

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

**3 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Mia Arisman, Katie Chai, Christian Sullivan, Itzel Saucedo Dominguez, Imani Martin, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Jay Friedman

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Kendra Wright, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Eliza Miller, Chris Navarrete, Shar Krater, Zackary Machado, Allison Wagner

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Interim-Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 10/6/23 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/6/2023 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Saucedo Dominguez/Arisman) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/22/23 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/22/23 regular meeting, as presented (Sullivan/Martin) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- 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 – Arisman said they did not meet quorum. Those that were there got to introduce themselves. Their next meeting is Friday.

### **VIII. BUSINESS**

- A. Action Item: Approval of appointment of Sri Ramani Thungapati to the Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs position for Academic Year 2023-24. **Action Requested: Motion to approve appointment of Sri Ramani Thungapati to the Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs position for Academic Year 2023-24 as presented (Saucedo Dominguez/Arisman) 5-0-0.**

- IX. **ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** – Martin said she and Saucedo Dominguez have been trying to find a date for Hot Chocolate and Hot Topics. They also changed the name to include coffee, so it is now Hot Drinks and Hot Topics. Martin is also waiting on one more person for the council to get up and running. Saucedo Dominguez is planning on having the first meeting soon, aiming for mid-October. Chai said she had more signups for her committee, and she is still working to get it running. Sullivan said SJ&E committee has a meeting time and date. October 16<sup>th</sup> from 11—12 pm and bi-weekly on Mondays moving forward. Tribal relations class 2-5 pm on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Free speech on campus workshop bi-weekly Mondays from 12-2 pm with Dr. Morales. The multicultural showcase is open for auditions, which close on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The culture fashion show is November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, and if you want to model let him or CCLC know. It's a culture, not a costume posters are going up next week and Sullivan is on them. He's also looking forward to working with the AANHPI community soon.

**X. STAFF REPORTS** – Wright said that the Government Affairs team had a successful and enjoyable dinner with President Perez. She thanked everyone for their participation and looks forward to doing it again, while aiming to have them quarterly. Her email will have doodle poll looking for best times/dates. Her biggest area of support is getting their councils and committees up and running and she said it's time to dig deep and keep the wheels turning. Applicants put their first, second and third choice so she will help make sure that all that have applied to be a part of Government Affairs have a spot. Once they have committees set, there will only be a few more steps. The goal is by the end of October everyone has had their first meeting. Krater is excited to have the Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs and she looks forward to working for them.

**XI. CHAIR REPORT** – Alaniz-Wiggins said great attendance for dinner with President Perez. She is working with the commissioners to make sure their duties are being fulfilled. She is in contact with stakeholders. She is working with Academic Affairs to get their meetings up and running. Alaniz-Wiggins believes that Thungapati will be a great addition and noted she was a part of a recycling club in India. The Government Affairs Committee's new Executive Vice President will be appointed on Monday and she is attending this meeting via zoom. CSSA is this weekend and she and Chai will be attending. There are a lot of initiatives going on on campus including: The Black Student Success, AAPI and our Tribal Relations friends need all of the officer's support.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**XIII. PUBLIC OPINION** – Wagner introduced herself to the Government Affairs team. She will be the new Executive Vice President and is excited to come on and help out. She was the Director of Academic Affairs last year. She will hopefully be chairing the next GAC meeting. Miller said that the second-floor art gallery is focused on LGBT+ month. Next is Native American history month and she is taking pieces, poems and such. There is a QR code out there for anyone interested. The deadline is the 18<sup>th</sup>. Navarette said they are working on social media and has recently posted the Councils and Committee video.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.