

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, February 27, 2026

3:00 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Gia Monticello, Kureha Takayama, Tia Saunders, Mahraya Davis, Beatrix Teaney, Sarah Lanum

MEMBERS ABSENT – Shari Anderson, Dr. Cirilo Cortez, Dr. Joseph Morales, Zion Fozo (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Hugh Hammond, Emily Berry (recording), Parker Pedone, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Jon Simmons, Eliza Miller, Adin White, Alanna Gonzales, Madi Sunderman, Alora Rodarte, Chris Saunders

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Teaney, called the meeting to order at 3:03PM.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 2/27/26 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 2/27/26 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Lanum/Takayama) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 2/13/26 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 2/13/26 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Lanum/Saunders) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, nine minutes for entire topic – None.
- VII. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS** – *Action Items forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee from the standing committees stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Committee action.*
 - A. Student Academic Senate Committee
 1. SAS Actions of 2/13/26
 - a. Approval of 2/13/26 Student Academic Senate Agenda
 - b. Approval of 1/30/26 Student Academic Senate MinutesTakayama reviewed the actions approved at the meeting. She also stated SAS started at 1pm today and the discussion was great. She will report that at next GAC. She stated that they talked about the student proposals brought to AS Government Affairs. They also discussed course material for courses. They discussed that Chico State may be limiting student success by preventing people from moving ahead in their course work and requiring courses to be unlocked. There was also concern that unlocking courses earlier may increase the use of AI.
 - B. Social Justice and Equity Committee
 1. SJEC Actions of 2/17/26
 - a. No Meetings HeldDavis stated their last meeting was not held, as they did not meet quorum. The next meeting will be on Tuesday.
- 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.

2025-26 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointment to the Associated Students Facilities Committee (ASFC)
Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Connor Couacaud

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

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. President Report – Saunders stated that CSSA Board discussed the executive compensation amongst the CSU's. CSSA is taking a stance against the president's receiving more dollars. They are also part of the Title IX pilot program. Another bill about American history courses is something CSSA believes oversteps the lines of academic freedom. CHESS will also be soon. Teaney provided this was bill AB 50-52.
- B. Commissioner of Community Affairs Report – Fozo was unable to attend today due to speech and debate. However, Teaney thanked everyone on her behalf for showing up to the Moonlit Safety Stroll. Her last meeting did not meet quorum. If anyone has feedback or suggestions for the time capsule, please let Fozo know via email or during her office hours.
- C. Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Report – Monticello stated on Wednesday she went to the capital with President Perez and did CSU Advocacy Day. This included deferred maintenance, housing bonds, and more. They also advocated for the CSU budget proposed by the Governor. At CSSA the finance committee is looking to do work with getting endowments and putting an investment fund into place for a scholarship for students. There were presentations regarding this. She also sat on system-wide affairs and discussed the AI White Paper. There's one fully confirmed meeting for CHESS that they will be going to.
- D. Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Report – Lanum state the last Sustainability Affairs Council meeting did not meet quorum. There will be another meeting this Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 in BMU 209.

- X. STAFF REPORTS –** McAllister-Knutson stated Choose Chico is happening next week. She wanted to remind people that clubs do not make money through the institution, and she wanted to thank the contributions that they do have like Revenue Sharing and the SOEAF fund. Spirit Days are on Friday, and Wildcat Wednesdays are also still happening. Simmons stated deferred maintenance is a huge issue. ASFC met this morning, and the AS has invested heavily into trying to assist with the maintenance of our own facilities.

- XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—** Wright stated Choose Chico is a week from Saturday. There will be a display for the AS and programs, including the Government Affairs program. Teaney and Sunderman will be assisting. She also wanted to thank everyone for active participation at lunch today with President Perez and Cabinet members. Run For Office is ending next Wednesday. That's March 4th at noon. One step to apply is the online application, then there's also a meeting with Brooke McCall. After, on March 12th at 5 is the official declaration. McCall ensures all applicants will meet eligibility. They then attend an orientation. Campaigning begins on Friday the 13th. For the current team, there will be no active campaigning within AS buildings. That includes the WREC, dining, etc. Campaigning is all the way from March 13th through Election Day. April 7th there's a meet and greet in the Breezeway from 11-1:30. Lunch will be provided. April 8th is the first day of election day, and there will be an extravaganza as an opportunity to meet the candidates from 11-1:30 at Glenn lawn. On the 9th, the AS events team is doing a roadshow. They will be canvassing the campus community encouraging students to vote. Voting is on April 8th and 9th.

- XII. CHAIR REPORT –** Teaney stated they are workshopping ideas for meeting quorum for councils. She also thanked Monticello and Saunders for their work at CSSA and the updates. She also encouraged people to stay in

their office hours to educate on what it is that they do in the AS. March 12th is also the GSEC drag and burlesque show. This will be after orientation ends.

- XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**— Monticello wanted to remind everyone about spirit week and the time capsule. April 20-24th.
- XIV. PUBLIC OPINION**— Alanna Gonzales asked a question about suggested steps in regards to getting involved with the AS. Teaney encouraged her to show up to office hours to ask. Davis also stated tomorrow from 9:30-11:30 the Black Resource Center is having a skate night.
- XV. ADJOURNMENT** – Teaney adjourned the meeting at 3:39PM.