

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, December 1, 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, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson

MEMBERS ABSENT – Sri Ramani Thungapati (excused), Shari Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Dr. Chela Mendoza Patterson, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Eliza Miller, Chris Navarrete, Brooke McCall, Yvette Zuniga

- 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 12/1/23 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 12/1/2023 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Chai/Sullivan) 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.

Student Academic Senate (SAS) Committee –

a. SAS Actions: SAS Actions of 11/17/23

- i. Approved the 11/17/23 agenda
- ii. Approved the 10/27/23 minutes
- iii. Approved Zackary Machado to the Student Academic Senate Vice Chair position for Academic Year 2023-24

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2023-24. **Action Requested: Motion to approve Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2023-24, as presented (Chai/Alaniz-Wiggins) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Discussion Item: 9/30/23 Activity Fee Capital Expenditure Report (attached, page 9).

Wright stated that these are items over \$5,000 and a lifespan over 1 year. There are currently none to report.
- C. Discussion Item: Proposed Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Public Art project
Zuniga said 5 years ago, there was funding allocated to an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Public Art project. This money has been sitting, waiting and they began to make plan for how to utilize it, then the pandemic hit. She said they are at the point where they have 3 artist finalists who are looking to put art on the side of the

library. There is a QR code and link that the committee members were provided to “vote” for their favorite piece. Alaniz-Wiggins asked when the feedback is due. Zuniga said next Friday, they have gotten 500 people who have given feedback. The committee meets on Monday the 11th. She would be grateful for the students to provide feedback right now. Navarrete asked when the project would be completed. Zuniga said she is hoping it’ll begin in February and hopefully go up during Spring Break, summer at the latest. Dr. Patterson asked if this was attached to the wall. Zuniga said that it is not attached so if the library is remodeled, the piece remains.

D. Discussion Item: Office of Information and Technology

Action Requested: Motion to strike this item from the agenda as they were unable to attend, and invite them to attend a meeting next semester (Chai/Sullivan) 6-0-0 MSC.

- IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** – Sullivan said the Social Justice & Equity committee will meet December 11th at 11am and they will have refreshments there so please join them. Arisman said Student Academic Senate will meet next Friday at 11 am, and it is the last one of the semester and they will have treats. She is planning scheduling 1-on-1’s with the senators. Saucedo Dominguez said they had the “Speak on Safety” event and it was a full room and went well. Martin stated she agreed. Chai stated that the Legislative Affairs Committee has a tabling event Tuesday working with Civic Engagement for holiday cards from 11-1 pm. They will have refreshments. They have a lot coming up for next semester and they had their last meeting of the semester. Alaniz-Wiggins said next week she will be in Los Angeles for the Campaign for College Opportunity and she is representing the CSU system. She was approved to continue looking to change EO 307 by President Perez. She would like to get it on the CSSA agenda. The 10 % project is still going well and she hopes for GAC to help her next semester. The Israel-Gaza crisis has had differing results from other CSU campuses, and others are looking at the Associated Student’s statement for inspiration.
- X. STAFF REPORTS** – McAllister-Knutson said that it was great to see all the people at the safety forum. If you are affiliated you will see a lot of people here for FSA mingling with college staff in Sylvester’s Café and she invites Greek life members to stop by. Dr. Morales provided updates on building infrastructure, specifically minority-serving infrastructure. We are partnering with APIC and the university diversity council. This partnership is focused on building capacity for minority-serving designation. This would require 10% of undergraduate students to identify with these. The other element of this is that 1/3 of students are underserved. They are using data to help, and they must break it a part to make it usable. The CSU also has a program focused on serving these communities. Wright wished all a restful break, thanking Wagner for steering us in the right direction. She wished all safe travels. Wright said that Karen Bang is retiring this month and this would be her last GAC meeting; she recognized her help with Government Affairs. She has a deep history and knowledge of Government Affairs and the Associated Students in general. She reminded all of the upcoming spring training. Wagner has some ideas for what that will entail. Dr. Patterson thanked Bang for her years of service and noted that she was nominated for the Associated Students Outstanding Employee Award when she started in 1999. She will miss Bang. She enjoyed interacting with the students at the President’s Dinner. She said she is so gratified that we obtained the funding for the murals, and appreciates the student’s feedback.
- XI. CHAIR REPORT** – Wagner said she is excited about the spring training and invites anyone that has ideas to speak up and she hopes they have a wonderful break.
- XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chris N said that marketing has started recruiting for spring elections. They are hoping to start filming next week and wanted to put it on our radar.
- XIII. PUBLIC OPINION** –
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Wagner, adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.