



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, November 14, 2025

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Beatrix Teaney, Kureha Takayama, Gia Monticello, Mahraya Davis, Zion Fozo, Sarah Lanum, Matt Beale Shari Anderson, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Dr. Cirilo Cortez, Dr. Joseph Morales

MEMBERS ABSENT – Tia Saunders

OTHERS PRESENT – Eliza Miller (recording), Kendra Wright, Jon Simmons, Jonathan Parra Alosno, Ben Spiess, Jasmine Saephan, Katey VonMosch, Chris Hutton, Adin White, Keith Crawford, Luke Bagwell, Brooke McCall, Parker Pedone, Kendall Ross, Alex Thomas-Rocin,

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Teaney, called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 11/14/25 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 11/14/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Lanum/Beale) 6-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 10/31/25 meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 10/31/25 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Lanum/Fozo) 6-0-0 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 10/30/25 Student Academic Senate Agenda
 2. Approval of 10/16/25 Student Academic Senate MinutesAdditionally, Director Takayama shared that yesterday was their last meeting for the semester, where they discussed updates for each college to gain a better understanding of their unique needs.
- 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: Approval of 10/22/25 Social Justice and Equity Committee Agenda
 2. Approval of 05/06/25 Social Justice and Equity Committee Minutes
 3. Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for 2025-26
 4. Approval of MEChA Presentation for Dia de Los Muertos
- IX. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Information Item: 9/30/25 Activity Fee Budget vs Actual – Teaney presented the financials for the Activity Fee for the first quarter of the fiscal year. She shared that at the end of Q1, the goal should be at 25% of the budget.

Teaney shared that as of 9/30/25, total revenue is \$494,959, or 22.12% of the budget. Total expenses are at \$459,692 or 20.55% of the original budget.

- B. Discussion Item: Revenue Sharing Policy- Teaney shared that she wanted the GAC to take a moment to consider the Revenue Sharing Policy before elections next semester. She shared how Revenue Sharing currently works and expressed her desire to make it more accessible to students. However, she hoped the group would share ideas on how to achieve this while still adhering to all applicable policies and regulations. Fozo asked what is preventing the revenue-sharing allocations from being placed directly into club accounts. Wright shared that while both Student Life and Leadership and the AS follow Title 5, past AS boards and standing committees have imposed additional restrictions on AS Activity Fee dollars being used for single-use products, which would be challenging to ask SLL to implement for AS dollars specifically. McAllister-Knutson shared that SLL is very willing to find a way to make the process easier. Takayama expressed that she has experienced challenges in securing funds for new organizations and asked if there was a way to make Revenue Sharing funds available on a semester-by-semester basis. Teaney clarified that since Revenue Sharing is tied to spring elections, there would need to be additional discussion about how to make that work.

X. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. **President Report** – Saunders was absent, no report.
- B. **Commissioner of Community Affairs Report** – Fozo shared that their last meeting did not make quorum, and that this week's Moonlight Safety Stroll was postponed due to weather, with a new date to be announced soon.
- C. **Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Report** – Monticello shared that she attended Virtual CSSA this weekend. They discussed the SIRF fee in addition to other legislation with potential impacts on students. She shared that her blog post on the AS website will have more details and encouraged everyone to read it when it goes live next week. Yesterday, she met with representatives from Jim Gallagher's office. She also announced that Chico State is officially in first place in the CSSA Civic Challenge.
- D. **Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Report** – Beale was unable to convene CEC, but hopes to host a special meeting next week.
- E. **Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Report** – Lanum announced that the Sustainability Affairs Council didn't make a quorum, but yesterday's Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee held their deliberation meeting and funded 11 projects covering topics like sustainable menstrual products and various horticultural projects, including vegetable gardens for students and enhancing campus biodiversity.

- XI. **STAFF REPORTS** – McAllister-Knutson shared that there are still 485 events on Cats Connect for the remainder of the semester. She expressed her appreciation for all the ways that the AS supports our campus clubs and student organizations.
Dr. Cortez shared that there is a Student Affairs group attending NASPA, along with AS President Saunders. He also shared that the Student Hall of Fame Committee has met and is preparing to launch the second year of the Student Hall of Fame. Nominations will open in early spring.
Dr. Morales shared updates on resources and workshops to promote student safety and belonging, including Safe Zone training. He shared that a Queer and Trans Needs Assessment from GSEC is currently in circulation. He shared that the diversity certificate program is continuing, and this semester the focus is on antisemitism and how to discuss difficult topics as a community.
Anderson shared that the CSU recently released a new strategic plan. Alumni Engagement is inviting alumni to sign up for updates from the CSU system. She encouraged all to sign up.

- XII. **DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT**— Wright shared that the current Executive Director, Jamie Clyde, will be stepping down at the end of December, and the Board voted this past Wednesday to appoint Jon Simmons as Interim AS Executive Director effective January 1, 2026. She requested that all GAC students submit their academic schedules by next Wednesday for spring planning. She also shared that the recording of the recent Town Hall between the AS and Chico State's Office of the President will be posted online soon. She reminded the committee to take care of themselves as the semester wrapped up, and reminded the students of the many resources available on campus for support.

- XIII. **CHAIR REPORT** – Teaney expressed appreciation for the commissioners and their councils, despite some quorum challenges. She thanked the table for their consideration of the Revenue Sharing Policy and expressed her gratitude for the support SLL provides clubs on campus.

- XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**— Fozo shared that next week, CAVE is hosting multiple community engagement workshops. Takayama shared that next week is International Education Week, featuring numerous events. Lanum shared that on Tuesday, 12/2, there is a creek walk. Davis shared that the Multicultural Showcase is next Wednesday, November 19th, from 6-8. She and President Saunders will be the MCs. Monticello shared that her sorority will be performing at the Multicultural Showcase. Teaney shared that the Anthropological Society will be hosting an Anthropology On-Screen event, and there will be lots of food available at the event thanks to SOEAF funding. Teaney also shared that next week is Homelessness Awareness Week, and Basic Needs will be offering additional events and support, including a Cool Cat Closet pop-up right outside the pantry.
- XV. PUBLIC OPINION**— Parker Pedone shared concerns around student clubs, posing the question of whether clubs could be part of the educational experience. He shared some examples of clubs on campus that have an educational tie-in, such as the Project Management Group. He shared that he hopes to help students gain real-world experience in clubs and gain theoretical expertise in the classroom. McAllister-Knutson shared with the room that SLL is the office to visit to discuss club ideas. Brooke McCall shared that next week, the AS is offering “Pick-me-up Boxes” in celebration of the AS core value of diversity. Students can pick them up in BMU 220.
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT** – Teaney adjourned the meeting at 3:21 PM.