum. This will be brought up to the table as information items, then discussion, and then action. She also stated the SOEAF policy will get brought back again. She expressed gratitude for everyone doing their part. She also attended SAS today for the first time.

- XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**— Takayama stated she is the Vice President of the Global Student Society and they focus on providing for international students. International prom will be on April 21st from 5 to 8 PM. The AS maximum fund is \$3,000, and we cannot go over that. She is looking for a way to get more support, as the funding is all used for food. Teaney asked if Revenue Sharing funds could be utilized for this despite elections, and Wright clarified that the election this year won't be available until the following school year although funds from the 2025 revenue sharing account can be utilized this semester.
- Davis stated on February 12th Black Resource Center is partnering with the Janet Turner art museum. This will be from 12-2. That night from 5-8 PM the Young Black and Gifted event will also be happening. She is the president of club QTPOCS, which also has their first event on February 16th from 5:30-7 PM.
- Monticello stated Leadership Summit is happening February 7th. You get club cash if two members attend. There's also a leadership certificate program through this.
- Teaney stated GSEC is hosting their annual drag burlesque show on March 12th from 5-7 PM, and Teaney will be performing. This has been moved to Laxson Auditorium. Today is a national strike day as well to protest ICE.
- XV. PUBLIC OPINION**— None.
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT** – Teaney adjourned the meeting at 3:47PM.