



## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024,**

**2:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Aaron Schwartz, Chris Sullivan, Dev Kachiwala, Madison Kelley, Aishwarya Gowda, Gia Monticello, Adin White, Humberto Partida, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Dr. Joseph Morales, Kendra Wright, Emily Berry (recording)

**MEMBERS ABSENT** –

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Jon Simmons, Shar Krater, Kyle Alsberry, Michael Pratt, Keith Crawford, Katey VonMosch, Brooke McCall, Dr. Cirilo Cortez, Eliza Miller, Richard Oliver

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 2:30PM
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 10/9/24 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 10/23/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Partida/White) 7-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 9/25/24 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 10/9/24 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Gowda/Kelley) 7-0-0 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 10/15/24 Student Academic Senate agenda
    2. Approval of 10/01 Student Academic Senate Minutes  
Kachiwala stated they approved the agenda and minutes. President Sullivan presented about CSSA. They are also going to talk about academic reorganization next.

### **VIII. 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.*

### **2024-25 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

Confirmation of appointment to Associated Students Facilities Committee (ASFC)

Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Ashley Arce

Confirmation of appointment to Associated Students Businesses Committee (ASBC)

Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Kareena Siganporia

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (Partida/Gowda) 7-0-0 MSC**

B. Action Item: 2025 AS Election Procedures (attached, page 8-10) **(Gowda/White) 7-0-0 MSC**

C. Discussion Item: Activity Fee Budget vs Actual June 2024 (attached, page 11)

Kendra stated this is the answers to the test for how we did as an organization. Activity Fee is GAC's world. The goal at year's end is around 100% or under. Over means the budget was overexerted. The first section is revenues, which means money coming in. We hit about 84% of estimated results. We came in about 300,000 below what was expected. Other expenses shows money going out. They include contract programs, corporate services, activity fee, and student programming. 51% was presented, though they anticipated more. Operational expenses is the anticipated amount they thought they would spend as well, which ended at 157,000 and at about 71.99%. They thought they would go into 218,000. Government Affairs went in at 542,000 and got 96.76%. Campus Programs like CDL were just under a total of 200,000, with anticipated costs at 254,000, which put them at 79.62%. CAVE overall expenses were anticipated to be 226,000 but they came in under 200,000 at 87.23%. We finished 233,431 under budget. They requested to tap into activity fee reserves, were approved, but didn't need to tap into the reserves at all. Partida asked if this was for last year to which Wright confirmed. Gowda wanted clarification on activity fee, and Wright confirmed this was for activity fee only, though the AS also includes Union Fee. Activity fee corporate services and union all report up to Board. Gowda asked if Revenue Sharing is budgeted as well and Wright confirmed Revenue Sharing rolls into the Activity Fee. Kachiwala asked what happens to the leftover money since we went under budget. Wright elaborated that the activity fee rolls as an arm upward to the overall operating budget. At the end of the day it all contributes and gets into the same bucket as the final AS budget.

D. Discussion Item: Introduction of Chico State Playbook

Dr. Cortez also serves as cochair for the strategic planning for the Chico State Playbook. They are proud to announce the first initial draft. He also invited GAC to invite other staff and faculty to engage in feedback. He asked what comes to mind with a playbook. Sports, team, different plays for different things, strategy. The former playbook sunsetted in Spring of 2024. Their intention is to give them the opportunity to create a living document that allows them to change purpose year to year as needed. It allows them to look at organizational health as well to see what improvement might be needed. The playbook will answer six critical questions: why do we exist, how do we behave, what do we do, how will we succeed, what is most important right now, and who must do what. He asked what's most important right now, to which Kachiwala stated academics, Gowda stated community, Partida stated equity, Monticello stated student success, White stated cooperation. Cortez said there's diverse representation across campus with meetings since Spring 2024. They discussed questions, brought back data, drafted a first initial playbook, did consulting, did intensive summer work. They also split into subcommittees over the summer, with one group focused on data analysis, while the other group discussed an engagement plan. The QR code presented offers four questions, and he implored the GAC members read and answer to offer feedback. The draft is intended to be offered to the President by mid December. The Open House is set for November 14<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30 PM in Colusa 100 A/B. Kachiwala asked if the open house is posted on Cat's Connect, and Cortez stated it can be. McAllister-Knutson stated it could be added. White exited the meeting at 3:00PM.

E. Discussion Item: Resolution Honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chico State Pride

Michael Pratt stepped up to speak as the advisor. Chico State Pride is the longest continuously operating LGBTQ+ club in the State of California, and third oldest in the entire country. Schwartz stated we're the oldest public university, to which Pratt agreed. They've been around since 1975. They are asking for an acknowledgment from the AS since they were the ones who finally pushed through after 5 years of attempting to get approval and recognition. McAllister-Knutson asked about the archives at the library. Pratt stated they have some documents available, but some was destroyed over the years as well. They are also seeking a proclamation from Governor's office because it's so historic. There are three resolved clauses. First ask is honouring, second is to get it part of the official university record and the AS record as well as over to Meriam library for historical preservation and third is disseminating widely across campus. Pratt said they are seeking out the same entity who approved all the way back in 1975 to acknowledge the 50 years on campus. Originally they were part of their own organization, turned into pride/safezone, then broke into three sections: chico state pride the student organization, safe zone the faculty led training program, and then the queer program that became part of the women's center and became GSEC. Wright asked if the intention was for it to go on GAC, run to Board, and then get posted on the website. Pratt said yes, they want the paper trail due to the significance of the time period. Schwartz said it looks like they're asking for us to distribute the document. Schwartz read the document aloud to attempt to clarify. Schwartz clarified Wright's intention, which

was that GAC doesn't have the ability to pass a formal resolution on behalf of AS, but they can pass through various bodies to begin the process of final resolution dissemination. Pratt agreed. Schwartz went on to state we can't pass information through Meriam Library but we can ask. Pratt said they've already talked with special collections. Wright then went over two options, one to gather info and at next GAC vote, if it passes it would go up to Board. Second, they could make an amendment to the agenda with all of the new information to take it to an action item to vote. After assuring there would be enough time, Schwartz said everyone should familiarize themselves with the items to vote at the next GAC meeting if everyone was amenable to the idea.

#### **IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS—**

Partida stated they had their second council meeting last Friday which went well. AS partners came to speak and show information and increase awareness about mental health, how to spread awareness about that. Also about engaging with international students.

Kachiwala said the deadline is December for academic affairs to report or have a set model for the provost. For SAS they talked about Title IX and the office was invited to talk to the senators, though they have not responded back. He will be attending the graduate initiate symposium as well.

Gowda said her first social justice equity meeting this Friday is from 10-11 in 205. She is trying to help there be safe communities on campus. She is the MC of the multiculture showcase. There is an event 20<sup>th</sup> of November and a fashion show 19<sup>th</sup> of November. They are also shooting a Youtube video to cover international student employment.

Kelley said the first legislative affairs is October 28 from 3-4 PM in BMU 209. On the 28<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> there's a non partisan phone event where anyone is invited to come and volunteer. On election day, there is a ballot bash 11-3 on Trinity. She's also reporting for Shari, they're putting on a hatchet house event on November 6 5:30-7:30. Axe throwing is included.

Monticello Went to the alumni engagement opportunity. Moonlight safety stroll is coming up on October 29 from 6-8PM. Going from Main to Ivy, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. She also had her very first community affairs council meeting this Tuesday and it went well. She also wanted to share something Katey shared which is a Scholarship award for 15,000 for civil engagement. On October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm there's an informational webinar on Zoom. Make a difference day is also this Saturday.

Sullivan and Kelley went to CSSA Monterey Bay, talked about campus connections and dining services as well as accessibility of technology, books, and resources for students. They covered title IX as well. Chancellor's office is looking for feedback on the time place and manner policy. If there's any information they'd like to give, Sullivan can reach out to the CSSA president since CSSA is the official voice of the students to the Chancellor's office. He met with President Perez and if there are any questions Sullivan can let him know. He wanted to delegate a Coffee and Concerns potential tabling event from 1-2 and work with AS Marketing to create a QR code and questions. Sullivan can help fund the event. The alternative transportation chair Jeff Trailer reached out and are requesting two students to serve. The committee reports to the chancellor's office. Free concert from 5-7 this Friday. He wanted to ask that everyone take care of themselves and check in with each other on week 9 of classes.

#### **X. STAFF REPORTS –**

Dr. Morales usually talks about an emerging vision for the office of equity, diversity, and inclusion. Dr. Morales said they are focused on disrupting systemic racism and the way it is entrenched in higher education. One of their aspirations is to become a Hispanic serving institution serving students and not just enrolling them. Often times student success is defined in terms of academic outcomes. But there is a synergy needed between the outcomes and culture. What kind of culture on campus supports academic success? To change academic outcomes, there's a need to change culture. Hate speech is a form of protected speech at this moment, and there are some people who use this as a means to harm other communities. Working with that is a big challenge. Inter religious and inter culture dialogue has become a focus. There was a meeting scheduled for tomorrow but it fell on a Jewish holiday so it has been moved. They have an aspiration but there are still real world challenges. Even though there are options to change names or input pronouns, not all systems are connected. How can we have all systems connected to one another?

Kachiwala departed 3:28pm.

McAllister-Knutson stated last week was Greek week and the talent show. They also closed out first ever club donation challenge. Internal goal was about \$20,000. They raised over \$32,000 with over 632 donors. Clubs with the highest amount of donors the 1st is National student speech and language and hearing association. 2<sup>nd</sup> place is exercise physiology majors, 3<sup>rd</sup> was the student philanthropy council. For highest amount of donations 3<sup>rd</sup> is National speech and language and hearing association, 2<sup>nd</sup> is Black Student Union 1st is Exercise Physiology Majors. There is a flyer coming out with events happening around Halloween. One event on there is the Chico Live Festival, which is the next concert on Kendall Lawn. This is on Cat's Connect. There are 512 events currently on Cat's Connect.

Kachiwala returned at 3:30pm

**XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—**

Wright stated on behalf of the AS is the Halloween Skate Spooktacular on 10/31/24 from 7-10PM with booritos and pumpkin painting. She put a big thank you to the AS Events Team. She also thanked the presentations today. Dinner with the President is also tomorrow. She also offered congrats to the other colleagues such as Jaiden as ASFC's first meeting is tomorrow at 8AM.

**XII. CHAIR REPORT –**

Schwartz is following up on overall campus safety. He has a meeting for Clery report issues coming up and hopes to have tangible updates thereafter. A student named Lucas has a biodiesel project he's trying to get off the ground and implement that Schwartz is trying to assist with despite some real-world logistical hurdles.

**XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

Gowda said she will be having an AS informational table in the BMU. If there are any resources to share place it there and she can arrange it.

Partida and Sullivan met with a public advocate representative.

Sullivan stated they work with housing, higher education, and try to connect with student government at the CSU level.

**XIV. PUBLIC OPINION—**

Michael Pratt stated Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> on election day they will be doing a non partisan election viewing from 5-7PM. If anyone is considering graduate school, that is now open. They have blended programs as well and an accelerated master's program.

Katey VonMosch said thank you for being a supporter of CAVE. Make a Difference Day is this Saturday and they are hosting 6 different projects in Chico, there are only 9 spots left.

Kendra's birthday is on Friday and GAC Wished her a happy birthday.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:40PM.