

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024,**

**2:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Aaron Schwartz, Chris Sullivan, Dev Kachiwala, Madison Kelley, Aishwarya Gowda, Humberto Partida, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Dr. Joseph Morales, Emily Berry (recording) Kendra Wright

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Adin White, Gia Monticello, Shari Anderson

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Eliza Miller, Jon Simmons, Katey Von Mosch, Richard Oliver, Keith Crawford, Kendall Ross, Tia Saunders, Frances Evans, Mac Cortez, Cassandra Ramondo Jefferson Garcia-Leon, Brooklyn Briggs, Sharleen Krater, Anna Paladini, Delaney Love, Logan De La Mora, Kyle Thai, Eric Galvan

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Schwartz, 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 11/20/24 regular meeting agenda as presented.  
**Action Requested: Motion to amend the 11/20/24 regular meeting agenda to include Appointment Approval (Kachiwala/Partida) 5-0-0 MSC.**  
**Action Requested: Motion to approve the amended agenda. (Gowda/Kelley) 5-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 11/6/24 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 11/6/24 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Kachiwala/Gowda) 5-0-0 MSC**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Sullivan said this is the last GAC of the semester and he wished everyone luck and to bring attention to how much has been done. Partida seconded that.
- 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 11/12 Student Academic Senate agenda
2. Approval of 10/29 Student Academic Senate 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.

**2024-25 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointment Approval**

Removal of Zack Machado as the Director of Academic Affairs Student Appointment to the Legislative Affairs Council.

Confirmation of appointments to the Legislative Affairs Council  
Director of Academic Affairs student appointment: Abigail Scully

Confirmation of appointments to the Social Justice and Equity Committee  
Executive Vice President Student Appointment: Shaheera Abbasi

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (Partida/Kachiwala) 5-0-0 MSC**

B. Discussion Item: CLIC Presentation

The acronym stands for Community Legal Information Clinic. Jefferson Garcia and Frances Evans were presenting as administrative directors of CLIC. They were founded by Ed Bronson in 1970. They provide legal information to students. They provide students with first hand experience in the legal field and professional office settings. They help make the justice system easier to navigate and also more accessible despite their socio-economic status. Their goal is to make the legal system easier for everybody. They enrolled 178 students this last year, served over 7,193 clients, and 5,754 hours of service for clients and almost 4,000 alumni. AS Funding aids CLIC in staying open and continuing their impactful work. Their main goal this year is increasing client contacts. They do many different activities to expand CLIC's community impact through outreach like an anti-hazing panel, a ballot bash with civic engagement, expanding collaboration with community and campus members, and more.

Kachiwala asked if by clients they meant students or anyone. Garcia clarified anyone at all from the community as their work is not discriminatory. Kachiwala then asked if students were paid, and Garcia elaborated that they receive three credits for the upper division courses. Evans stated there are students from all disciplines working for them as well. Garcia clarified the only positions paid are the administrative directors and two office assistants. Kachiwala asked if there could be a section for taxes and how to file taxes. Evans stated the financial wellness clinic could get information on that with a collaboration as well. Partida asked if there's a way to track how many students they're serving and what percentage is for students. Garcia said they have a stat sheet reported to the AS annually that may show that. Schwartz asked if they still handle the consent decree for the Butte County Jail. Garcia said he wasn't sure. Sullivan asked if the collaboration with CLIC is still with student rights and responsibilities. Garcia said he's not sure. Sullivan asked if there's been any collaborations with student government in the past or utilizing student government for things. Garcia stated now that they're in the building with other resources on campus, they're definitely excited to participate in things like the ballot bash.

C. Discussion Item: Student Affairs (CCLC and affinity centers) Presentation

Cross Cultural Leadership Center and Affinity resource centers. Logan De La Mora, Tia Saunders, Kyle Thai, Eric Galvan are presenting. APIDA goals are to celebrate Asian culture and cultivate an inclusive and empowering environment. They also expand academic success AAPI heritage month, Lunar New Year, Holi, and more. Black Resource Center (BRC) is to be supportive and empowering for the Black community in Chico. They provide different things like mentorship, peer resources, a sense of belonging and a place to feel like home. They have peer mentoring, writing center assistant, and an inhouse faculty advisor. Young Black and Gifted Black Party, Black Dinner and a Story, Unity Celebration, and Black Skate Night are all part of how they build community. Schwartz stated they also have a Pacman competition, to which Tia agreed. CCLC values and respects the richness and understanding that diversity brings. They're really a home away from home for students, and people make lifelong friends there. Their goals are to continue the diversity summit, continue mentoring, continue collaboration with clubs on cultural programs, and more. El Centro is an academic and resource center as well. Similar to a library, they allow students to come in and have a snack, study, listen to music, and experience their culture. They want to make sure students feel like they have a space here. Not only Latino

students, but also people that want to learn more about different cultural aspects. They want to expand academic support, expand tutoring services, and get space to learn about college life.

D. Discussion Item: SLL Presentation

Kaylee McAllister-Knutson and Kendall Ross are presenting. There's a specific amount of money that goes right to student organizations. SOEAF. They presented a chart of people that work for SLL. Over 200 recognized clubs. SOLE has 180+ recognized orgs, FSA has 28 orgs, and Competitive Recreational Sport Clubs have 27 orgs.

Dr. Joseph Morales entered the meeting at 3:09PM.

SOLE gets funded by revenue sharing, dues, fundraising, and limited IRA. FSA receives revenue sharing, dues, fundraising, and national orgs. Competitive and recreational sports clubs.

SOEAF is a way to use some AS funds to allow orgs to have events on campus. There is no limit to how often funds can be requested, it's a limit of \$3000 per event instead. An organization meets with their special events paraprofessional to get things started. Fall 24 fast facts include 9 approved events, 8 completed events, 4 with cultural relevance, \$21,500 dollars have been approved, with the total amount spent pending. They went over a list of clubs who received 23/24 funding. Many of these clubs wouldn't be able to have an event without SOEAF funding. Over 1200 students participated in a SOEAF event last year. All the clubs can be found on Cat's Connect. Sullivan asked in regards to communicating SOEAF funding and how to better communicate that to students. McAllister-Knutson stated letting them know to come to them is a good start to try to cut through the red tape. This year no events have been denied, and last year only two were denied. They're in the business of supporting students and what they're doing as viewpoint neutral. Gowda asked what IRA stands for, to which Ross clarified Instructionally related activity. Kachiwala asked why there wasn't an exact number for clubs, and McAllister-Knutson clarified that the number is always increasing or changing. Schwartz said you need at least 5 students, and McAllister-Knutson expanded a president, a treasurer, five members, an advisor, and a constitution. Kachiwala then stated they're always trying to help out.

E. Discussion Item: GSEC Presentation

Kassandra Ramondo is presenting. GSEC was formally known as the women's center in 1971. They've lasted for over 40 years. In 2018 the name was changed to the Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition. The mission is to support any and all students, specifically women and those that identify as queer or trans. They provide students with resources at no cost like contraceptives, menstrual products, first aid supplies, Narcan, and more. They have the LGBTQIA+ Program, The Women's Program, and the Outreach Program. Outreach focuses on informing the community, the Women's Program centers diverse women experiences and equality, and the LGBTQIA+ Program provides a safe campus environment for all identities. Their program goals are to promote accessibility and inclusivity, they want to focus on opening it to all communities regardless of queerness. Personal Growth and Leadership development, there's a GSEC internship as well per semester that offers any student that applies a 3 unit credit. They are also focused on creating a safe space and building community. Financial Allocations: they make sure there are pads and tampons, pregnancy tests, and female and male condoms stocked always. They also try to educate on sexual safety and how to identify domestic violence. At events they try to provide food and drinks, swag, stickers, pride flags. Legacy events like the drag show are moved to the Spring semester. Another legacy event returning are the Vagina Monologues. Sullivan asked if there's been any action or thoughts of collaborations in regards to Government Affairs. Ramondo stated GSEC would be happy to collaborate with anyone, they collaborated with Stonewall Alliance and women's catalyst program. Sullivan then suggested Title IX as a resource as well. Wright then said collaboration starts with all of us, as we give \$36000 to GSEC. A good way to collaborate would be for Government Affairs to attend their events.

F. Discussion Item: KCSC Presentation

Mac Cortez is the current general manager of KCSC radio and will be presenting. Their motto is keeping kids off the mainstream, as they play music out of the top 40's. They are a student run radio station established in 1951. They are an internship rather than a club, and you can get from 1-3 units. There's also an intro to radio class every Fall semester. This semester they have over

100 interns from all majors. The internship puts people into a department, music brings in all music to play off of CD's, and also do audio work for productions. The production team does all graphic design, podcasting, video production. Promotion plans all of their live events, social media, and tabling. Programming keeps everything organized and cleaned, and assists with all other departments as well as pricing for the vinyl sale every semester. Their leadership system makes it so that the general manager works between the students and faculty. Each intern has an hour long show on the radio and completes journals and an hour log for the semester. They started with a station revamp and helped redo the station with AS funds. Each semester they work on projects like the live show, vinyl sale, and KCSC sessions. On November 8<sup>th</sup> they held the battle of the bands. The winning band gets a KCSC session. The Vinyl sale is the week after Thanksgiving break, it helps clear space and also make money. The KCSC sessions are like Tiny Desk concerts and they have artists play 4-5 of their original songs as well as an interview. The goals for next semester are for doing service projects, 2-3 live shows, more KCSC sessions, vinyl sale, more community building events, and start playing off vinyls. Kachiwala asked about collaboration with Government Affairs like a podcast. Cortez specified they work with the Orion and the plan is to start doing podcasts. Gowda stated it would be a good idea to do something like CCLC and an aux talks like they do for every heritage month. Richard Oliver asked how many listeners are reached per semester, Cortez stated they did not know. Oliver then asked how to promote, and Cortez stated every 30 minutes there's typically events broadcast. Schwartz said other schools with radio stations broadcast not only online but on the airwaves, and wanted to know why that wasn't happening any longer. Cortez said they no longer have the cell tower and thus cannot broadcast.

#### **IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS—**

Gowda stated the multicultural showcase is tonight. The cultural fashion show was also today, as well as the international photoshoot. The native American heritage table has been set up. Generational AI meeting is coming up as well. The last day of the SAD session is this Friday. Afterwards they won't be meeting together as a group. Kachiwala said the special action team meeting is coming up. SAS talked about how to engage students and academic reorganization at Chico State. He also attended the Academic Senate meeting as well.

Kelley said Chris and she attended CSSA last weekend, virtually this time. Heavy topics included finances and Title IX implementation. On Monday she also had her council meeting for Legislative Affairs. They discussed around the Cal Poly-Humboldt collaboration.

Partida said they're moving forward with planning for their event to raise awareness for Men's mental health in collaboration with some departments on campus. This will be happening in the Spring. December 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-1 at the Gauntlet they're going to be giving out free hot cocoa for students with Cat's Connect event pass.

Sullivan said Happy Holidays. Legislative Affairs covered the CSU budget. As well as, opinion on the new administrations impact on students moving forward. For time place and manner system wide concerns please send those students Sullivan or Kelley's way. He's been having meetings one on one and can be texted with questions or concerns for the VP's, president, and provost. December 13<sup>th</sup> is the University Budget Committee forum.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> is student town hall and the campus community as a whole is invited to attend for open consultation for students.

#### **X. STAFF REPORTS –**

McAllister-Knutson has an update on their new Financial Coordinator Becca. She is now working. They are wrapping up meetings for special events as well. Wildcat Tailgate is December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Bear. Further information can be found on Cat's Connect. This will be from 3-5.

Dr. Morales stated the Office of Equity Diversity and Inclusion sent out a message about Transgender Day of Remembrance. The emerging mission of the office is always to serve university-wide efforts to foster and sustain the campus community as welcoming, supportive, and engaged. Also, to disrupt the way systemic racism and intersectional forms of discrimination are entrenched in higher education and within the broader communities. The current moment could be described as a counter-revolution to the Civil Rights Era. A number of court cases were lodged against affirmative action. The focus of DEI shifted to value diversity. Righting historical wrongs is something he'd like to not leave behind. Transgender Day of Remembrance brings attention to trans rights worldwide. Today you can go to Stonewall Alliance from 6:30-7:30.

#### **XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—**

Wright said she wanted to expand on community agreements. The GAC last term worked with Seya on the stateside to make something like a code of conduct. They landed on respect, integrity, and empathy. It is 2:30-4:00. There's a break coming up and she asked everyone to rest, relax, recharge, and be good to themselves.

**XII. CHAIR REPORT –**

Schwartz has mainly been focusing on getting ready for next semester's training. President Perez said there's an overage of the Board discretionary fund at Board, he's spoken with him regarding some projects that could leave lasting impact on campus. The Speech and Debate team will be hosting two upcoming speech nights, one on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and then on December 10<sup>th</sup> will be a comedy themed speech night.

**XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

Gowda said multicultural showcase night is tonight.

**XIV. PUBLIC OPINION—**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:54PM.