

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

**Friday, October 17, 2025**

**2:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Kureha Takayama, Zion Fozo, Matt Beale,

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Eliza Miller, Emily Berry (recording), Kendra Wright, Anna Paladini, Ben Spiess, Keith Crawford, Brooke McCall, Jasmine Saephan, Luke Bagwell, Thomas Duran, Luna, Aaron Schwartz

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Teaney, called the meeting to order at 2:34PM
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 10/17/25 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 10/17/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented**  
**Motion to table Business Item B (Davis/Lanum) 4-0-0 MSC**  
**Motion to approve the 10/17/25 amended meeting agenda (Lanum/Davis) 4-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 10/3/25 meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 10/3/25 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Saunders/Lanum) 4-0-0 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
    1. SAS Actions: Approval of 10/2/25 Student Academic Senate Agenda
    2. Approval of 9/12/25 Student Academic Senate Minutes
    3. Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for 2025-26Takayama is not here today, so Teaney read the actions.
- 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.
  - B. Social Justice and Equity Committee
    1. SJEC Actions: No meetings held.Davis stated that she personally interviewed and vetted her committee members and she takes the code of ethics seriously. She thanked the committee for not making a decision while she was not in attendance and that the code of ethics applies to members of Government Affairs councils and committees upon appointment, and not necessarily before. There is a multicultural showcase

coming up. Auditions are on the October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and the actual event is on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. The first SJEC meeting is on Wednesday at 2:30pm.

## IX. BUSINESS

### A. Consent Agenda

*All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are enacted by one motion without discussion. A member of the committee who desires a separate discussion of any item may pull that item from the Consent Agenda.*

#### **2025-26 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

##### Confirmation of appointments to Campus Engagement Council

- Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Appointment: Miko Kilma
- Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Appointment: Swasti Sharma

##### Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Council

- Director of Social Justice and Equity Appointment: Johnny Garcia

##### Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council

- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Yasin Sensoy

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (Davis/Lanum) 4-0-0 MSC**

~~Action Item: Appointment of Talia Gelfand to the Social Justice and Equity Committee~~

~~**Action Requested: Motion to approve the Appointment of Talia Gelfand to the Social Justice and Equity Committee, as presented. (!) 0-0-0 MSC**~~

### B. Discussion Item: 2026 AS General Election Procedures

Brooke McCall introduced herself. She reviewed the election procedures, stating the election is made up of run for office and then a vote. This spans from January to the beginning of April every Spring. It is her job to work closely with all of the students, marketing and outreach as well to have a successful election. They are looking to extend the ballot being open for 48 hours, as well as extending the timeframe for Run For Office.

Davis asked what to do if someone is elected and then deemed ineligible if the position could then be offered to who else ran for that position. Wright stated bylaws would have to be changed to allow this. Written in the bylaws currently is the overarching procedures for the elected 17. Some other schools do have a scenario written in that allows that scenario to take place.

Saunders asked if adding another day was to try to get campus involvement, to which McCall confirmed yes.

The possibility of small reimbursements for students campaigning was also discussed.

### C. Information Item: Activity Fee Contract Programs

Wright reviewed the presentation slides. Student Affairs received \$63,195 from the Activity Fee and \$63,195 from Union Fee. This includes CCLC, Black Resource Center, APIDA, and EI Centro. The AS provides student affairs \$126,390 total, this number is derived from the previous year's enrollment. SOLE and SOEAF were also reviewed and received \$50,500. Cultural Graduation Celebrations receive \$4,500 and disperse as they deem needed for the celebrations being provided. GSEC, KCSC, and CLIC are in Academic Affairs and are not in the AS. GSEC gets an annual allocation of \$36,000, KCSC \$20,000 and CLIC \$38,800. The B Line received \$208,667 from the AS or 68% of a total of \$306,863, the remainder of which is contributed by Chico State in an amount of 32%. Basic Needs Food Pantry has also received \$5,000 from the Activity Fee.

### D. Information Item: Capital Expenditure Reports for quarter ending 6/30/25

Teaney reviewed the Capital Expenditure document. No money was spent out of the \$25,000.

## **X. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

- A. **President Report** – Saunders stated the Town Hall will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1 in BMU 203. Know Your Resources reels on Instagram have also started, and the first video highlights Educational Opportunity Programs or EOPs.
- B. **Commissioner of Community Affairs Report** – Fozo is absent at Speech and Debate.
- C. **Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Report** – Monticello stated she and Saunders will be attending CSSA and learning about advocacy efforts. She's also been connecting with the Tribal Relations office to learn about what CSSA is signing on. She'll also be doing a sister Instagram takeover for her sorority.
- D. **Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Report** – Beale is absent at Speech and Debate.
- E. **Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Report** – Lanum stated there are no sustainability meetings since the last GAC. She is excited to announce that from Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:15-3:15 they'll be hosting their first meeting in BMU 205. SFAC workshops are ongoing, the deadline for proposals is November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. Contact the AS Sustainability Coordinator with questions. On Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> Chico City Council will be discussing a proposal to integrate joyride e-scooters.

## **XI. STAFF REPORTS –**

Cortez stated Wildcat Weekend was very successful. Student Affairs received several nominations for a student learning committee. SLL's Concert on the Lawn will be next week on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5PM on Kendall lawn.

McAllister-Knutson expressed that the club donation challenge happened and wanted to thank people who donated. Fridays are Spirit Days. Wildcat Wednesdays are the first Wednesdays of every month with downtown businesses wearing Chico State merch.

## **XII. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—**

Wright elaborated on a question from last meeting. Fozo had asked what the negative 17% was, and Wright stated the entry lacked parenthesis. We had \$49,857 entered into the spreadsheet, but there were no parentheses, so it was treated as a withdrawal; this should've been a credit rather than a debit. The overall department numbers remain the same. On behalf of Fozo she'd like to announce the Moonlit Safety Walk on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Wright also announced she will not be available for the Halloween GAC meeting.

## **XIII. CHAIR REPORT –**

Teaney wanted to express appreciation for all of those at the table especially with appointments and the tabling of appointments. She is working on setting up one-on-ones with the Commissioners. Campus Sustainability day is next Thursday from 11-2 in Colusa. The Cool Cat Closet will be next Wednesday and Thursday.

## **XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS—**

Lanum mentioned Campus Sustainability day as well. The Mosaic for it is going to be a moving mural. Tabling from the clubs is from 11-2 in the Gauntlet. The remaining SFAC workshops are on Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 over Zoom, on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 on Zoom and in BMU 204, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 over Zoom and in BMU 209, one on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 on Zoom and in BMU 204 and the last meeting is October 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in BMU 209. The deadline to submit is November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. Monticello says October 20<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register to vote in the special election.

## **XV. PUBLIC OPINION—**

Jasmine Saephan stated in addition to Campus Sustainability Day, Bug Night is on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm. On Halloween night is the Spooktacular as well. There will also be a concert on the patio. Thomas Duran introduced himself. He also wanted to explain a bit about what the ambassador team does like helping with boots on the ground for events.

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Teaney adjourned the meeting at 4:02PM.