

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, November 17, 2023

3 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Allison Wagner, Mia Arisman, Katie Chai, Christian Sullivan, Itzel Saucedo Dominguez, Imani Martin, Dr. Joseph Morales

MEMBERS ABSENT – Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Sri Ramani Thungapati (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Brooke McCall, Timothy Sistrunk, Jodi Shepherd

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Wagner, called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 11/17/23 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 11/17/2023 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sullivan/Alaniz-Wiggins) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 11/3/23 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/3/23 regular meeting, as presented (Arisman/Alaniz-Wiggins) 6-0-0 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 –
 - a. SAS Actions: SAS Actions of 10/27/23
 - i. Approved the 10/27/23 agenda
 - ii. Approved the 10/13/23 minutes

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.

2023-24 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Campus Engagement Council

Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Student Appointment: Imani Martin

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Action Requested: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (Alaniz-Wiggins/Arisman) 6-0-0 MSC.

- B. Discussion Item: Spring 2024 Miriam Library Hours- Alaniz-Wiggins requested to move this discussion item to be addressed last. **Action Requested: Motion to amend the agenda to move Business Item B to the end of the Business section of the agenda (Alaniz-Wiggins/Arisman) 6-0-0 MSC.**

C. Discussion Item: 9/30/23 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual (attached, page 8).

Wagner shared key points with the Government Affairs Committee. She stated we are trying to be as close to 25% as possible for revenue. She said we are doing well because we are at more than 25%. The budget shows the Associated Students Activity Fee Budget is below 25% for expenses because we are waiting to pay contract programs. The budget also shows close to 25% for wages, being slightly over due to frontloaded expenses for training. Wagner said next quarter when we look it will be 50% not 25% for these quarterly updates.

D. Discussion Item: CFA Representative-

Timothy Sistrunk stated he was here to discuss the faculty strike and answer questions. He stated that instead of all 23 campuses walking out together, they decided to just choose 4 campuses to walk out. It will be the second week following Thanksgiving break. Sacramento will be walking out on December 7th. Students are welcome to come and learn if they would like to participate. He stated everyone is welcome, they would be leaving Chico on the 7th at 8 am and they would leave Sacramento at 2 pm. Arisman asked why CFA is striking. He stated that their contract was not completed in the negotiation they have every 3 years. He stated there were 4 articles of their contract they wanted to negotiate. Wagner asked if the increase isn't going to come from tuition increases, where would it come from? He said it would come from other places, not reserves. Chai asked if there was a chance Chico could go on strike next semester. He said it's definite if management doesn't move. Wagner asked if we should expect classes to be canceled. He said yes because it means that they deny their labor. Wiggins asked if CFA and AS/I's have relationships. He said yes. Wiggins said historically there isn't a strong relationship between them all.

E. Discussion Item B: Spring 2024 Meriam Library Hours- Jodi Shepherd is the Interim Dean of the Meriam Library. She came to speak on the library's hours. The average high number of people coming into the library is only 8 students. During the middle of the day they can get 300-400 people in the library. They are currently shifting the people on staff to overlap staffing when we have busier amounts of people, specifically on Mondays and Tuesdays). To accommodate more students in later hours, they have been staying open until midnight. They are also open till the 2 am hours during the few weeks between breaks. Sullivan asked if construction on the library impacted their hours. Shepherd said construction has been consistent, so it's hard to tell. Their numbers in general have been poor. Wagner asked when construction would be done. Shepherd said she hopes soon, they have had delays. They are aiming for February 1st. Alaniz-Wiggins clarified that they invited the speaker due to the hours being cut. Shepherd said they will have a survey on the front door of the library to record who comes to the library when they are closed. Arisman said they have students who may be interested in joining the committee and having these discussions in the library.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Alaniz-Wiggins is starting the 10% project. She is working with CSSA to fact-check EO 1037. Arisman said that in SAS they talked about the EM for final exams, they had a survey out for students with 612 submissions. Results indicated that students have a preference for a fall break or a 15-week semester. This gives insight to the academic scheduling committee for student voices. Sullivan said the Social Justice & Equity committee are talking about initiatives moving forward for cultural displays. There is a meeting on the 27th at 11 am in BMU 209. They are talking about a culturally related shelf for the wildcat food pantry among other things. They did the restorative justice facilitator, bridging the gap between the campus community and Title 9. The cultural fashion show was a success along with the multicultural showcase. Chai said CSSA is doing civic engagement points. Her council is creating holiday cards for CSSA on December 5th from 11-1 pm. Martin said they will reach out to people in FSA. Saucedo Dominguez said they will have the first meeting when they get back from break.

X. STAFF REPORTS – Dr. Morales wanted to provide details on a subject he spoke on last time. He stated that he wants to focus on initiatives that broaden access to education. Institutions weren't made for the demographic of people that are now attending them. He stated that APIC is partnering with them to work towards becoming an AANAPISI, and it would ensure that CSU Chico would be eligible for grants and improve their processes. Wright wishes everyone a restful break and reminds the students they are loved and cared for and deserve this break. She looks forward to the 12/1 talk about safety and then dinner with the president in the afternoon.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Wagner said that Zoom options for meetings will become minimal to encourage in-person participation. Let Wagner know if help is needed.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Wagner, adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.