

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

12:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jade Tsao, Krystal Alvarez, Josh Rubinoff, Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Chloe Renner, Jay Friedman, Mujtaba Azam, Gianna Echavez-LaRocca, Allison Wagner, Mary Wallmark

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Jon Slaughter, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Grace Hoxha

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Tsao, called the meeting to order at 12:30 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 11/30/22 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 11/30/2022 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Wagner/Alvarez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – None
- 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.
 - A. Student Academic Senate (SAS) Committee – Wagner reviewed the approved items and noted that they discussed the spring semester SAS meeting schedule.
 1. SAS Actions of 11/29/22
 - a. Approved the 11/29/22 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approved the 11/15/22 regular meeting minutes.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Events and Diversity Programming Allocation Council Policy, including title change to Student Organization Event Allocation Fund – Wright said she has a history with this policy due to her role when she worked for Student Life and Leadership. She said this is the allocation to support student organizations for events on campus. Half of the allocation is intended for diversity related opportunities and the other half does not have to fall within that category. She noted the various stipulations in order to obtain funding. She said there used to be some committees similar to GAC that for various reasons had challenges in obtaining funding within a timely manner. AS representatives reached out to Mary Wallmark and her in Student Life & Leadership (SL&L) regarding starting to remove barriers and allow students to have real-time application opportunities. SL&L evaluates applications utilizing a viewpoint neutral stance, accepts or declines, and assures they meet all the policies, which would allow a more real-time answer regarding funding. Wright said this process has been very successful. She said Kaylee McAllister-Knutson in SL&L is the one that oversees the application process and works directly with the student organizations. Wright said 14 events were successfully completed this semester, with one pending. She said Joe Dorgali of AS OPS stepped in to assist with these events until an office coordinator can be hired, and shared that it is a full-time job helping these organizations showcase their events, which has many steps. She next discussed reimbursement and the role of the AS in this process. She said the suggested revisions to the policy will hopefully make it easier for student orgs to go through the process and also

supports our AS administrative load. She explained the reason for the name change to this policy as well as the various revisions to the Guidelines being suggested. Wright said that with a lower number of students attending Chico State, the allocation amount is being changed from \$4,000 to \$3,000. She said out of the 14 events held this semester, only two came close to the \$4,000 allocation amount. She also explained the suggested revisions to which services are eligible for funding. Alaniz-Wiggins asked if campus departments could assist with funding events and Wright confirmed that they can. McAllister-Knutson said by limiting the cap to \$3,000 it allows SL&L to help students better control expenses. Rubinoff said that by limiting food vendors, it may not allow student organizations to have their cultural style of food at their event. Wright said many of the student organizations have funds in their student organization bank accounts due to fundraising, etc., that can be used to purchase food from outside vendors. She said this particular funding would only be used by student organizations once or twice a semester. Alaniz-Wiggins questioned food trucks on campus and Wallmark said every food vendor that comes on campus has to be approved and explained the process.

- B. Discussion Item: 9/30/22 Activity Fee Capital Expenditure Report – Wright reviewed the report with the committee, noting no funds were spent during this time period. She said although \$25,000 is in this budget, no purchases are currently planned for the year.
- C. Discussion Item: 9/30/22 Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 9/30/22 – Wright reviewed the Activity Fee information section of the LAIF report, noting this is a very safe investment.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Alvarez said Presidential recruitment applications are due. • Alaniz-Wiggins updated regarding the various upcoming events during DeStress Fest.

X. STAFF REPORTS – Wallmark said this is her last meeting and thanked the group. She introduced McAllister-Knutson who will be the new Student Life & Leadership representative on GAC. She said McAllister-Knutson has a lot of institutional knowledge as well as knowledge of student organizations and programs, so use her knowledge.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Tsao said GAC will meet biweekly on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for the Spring 2023 semester.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – Wright reminded that there is a GAC meeting next week, December 7.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Tsao, adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.