

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, October 9, 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, Kendra Wright, Emily Berry (Recording), Shari Anderson, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Dr. Joseph Morales

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Eliza Miller, Jon Simmons, Shar Krater, Anna Paladini, Kyle Alsberry, Katey VonMosch, Brooke McCall, Tom Rider, Thang Ho, Keith Crawford, Windy Van Dam, Katrina Leach, Teresa Clements, Amanda Dubner, Christina Jewell, Kristin Chelotti, Charlie Foor, Leah Mercer, Richard Oliver

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 2:35PM
- 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 10/9/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sullivan/White) 7-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 9/25/24 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 9/25/24 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Sullivan/Gowda) 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 10/1/24 Student Academic Senate agenda**

Kachiwala stated they approved the agenda and not a lot of action items. All senators are working with their deans and clubs to get to know their clubs and what they want. They also have their SAS meeting next Tuesday. Schwartz asked if there was anything they could do to help with recruitment, to which Kachiwala stated he would ask again and get back with him.

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 Community Affairs Council

Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Aliyah Hopkins

Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Kate Kerr

Executive Vice President Student Appointment: Willam Baker
Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Student Appointment: Miguel Sueki
Director of Social Justice and Equity Student Appointment: Christopher Palomino Macias

Confirmation of appointment to Legislative Affairs Council

Executive Vice President Student Appointment: Kyle Landrum
Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Sarah Lanum
Director of Social Justice and Equity Student Appointment: Tori Adams
Director of Social Justice and Equity Student Appointment: Maya Morris
Director of Academic Affairs Student Appointment: Zack Machado
Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Student Appointment: Zion Fozo

Confirmation of appointment to Social Justice and Equity Council

Director of Academic Affairs Student Appointment: Tia M Saunders
Student from Diversity Populations Appointed by the Director of Social Justice and Equity: Siddhi Pandit
Student from Diversity Populations Appointed by the Director of Social Justice and Equity: Kalyn Peterson
Student from Diversity Populations Appointed by the Director of Social Justice and Equity: Maddison Smith

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

- B. Information Item: 2025 AS Election Procedures (attached, page 8-10)
Brooke McCall introduced herself. She states they are proposing election day happens Wednesday April 2nd with a launch on February 10th. Sullivan stated previous election days was April 4th and wants to know why it changed. McCall clarified the timing is based on a calendar of events that need to be accomplished. Putting it on that date allows them to set the incoming team up for success. Eliza Miller stated the 4th is a Friday and that would mean voting ends Saturday for 24 hour voting periods. Schwartz echoed the sentiment. He went on to ask other than dates changing if everything else remained mostly the same. McCall stated yes besides a few addendums and requirements required to run for certain positions. Kachiwala asked since this is the week of midterms if that's considered as well considering the stress along with voting? Wright shared history that there never seems to be a good week without tests, working times, etc. The goal is beginning of April which lets results come out, then newly elected students can still join a luncheon with current and new team. Sullivan adds we have the highest voting turnout in the CSU system at 19%.
- C. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Money Market for quarters ending 3/31/24 and 6/30/24 (attached, page 11-12).
Wright stated she appreciates financial services. Laif is the Local agency investment fund. When you hear pro staff say reserves, this is what they mean, as it is the piggy bank/savings account. Student dollars are invested and per investment policy, must invest in the state of CA. This shares the numbers that have transpired and urges people to focus on the activity fee. There's a balance of \$5,337,865.66. Interest earned of \$52,645.98. This was for January 1st through March 31st. She moved on to the next quarter April through June—investment balance \$5,240,511.64. Interest earned 4.53% for quarter two. The numbers get reported on a quarterly basis. Partida asked if this was an accumulation over the years, to which Wright confirmed.
- D. Discussion Item: Capital Expenditure Reports for quarters ending 3/31/24 and 6/30/24. (attached, page 13)
Wright restated we are the activity fee side of the house. Capital expenditures are anything over \$5,000 with a living life over a year. Luckily for us, nothing broke, flooded, etc.
- E. Discussion Item: Jon Slaughter acknowledgment and appreciation.

Wright wanted to take a moment to give time to Jon Slaughter. Jon retired in September of 2023 with over 35 years of service to the Associated Students. He started his career in 1981 as a marketing and advertising specialist. He retired as the senior director of AS programs and government affairs. He always seemed to have the why behind why we do the things that we do and always listened to the student voice. Wright stated she admired him and that he would frequently know the answer to many questions asked. She then shared a plaque the organization has made in his honor. "Dedicated to Jon Slaughter in recognition of his 35 years of service to the Associated Students. A beacon of kindness, wisdom, and dedication whose legacy continues to inspire and guide us." It will be put in the BMU and will accompany a print that was his favorite as well. Today's presentation is meaningful because we're coming up on the one year landmark of his retirement and the one year anniversary of when he joined our angels above. She called everyone to honor Jon and his commitment to this organization and ended with his favorite Latin quote translating to: always wear clean underwear. Shar Krater stepped up as well to say that she referred to Jon as her work husband. She believes he kept Tom in business due to his frequent broccoli consumption. He loved Urban Dictionary. Jon loved tea, the gossip, not the drink. Krater stated he had a great sense of humor as well. He was great at saying shine a light on the students as this is their time. He cared about this place, his friends, and had a wicked sense of humor. Krater stated that he loved all present. She closed by saying book the trip, drink the wine, eat the food, and that he hated cupcakes but loved cake. Schwartz agreed it's a texture thing. Krater stated his family asks all the time how people are doing and she can't wait to share this with his family.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS—

Sullivan stated Kelley and he were able to witness some of Jon Slaughter's wisdom last year. He is in the process of making everyone's first committee/council meeting to show support. He urged the others to try to attend as well to see what they can learn and what they are talking about. Academic Senate covered changes and a time place and manner resolution passed. He met with President Perez who wanted to know what was going on with the students and urged his fellow students to update him to let President Perez know. Dev and he are going to the university farm for a tour tomorrow with Flor. Kelley and Sullivan will be going next weekend to CSSA. Special action team is October 14th for feedback on what to do to reimagine academic affairs, perspective from faculty, staff, and students, and how to proceed. It is at 11-1 PM in Colusa. Student Trustee will be here Friday. Hot topics with AS president got posted on AS Youtube. The AS Website meet the representatives has been updated with their emails thanks to Anna and her team.

Partida stated his first meeting was really successful and that they had a lot of really good topics. They were also able to assign a vice chair. Last Saturday he went to the NAACP gala.

Gowda is helping with multicultural showcase planning. They are deciding the dates as 21st or 22nd of November, with Multiculture showcase night maybe on the 20th. If anyone is interested in participating she urges to let people know that she'll be accepting the forms. Attending international students plan and discussion on Monday, and the Asian Pacific Islander student organization social tomorrow at 6pm. She will also be attending an LGBTQ event hosted by CCLC today from 5-6. Last Friday she had three meetings, one related to academic integrity council talking about AI. Also she is sitting on the special action team with Chris.

White went to the academic senate for the first time Thursday. He met with Shar about job description for career staff positions. His first council meeting is Monday at 6 in 205. He went to the campus wide sustainability meeting a few days ago and got some good ideas. President Perez and Seema also met with him about sustainability and that meeting went well.

Kachiwala attended academic senate last Thursday and it is also this Thursday as well. Masters of science and mathematics is discontinued, bachelor of science in physics and general physics discontinued. New option in physics for bachelor of science and new minor in philosophy and law to be introduced. New undergrad certificate in health services administration. New change fo minor name from applied computer graphics to computer animation, and a new minor in electrical constructions. There are lots of new majors and minors. Attended academic integrity council, discussed how professors and students can work together in using AI without plagairization. He will also be attending the graduation initiate symposium in October and won't be here for the next Board meeting.

Monticello is working on moonlight safety stroll on October 29th from 6-8 pm with free burritos (limited amount). This year they are canvassing the Chico streets. Her committee meeting is October 22nd at 8 am in BMU 209. Now, she'll be sitting on the SLF/IRA committee. She also gave a small shout out to CAVE on October 26th from 10am-1pm for make a difference day.

Kelley stated she has two big events coming up the registering rally on 14th October 11-3 in the gauntlet. They are also doing a ballot bash on election day 11-3 on November 5th on Trinity Commons. It has pizza, games, etc, ensuring a positive day rather than anything crazy. Chris and she will go to Monterey next week as well. Her council is up and running and they are figuring out a day that works for everyone.

X. STAFF REPORTS –

Anderson thanked everyone. She stated this Monday there is a collaborative event with the career center. There's an interactive dinner Tom's team helped put together that connects current alumni and also recruiters, and students. There is still space for students and alumni to sign up. Kelley stated she would be going and questions can also be directed to her. There will also be special prizes given away.

McAllister-Knutson wanted to double down on all said about Wildcat Weekend. She appreciates the work the alumni association does. Currently, there is the Club donation challenge on Cats Connect main page for SOLE and sport clubs. Organizations always need more money and they are working with advancement on opportunity to crowdfund. There are 89 recognized organizations and 27 sports clubs that have signed up. This is the way clubs get money, they don't get funds from anywhere else. There are monthly council meetings with the presidents/representatives and they have outgrown room 203. For Spring, they will be going into the auditorium. Those numbers are going up despite less enrollment. Greek week is next week. They are doing Canstructions, a collaboration with Basic Needs, they get a ton of donations and then construct something. This theme is classic cartoons. There is a blood drive on Tuesday and Wednesday and talent show on Friday.

Dr. Morales wants to create an engaged campus community disrupting discrimination. Assessment is one strategy, focused on defining what a Latinx serving institution is. Culture is the second. They are launching a needs based assessment of the LGBTQ+ Community. The data is not collected at the federal level, so it's important to know what the needs are so they can improve. They have also been a part of the campus climate initiative to combat anti-Semitism since last Summer. Education to the campus administration is first, and then they'll push out a broader campus initiative. Educational opportunities is another strategy. The first amendment has been used to cause harm to some communities, so it's important to understand the impact to different communities and the manner that campus can respond. They have three different initiatives, one is conversations on equity, diversity, and inclusion. This year is focused on inter-faith dialogue. There's also the diversity certificate program, a way for student, staff, and faculty develop equity mindedness as a competency. He welcomes anyone to come to free speech office hours for 9-10 am Fridays and by appointment. He also urged people to look at clarification on the FAQ forum on Time place and manner that Chico state put out, and to keep a look out for something system wide. He also thanked Jon.

XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—

Wright wanted to give kudos to the team. She also thanked everyone for allowing her to speak about Jon and the emotions he put into the program.

XII. CHAIR REPORT –

Schwartz met with President Perez and Seema regarding Domestic Violence Awareness month. He is looking forward to participating in purple shirt day on the October 17th to get awareness out on the issue. He read a statistic that there is 24 rapes a day in America, 80% of which are in a domestic-related situation. He believes the best way to protect the student population is to have open dialogue about these issues despite how difficult they are to speak about. He thanked Dr. Morales and all others involved about the email that went out today about Time, Place, and Manner. The ACLU presentation was one he attended yesterday, and it was about knowing your rights. They discussed making a plan before you go out to protest, even if it's a 100% legal protest. He also took away that if

you go to a protest and don't have a legal form of ID (not a school ID) on you and you have interaction with the police, they can detain you and take you to jail while they determine your identification. Reach out to the ACLU and they can provide a recorded version of their presentation.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Partida said his birthday is October 16th during the Board meeting.

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION—

Shar Krater stated Jon used to say, "this is just a snapshot in time". Tomorrow is the final moonlight movie series. The final mellow sessions outside was today, they will be inside in the Well moving forward. Campus sustainability day is on October 22nd. GSEC is doing a clothing swap. There will be a lot of groups out there.

Teresa Clements said the bike Hub has an auction tomorrow for 10:30, and the bidding starts at 12. There will be 25-28 bikes tomorrow.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:38PM.