

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

**Friday, February 13, 2026**

**3:00 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Gia Monticello, Beatrix Teaney, Kureha Takayama, Sarah Lanum, Zion Fozo, Dr. Joseph Morales, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Mahraya Davis

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Shari Anderson, Tia Saunders, Dr. Cirilo Cortez,

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Jon Simmons, Eliza Miller, Kendra Wright, Emily Berry (recording), Ben Spiess, Adin White, Luke Bagwell, Jackie Hansen

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Teaney, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 2/13/26 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 2/13/26 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Lanum/Fozo) 4-0-0 MSC.**  
**Roll Call Vote**  
**Takayama yes**  
**Monticello yes**  
**Fozo yes**  
**Lanum yes**
- Davis joined the meeting at 3:07 PM.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 1/30/26 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 1/30/26 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Monticello/Takayama) 5-0-0 MSC.**  
**Roll Call Vote**  
**Takayama yes**  
**Monticello yes**  
**Fozo yes**  
**Davis yes**  
**Lanum yes**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Takayama stated last meeting that there was no way to get more than \$3000 budget for Global Student Society International prom, but after discussion she found out she can request more budget and thanked the AS.  
Lanum stated SFAC opens February 18<sup>th</sup>, not 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 1/30/26 Student Academic Senate Agenda
  2. Approval of 11/13/25 Student Academic Senate Minutes
  3. Approval of Resolution Establishing Time and Location 2025-26
- Takayama reviewed the action items. She attended Academic Senate yesterday as well.

**VIII. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY REPORT** – Action Items forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee from the Senate stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Committee action.

A. Social Justice and Equity Committee

1. SJEC Actions: Approval of 2/3/26 Social Justice and Equity Committee Agenda
2. Approval of 10/22/25 Social Justice and Equity Committee Minutes
3. Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location 2025-26
4. Approved up to \$1K allocation to support Victory in Unity Event.

Davis reviewed the action items and shared that BSU provided a presentation at the meeting.

**IX. 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.*

**2025-26 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

Appointments to the Sustainability Affairs Council:

Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Adin White

Appointments to the Community Affairs Council:

Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Justin Cheung

Appointments to the Legislative Affairs Council:

Director of Social Justice and Equity Appointment: Estrella Quevedo

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

Roll Call Vote

Takayama yes

Monticello yes

Davis yes

Fozo yes

Lanum yes

B. Information Item: 12/31/25 Activity Fee Budget vs Actual

Teaney reviewed the document. She stated that the revenues are sitting at 51.93% in this bucket. Under expenses the corporate services line never changes and sits at 50%. We are under at 43.37%, which is good as we are looking for 50% and we want to be under budget. For AF operational expenses we are sitting at a quarter rather than 50%, this is because no one was appointed to the director position that oversees programs. This has now been hired for and may change. Government Affairs expense is at 42.14%. Campus Programs is at 26.91%. They run on the academic calendar, which causes this number to be lower. The final line item is community programs, at 43.68%. Overall, we're sitting at 37.11%.

C. Information Item: Presentation from AS Child Development Lab

Jackie Hansen introduced herself. The program offers internship and practicum experiences, hands-on experience, direct observation, flexible employment, and research opportunities. They provide low-cost, no-cost childcare to parenting students. They are equipped with career staff to assist as well. They receive funding from multiple sources, including the California Department of Education, State Preschool Contract, California Department of Social Services, General Child Care Contract, Early Head Start Partnership, California Child and Adult Food Program, and \$249,400 from the Activity Fee. They follow the Title V Education Code, Title 22, and Head Start Performance.

**X. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

- A. President Report – Saunders was not present to give a report.

- B. Commissioner of Community Affairs Report – Fozo stated quorum was not met last meeting but with the addition of a new member she is hoping that is no longer an issue. BMU 203 at 5:30 PM is Moonlight Safety Stroll in 6 days. She also served on the time capsule committee. At a state and local government course, Fozo gave a talk about the importance of voting in the AS elections.
- C. Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Report – Monticello stated Choose Chico is March 7<sup>th</sup>. Giving Day is March 4<sup>th</sup>. She will be going to CSU Advocacy day on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Students will also be attending CHESS in March. In April she'll be attending the Federal Advocacy with the President and Alumni office. CSSA will be online so anyone is welcome to attend. She also finished filming her day in the life. There is also an April 24<sup>th</sup> baseball game.
- D. Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Report – Lanum stated the Sustainability Affairs Council had their first meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup> and passed the date and time resolution as well as previous minutes and agenda. They discussed recycling solutions and E-waste on campus. Fire alarms will be discussed for installation around older campus housing. The third annual This Way To Resilience Symposium will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**XI. STAFF REPORTS –**

McAllister-Knutson thanked everyone who participated in Wildcat Welcome. The Champions in Unity basketball game is February 26<sup>th</sup>. She also thanked everyone who attended the leadership summit. Giving Day is coming up for programs, departments and clubs on campus. The Student Learning Fee and IRA committee for Student Affairs has concluded and has sent proposals for review. She also reminded everyone about spirit Fridays. Simmons stated we received an ITPR for PolicyStat, and we are moving forward to get our policies cleaned up. He also wanted to acknowledge CAVE for their participation in a Gala that the President was attending. Dr. Morales stated he provides the same update to Academic Senate. There is nothing in what he is discussing that violates state law and as far as he is aware, federal law. For free speech rights and responsibilities, he stressed the importance of our First Amendment rights. The conversations in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will be led by a few faculty members who will discuss the First Amendment and the history of censorship. All of these things are free. If you complete the Diversity Certificate Program you receive an LED cat reward. He has free speech office hours advertised on CatsConnect. The Latinx Equity and Success and University Diversity Council's are partnering to assess for the seal of Excelencia, the extent to which we are or are not meeting the needs of Latinx and Hispanic students on campus. There will be a presentation of a mural on Kendall lawn after spring break. Ramadan is also coming up, anyone with questions can reach out. The SafeZone curriculum has been updated. The first one is in March with another in April. Next Thursday is the next What To Do, What To Say workshop for immigration conversations on campus.

- XII. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—** Wright wanted to express support for Fozo in the Moonlit Safety Stroll. On 2/19 at 5:30, participants will arrive in BMU 203, have burritos for dinner, spend 30 minutes there talking about the evening and what it entails, and then will canvas the campus and north campus communities. Two weeks from today, there will be a lunch with the President and cabinet. This will be at the patio, or the WREC if it rains. The AS will also sponsor up to \$100 for graduating seniors inclusive of regalia. That would include the gown, cap, and tassel. She also encouraged conversations and questions the team can have with her during this budget season.

- XIII. CHAIR REPORT –** Teaney wanted to thank everyone who made it to training. The Moonlit Safety Stroll is a big thing that Community Affairs puts together and this will also be done on Fozo's birthday. Tonight, GSEC has the first night of the Vagina Monologues, doors open at 5:30. There will also be one tomorrow night. She also pointed out that more presentations will be coming as we enter budget season. Nominations are due by the end of today for the Black American Unity brunch, which is not next Thursday but the following Thursday. Teaney also wanted to mention the Seal of Excellencia nominations are due March 15<sup>th</sup>. Next month is also the GSEC drag brunch. Teaney will be performing. Young Black and Gifted was yesterday as well and she expects to hear from Saunders at our next meeting.

- XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS—** Monticello stated she's working on doing a 7 for 7 in 7. This is consuming 7 hotdogs and 7 drinks in 7 innings. If you complete the challenge, you get a certificate. She is hoping to make this a Chico State tradition.

Davis stated Young Black and Gifted was yesterday. QTPOCs will have their first meeting on Monday at 5:30 at Sylvester's. On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a Line Dancing event. On the last week of February the Black Resource Center will have Spirit Week. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of February there is collaboration with the Athletics department to host Victory in Champions before the basketball game. They will then walk over to the game. Simmons stated there's two movie double-features tomorrow. Fozo stated that Cats in the Community is coming up for Caesar Chavez day.

**XV. PUBLIC OPINION**— None.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT** – Teaney adjourned the meeting at 4:06 PM.