

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, October 31, 2025

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Gia Monticello, Tia Saunders, Kureha Takayama, Matt Beale, Zion Fozo, Beatrix Teaney, Mahraya Davis, Sarah Lanum

MEMBERS ABSENT – Dr. Joseph Morales

OTHERS PRESENT – Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Shari Anderson, Dr. Cirilo Cortez, Eliza Miller, Luke Bagwell, Emily Berry (Recording), Anna Paladini, Keith Crawford, Jasmine Saephan, Katie VonMosch, Joe Dorgali, Kendra Clark, Charles Barsdale, Brooke McCall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Teaney, 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 10/31/25 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 10/31/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Fozo/Lanum) 7-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 10/17/25 meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 10/17/25 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Lanum/Saunders) 6-0-1 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 10/16/25 Student Academic Senate Agenda
 2. Approval of 10/2/25 Student Academic Senate Minutes
 3. Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for 2025-26Takayama reviewed the actions approved.
- 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 she'll report on the meeting at next GAC.

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 Legislative Affairs Council

-Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Luke Bagwell

Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Madi Sunderman

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

B. Action Item: 2026 AS General Election Procedures. **Action requested: Motion to approve the 2026 AS General Election Procedures, as presented. (Saunders/Lanum) 7-0-0 MSC**

Fozo provided kudos for extending the campaigning time and that she appreciates that decision.

C. Information Item: 2025-2026 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations

Resignation from Sustainability Affairs Council

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: AJ Dell'Aringa

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Zion Fofo

Lanum stated Fofo cannot attend because there's another meeting that happens at the same time. AJ Dell'Aringa requested to be removed.

D. Information Item: 9/30/25 Capital Expenditure Reports

Leach stated Activity Fee doesn't have a lot of planned Capital Expenditures. There were no planned expenditures and nothing was spent.

E. Information Item: 9/30/25 Review of Investments Local Agency Investment Fund and Money Market

Leach stated this is the schedule of investments and earnings for the entire corporation. We look at the second row down for Activity Fee. For the quarter ranging from July through September 2025, the average daily investment was \$1,332,583.82 million, interest earned was \$57,848.35 at an annualized return of 4.34%. The balance at 9/30/2025 is \$5,163,592.64.

X. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

A. **President Report** – Saunders stated everyone's costumes are nice. Town Hall went well the other day with a lot of students that came out. Know your resources videos have been going out as well, and she's been collaborating with different places on campus.

B. **Commissioner of Community Affairs Report** – Fofo stated that the first Community Affairs Council meeting was hosted. The next one should be next Tuesday. Make a Difference day was also great, and every CAVE staff member there did a great job to make sure everyone was informed and taken care of. She wanted to offer massive kudos to Katey VonMosch. Fofo also stated the Moonlit Safety Stroll is on November 12th from 5-7PM in Colusa 100. There will be free burritos and raffles for Chico State merch.

- C. **Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Report** – Monticello stated the finance committee with CSSA is trying to get students more involved with the SIRF fee. This is a \$2 fee that students pay and they're trying to reduce the number of opt-outs. They also discussed the decrease in funding and the ongoing increase of students attending CSU's as well as the decrease in federal funding. You can get a free meal from Estom Jamani from the 3rd to 7th if you receive CalFresh benefits by bringing your student ID card and benefits card.
- D. **Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Report** – Beale stated they were unable to reach quorum for Campus Engagement Council today, but it was still a useful meeting to discuss Roberts Rules.
- E. **Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Report** – Lanum stated that the first Sustainability Affairs Council meeting did not meet quorum, but they are switching the dates. The first real meeting will be on November 10th at 2:15PM in BMU 205. Campus Sustainability day was successful. SFAC proposals are due on November 4th at 5PM so if a proposal is being considered, now is the time. Teaney also informed that Cherie Higgs stated it would be a strict 4PM deadline.

XI. **STAFF REPORTS –**

McAllister-Knutson stated it's Spirit Day Friday. Greek Week finished recently as well. Dr. Cortez stated the athletics department had a successful showcase today. They've also been preparing safety measures and support for activity in the downtown area with water and snacks, test strips, Narcan kits, and other resources. Anderson stated that AS Sustainability is partnering with her to help host a movie showing from an alum with a Q&A included. Water for Life is the film. This will be in BMU 203. There will also be snacks available. An RSVP link is available and they're already at 135 total.

XII. **DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—**
None.

XIII. **CHAIR REPORT –**

Teaney stated she really enjoyed the Town Hall. There was a lot of good dialogue and questions that got answered there. She was also able to partially attend the Sustainability Affairs meeting and the Student Engagement and Advocacy council this morning as well. She wanted to commend everyone for what they're doing, including Takayama spending time with Dr. B down in LA. She is currently in the final revisions of the SOEAF policy and will meet with McAllister-Knutson shortly. There was also approval from the aesthetics committee to move photos downstairs to the BMU instead of in the hall leading to 205.

XIV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS—**

Monticello said don't forget to vote on November 4th. Fozo stated the voting booths will be in the BMU from Nov 1st to Nov 4th until 5PM and registering to vote can be done on the same day. Downtown Chico from 2-5 will have baby goats and all the businesses will be handing out candy as well. Lanum stated there's an event for the B-Line on Saturday November 7th at 12:30PM. McAllister-Knutson stated this would be going to Trader Joe's. This is on Cat's Connect. Fozo also stated the Chico State Democratic Club is playing 'Are you smarter than the President' and then they'll be voting on Prop 50 together on Tuesday November 4th in Glenn 112. McAllister-Knutson wanted to also share that we are significantly higher with the amount of events this year. They are already past the number of events that have happened for the entirety of the fall semester last year. She wanted to thank GAC and BOD as well.

XV. **PUBLIC OPINION—**

Simmons stated SFAC applications need to be submitted. There's also a larger collaboration between the city, stateside, AS, and others, for Warner St. that will be going through SFAC. They're looking to redo it.

Joe Dorgali introduced himself. He came from University Housing and is the new Events and Outreach Manager for the AS.

Anna Paladini is the Assistant Director for Marketing and Outreach. Tonight is Halloween Spooktacular at the WREC from 7-9 with skating, free food, and two student performers. She also wants everyone to enjoy a great Halloween weekend.

Charles Barsdale a member of the Community Affairs Council stated SJP Chico will be holding first meeting at around 4PM.

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Teaney adjourned the meeting at 2:59PM.