

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, November 3, 2023

3 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Mia Arisman, Katie Chai, Christian Sullivan, Itzel Saucedo Dominguez, Imani Martin, Sri Ramani Thungapati, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Dr. Joseph Morales

MEMBERS ABSENT – Jay Friedman, Allison Wagner (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Dr. Chela Mendoza Patterson Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Eliza Miller, Chris Navarrete, Shar Krater

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Vice-chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, called the meeting to order at 3:01 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 11/3/23 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 11/3/2023 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sullivan/Arisman) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/20/23 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 10/20/23 regular meeting, as presented (Chai/Arisman) 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 (Chai)

Confirmation of appointments to Campus Engagement Council

Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Student Appointment: Athena Vivas
Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Student Appointment: Michael Arredondo
Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Student Appointment: Sonia Soto Quintero
Director of Social Justice and Equity Student Appointment: Tara Purcell
Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Student Appointment: Adela Castillo

Confirmation of appointment to Community Affairs Council

Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Katherine McLaughlin

Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Grant Rooney
Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Madison Kelley
Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Itzel Saucedo
Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Misti David

B. Action Item: Election Procedures. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 2024 Associated Students Election Procedures, as presented (Arisman/Chai) 6-0-0 MSC.**

C. Discussion Item: Contract Programs

Wright explained that we have 5 contract programs, but they will be focusing on the Cross Cultural Leadership Center (CCLC) and Student Transition and Retention Center (STAR), as they both fall under Student Affairs. The annual allocation is distributed bi-annually to these programs to provide experiences for students, including student wages. She stated that Student Affairs would like to create and elevate the affinity centers. They are in the process of adding a Black Student Resources Center, one for the AAPI community, and potentially a Pride Center. The CCLC would not change, these centers would be in addition to the CCLC to provide support. They are expected to break ground in Fall 2024. These state-side entities will look to AS for funding and other resources. Wright is coming to the student representatives with a plan she hopes will be advantageous to both Student Affairs and the Associated Students. Right now, we send the allocation to STAR and CCLC and they distribute money as they see fit. In the spring they come to GAC and share what they have been able to complete thanks to the funding they have received from us. Wright would like to increase the allocations to Student Affairs and let those leading Student Affairs distribute the funds to which center needs what depending on need. They have more insight into what these programs need. The AS holds these programs accountable to showcase how much and how they spent the funds we provided them with. Wright stated in her role it's her job to foster relationships with these programs and make sure they feel supported, while also holding them accountable. At our peak enrollment numbers, the AS was giving them \$165,000 annually between two programs. That's approximately \$9.70 /student. If we were at 13,500, we currently would allocate \$132,800. That's around \$9.83 cents per student. Wright's proposal is to round up our allocation to \$10 per student and allow the amount given to fluctuate with enrollment. Then Student Affairs would allocate those funds, and there would be MOUs in place that make sure the funds are being spent on the students. They would have a "cap" of 18,000 students (\$180,000). Alaniz-Wiggins asked how much we currently give Student Affairs. Wright said \$138,000 or so. Her proposal would be based on enrollment numbers. The extra few cents to make it \$10, would come from reserves. Alaniz-Wiggins asked when we get enrollment numbers? Wright said February, but we don't know for sure until the census numbers are released. Wright said this would be enacted starting on July 1, 2024 and reevaluated every year. She explained that the current system in place, with the MOUs, is also reevaluated on a yearly basis. Sullivan asked once the centers are up and running, will the STAR center still be there? Wright said that's up to Student Affairs. Sullivan asked if this would be brought to the Board of Directors? Wright said it would be brought to GAC since it's from the Activity Fee.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Arisman said that they had an information item from Ryan Patten, regarding student's input on finals week. She is working on a survey to share with the team regarding what finals may look like. Chai has her first meeting on Tuesday from 11-12 pm in BMU 205. They will be at CSSA this weekend. Thungapati got the chance to meet the campus sustainability committee, and they will be bringing the draft to the committee on 11/16, but if not they have to wait till January 2024. Sullivan said his committee is meeting Monday at 11 am in BMU 205 with refreshments. They will discuss the budget, Multicultural Showcase, and cultural/heritage displays. He met with local government members and he reached out regarding GA partnerships in the future. CCLC has an internship application open from 10-17th. They are also having a Women of Color Social from 5-6:30 pm. Martin said she's excited to get her committee going. They are talking about potentially doing another Hot Drinks & Hot Topics. Saucedo Dominguez said her update is the same and they look forward to the Safety Forum.

X. STAFF REPORTS – Wright said to send your class schedule to Extein, to make sure we can establish when our Councils and Committees meet. In partnership with Mottley, she would like to ensure that GA has a strong presence from Student Affairs regarding the Safety Talk on November 28th. The same day, there will be another dinner with the President. Dr. Morales shared a slide regarding the action items they are working on out of their office based on challenges that were presented last semester. Specifically, he stated they are addressing how they are serving their various student, and seeing how they can better support them. Krater said that they are hoping to wrap up their Associate Executive Director search shortly.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Alaniz-Wiggins said that she hopes all participate in these activities mentioned. The Cozen O Connor Title IX safety forum is coming up at the end of November and will be on the third floor of BMU. She is looking to start the 10% project to collect their stories going through Chico State. She stated in regards to the CFA strike, they have voted to authorize a strike if it comes to it. People have approached her and are looking to GAC for a response. Alaniz-Wiggins would like GAC's feedback and is open to hearing a response for SQE (Students for Quality Education). She is looking to strengthen that relationship, and she looks forward to increasing collaborations. She said if/when CFA goes on strike, the AS will continue operations as normal and will be lending a hand to the state-side if necessary to maintain operations. Wright shared that it is helpful to know that the strike is between the faculty association and the Chancellor's office, this is not specifically CSU Chico, it's the entire CSU system. The AS can help by spreading the correct information and sharing what they know with their colleagues. Sullivan said that he is also collaborating with Tribal Relations and such to create another beautiful display in the atrium for Native American Month. Chai said she thinks it would be helpful to provide the students with information regarding the strike to clear up misconceptions.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Alaniz-Wiggins said there's a vigil today downtown at 4:30 p.m. for Palestine.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – Navarette said they think a video would be better regarding information about strike.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Wagner, adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.