

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Monday, February 5, 2024

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Allison Wagner, Mia Arisman, Katie Chai, Christian Sullivan, Itzel Saucedo Dominguez, Sri Ramani Thungapati, Shari Anderson, Dr. Joseph Morales, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Dr. Chela Mendoza Patterson, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Eliza Miller, Jon Simmons, Ari Sorokin

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Wagner, called the meeting to order at 2:32 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 2/5/24 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 2/5/2024 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sullivan/Saucedo-Dominguez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 1/22/24 regular meeting minutes. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 1/22/24 regular meetings, as presented (Alaniz-Wiggins/Arisman) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- 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 – Arisman went over the SAS actions.
 - a. SAS Actions: SAS Actions
 - i. Approved the 1/26/24 SAS Agenda
 - ii. Approved the 11/17/23 SAS Minutes

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Item: Join the Call for Ceasefire in Gaza Resolution
Alaniz-Wiggins shared the document with the committee on the screen. She said there has been a variety of statements across the CSU System. To date only Sacramento State has called for a ceasefire. CSSA will be drafting a similar document. She said there have been multiple different groups that have reviewed it and given her feedback. She believes that the statement is non-biased. The one that was released by Sacramento State had historical context. On the second page, they join a call for a ceasefire, demanding that Israel halts a blockade and that the US government does all it can to cease the fighting. She is calling the Chico K-12 schools, including local high schools, to also join the call. She stated that President Perez had reviewed it.. If this committee decided to release a statement, they would be the second Associated Students to do so. She has had trouble with the language. Dr. Morales said that the US Department for Civil Rights can help with the language in the statement. McAllister-Knutson asked if Alaniz-Wiggins talked to University Communications, as they could help as well. She also said that having conversations with the local schools would be good so it is not perceived as a targeted attack. She asked what the other CSU's Associated Students are doing in regard to the call for a ceasefire. Alaniz-Wiggins said that the population of those directly affected is much larger at other CSUs. Anderson said that this should go through University Communication because we do not refer to ourselves as CSUC. Dr. Morales said that in his recent experience, he noticed that the US

Department for Civil Rights references the widest scope of people possible, that's why he referred to it. Wright asks if all voting members have read the statement in its entirety? Alaniz-Wiggins said no. Extein will attach it to the next agenda that will come out in two weeks.

- B. Discussion Item: 12/31/23 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual
Wagner said that all our percentages should be around 50%. The reason we are below total expenses is that we haven't been able to give the contract programs all their funds yet. Most other rows are on track. Both campus and community programs are at their desired benchmarks. Wages are below expected due to the CAVE coordinator position being open but has been recently filled.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Saucedo-Dominguez said she has their first meeting this Friday. Arisman said they also have a meeting this Friday. She is planning one-on-ones with the senators. Sullivan said SJ&E will meet this week and he will be reaching out to various departments across campus. The Black History Month display will be set up soon. Alaniz-Wiggins said they are working on updating the Code of Ethics. She is working with the CCLC to make bigger events for Ramadan. She is working with Cabinet regarding different collaboration opportunities. Chai said that she is still working to get her committee up and running. She is excited for CHESS and it is with CSSA and multiple of her peers are joining her. Thungapati said that she attended the SFAC meeting and they heard two presentations. She is working with the members of her committee to figure out the best time to meet in the spring.

X. STAFF REPORTS – McAllister-Knutson said Clubtacular will be this Wednesday from 11-1 pm. Wright said thank you to the entire group of elected representatives and she enjoyed the retreat they participated in. They have some leadership opportunities that are coming up, along with their Moonlight Safety Walk for Monday, March 4th. Dr. Morales said there have been a lot of changes since he started here. They are working on finding a unifying way to bring all different people into one space. Anderson said Madison Kelley is an intern in their office and is working on a project to help amplify who student senators are and what they do. Anderson and Alaniz-Wiggins will be working together at an upcoming event.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Wagner said Gia Monticello, our new commissioner, will be joining us super soon.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – McAllister-Knutson said there will be a Hatchet House takeover on the 7th and if you wear Chico State gear you can go for free. Alaniz-Wiggins said they will be tabling Clubtacular. KCSC is having an event at the Naked Lounge on the 17th from 7-9 pm, stop by to see some students perform music.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – Dr. Patterson enjoyed their training on Friday.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Wagner, adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm