

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, November 6, 2024,

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT –

OTHERS PRESENT – Miguel Sueki, Brooke McCall, Keith Crawford, Kendall Ross, Emmanuel Patterson, Shar Krater, Jon Simmons, Katey VonMosch, Anna Paladini, Issac Valverde

- 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 11/6/24 regular meeting agenda as presented.
Action Requested: Motion to amend the agenda to remove action item Consent Agenda. (Sullivan/Kelley) 6-0-0 MSC
Action Requested: Motion to approve the amended agenda. (Partida/Kachiwala) 6-0-0 MSC
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 10/23/24 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 10/23/24 regular meeting minutes, as presented (White/Kelley) 6-0-0 MSC**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Schwartz stated we've had a lot of meetings to encourage people to get out to vote and he appreciates Kelley's efforts at the ballot bash.
- 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 10/29 Student Academic Senate agenda
2. Approval of 10/15 Student Academic Senate Minutes

Kachiwala stated they discussed about academic reorganizing. There are survey questions to be done as well.

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 Appointments

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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. (I) 0-0-0 MSC**~~

B. Action Item: Approving Resolution Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Chico State Pride

Approval of the Resolution. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Chico State Pride Resolution, as presented. (White/Sullivan) 7-0-0 MSC**

Gowda entered the meeting at 2:36PM.

- C. Discussion Item: Capital Expenditure Reports for quarter ending 9/30/24
Schwartz stated they have an unallocated balance. In the first quarter, we did not have to use any capital expenditures so it carries over into the remaining quarters.
- D. Discussion Item: Activity Fee Budget vs Actual September 2024
Schwartz elaborated on the budget and revenue. It came out to 17.59% of expected revenue. The ideal is to be close to 25%. It's looking like we'll be close to the revenues expected. Operational expenses breaks down wages of career staff, employee benefits, general operational expenses, pensions, and liabilities. Schwartz went over the numbers for this part of the report. The Government Affairs Budget in the first quarter is a little bit over that 25% where we want to be for spending. However, first quarter spending is historically more expensive than second quarter. The goal as entering the second quarter is to spend less than the first quarter. Schwartz continued to go over campus programs and community programs and their breakdowns. Sullivan asked about the Government Affairs budget, if it included onboarding of positions. Schwartz clarified expenses are higher to get things started like for training that doesn't carry over to second quarter. Wright elaborated food and attire as well.
- E. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Money Market for quarter ending 9/30/24
Schwartz went over the daily investment and interest earned for this report. This one covered July-September. It ended with an amount of 4.71%, an amount Schwartz stated beats what conventional banks offer for CDs.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS—

Kelley stated the ballot bash was yesterday and shouted out the director of civic engagement. A lot of students showed up and they were able to explain the event to them. Her first council meeting was on October 28th. Lastly, she reached out to Wisdom Singleton from Humboldt to keep good rapport and see if they needed assistance.

Monticello had her first meeting yesterday at 8AM. They also discussed the Moonlight Safety Stroll and are looking to do more community outreach via donations, canned food drives, clothing drives, and more.

Gowda had her first meeting last week and they appointed their vice chair. They also got a proposal from the cross culture leadership center. They are also looking to talk about extending support at the social justice and equity meeting this Friday. The Special Action Team is hoping to have students attend a listening session next semester. They are trying to incorporate a pantry proposal as well.

Kachiwala said they are going to work with senators for foundation plans for next semester to host listening sessions and to survey for academic reorganizing. He also attended CSUGI. His key takeaways were about stopouts, students who stop going to school.

Partida had his council meeting on Friday November 1st. They're looking to do a workshop in collaboration with the Well to focus on men's mental health. They partnered with Men of Chico who also came and spoke, and they also heard about Women of Excellence. He also wants to work more with Gowda on the food pantry.

White said the SFAC proposals are due tomorrow. They have \$700,000 to give out. They had two ag ambassadors that came to their last meeting. They are working on having a student-run sustainability

summit in the winter, potentially at the science museum. They are possibly moving to a once weekly meeting time. He also met with Dr Morales and Dr Cortez to talk about free speech on campus. Sullivan just had his norcal engagement officer meeting. They asked about resources student utilize for finals week. Monticello left the meeting at 2:57PM. Sullivan shouted out Cat's Connect. He also wanted to go over what happens next with Time, Place, and Manner. There are plans to follow up on consultation. He also plans to go over more Title IX questions and meet with the Title IX director. Sullivan sat on the University Budget Committee. Dr. B and President Perez will also meet with Sullivan this week, and they want to know what's going on with the students. In the next GAC He plans to follow up on planned opportunities. Monticello returned to the meeting at 3:00PM. Sullivan called for everyone to reflect on their progress. He then went over various appreciations for the other students and their accomplishments through the semester thus far.

X. STAFF REPORTS –

Anderson stated that the hatchet house event funding came from the chancellors office. This is a chance for current students to talk to alumni, if they should go to grad school, and how to get a job.

McAllister-Knutson announced that they hired a new financial coordinator. She will aid in student funds. Kendall Ross has also been announced as full time senior director of SLL and recreational sports. On Monday they will be sunsetting the campus calendar. Cat's Connect will promote everything now. That will happen in March.

Dr. Morales attended the ballot bash. There was an election, of which there is intense joy and sorrow both on campus. Tomorrow there is a conversation on equity diversity and inclusion. This is focused on race, ethnicity, and religious identity. This is also a focus on inter-religious dialogue. He has free speech office hours by appointment available. Friday is the diversity certificate program focused on free speech on campus. Today he also sent out a safe zone training workshop.

XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—

Wright thanked Schwartz for going over the financials. She wanted to remind everyone on 11/12 from 11-12 the AS has hired a consultant for dining services looking for student feedback. She also urged students to send their Spring '25 schedule to Eliza.

XII. CHAIR REPORT –

Schwartz has been focusing on following up on the results of the Clery report. He had a meeting with the Title IX office. There used to be a time when Title IX training was required by every student in order to complete registration for classes. Currently, it's officially still required, but it's been removed from being tied to class registration. The Title IX office asked him to reach out to the rest of the AS. They are open to collaboration. There are two parts to Title IX, the reporting segment and the educational perspective.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Kachiwala says there is a Diwali event happening this Friday.

Monticello says it's first gen week and there are events going on primarily today, tomorrow, and Friday.

Partida said on November 17th it's homelessness awareness week and there are a few things at the basic needs center for the awareness campaign.

Wright says there's only one more GAC meeting for the remainder of this semester.

Kachiwala also said the week of the GAC meeting is international education week. He called for support for international students and study abroad students.

Sullivan mentioned that it's first generation week and Friday is first generation day.

Schwartz said this Thursday there's a community engagement workshop on understanding adverse childhood experiences and resilience. The workshop is designed to provide student volunteers with understanding of childhood experiences those they work with could have experienced.

Sullivan shouted out those that continue to use the group chat to remind about events.

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION—

Emmanuel Patterson addressed White about having a budget of \$5000. White said it was for SFAC which is a sustainability grant. Patterson said he may be interested in submitting and White stated he would speak with him after.

Brooke McCall says November 20th is Transgender Day of Remembrance as they set time aside to remember those that have lost their lives for living authentically. This lines up with the Wednesday before break. Stonewall and the transgender taskforce is working on setting up events to honor folks.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:26PM.