

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Monday, April 15, 2024

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT –

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Dr. Chela Mendoza Patterson, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Eliza Miller, Jon Simmons, Brooke McCall, Keith Crawford, Katrina Leach, Shar Krater, Windy VanDam

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Wagner, called the meeting to order at 2:3 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 4/15/24 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 4/8/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sullivan/Monticello) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 3/25/24 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 3/25/24 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Wiggins/Monticello) 5-0-0 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 said there was no meeting held.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Action Item: Approval of the Activity Fee Fund, estimated results 2023-24 and proposed budget 2024-25. **Motion to approve the Activity Fee Fund, estimated results 2023-24, and proposed budget 2024-25, as presented (previously distributed) (Wiggins/Sullivan) 5-0-0.**

Wright presented the Activity Fee Fund to the committee, estimated results for 2023-24, and the proposed budget for 2024-25. Alaniz Wiggins asked about the contract programs' allocations and if they reflect the student enrollment. Wright clarified that this budget is based on 13,600 enrollments and that if enrollment continues to rise, so will that allocation.

- B. Discussion Item: Gender & Sexuality Equity Coalition Presentation- Wagener invited Mac Miller, the student director of GSEC, to the table. Miller shared GSEC's purpose in providing feminist activism and LGBTQ+ activism on camps. Miller shared some of the events that GSEC hosted this year and some of the upcoming events. They also shared some of the partnerships in the local community that they use to bring resources to students on campus. Miller shared that the org is entirely student-run, and all paid staff and interns are students. Miller shared that these opportunities help students build very important leadership skills and help educate students on queer, trans, and women issues. Miller also shared that GSEC will be moving out of their

shared office into a brand new office in the new BSS office next year. Alaniz Wiggins encouraged everyone to attend Queer Prom this week. Miller shared the details.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Alaniz Wiggins shared that she had just returned from CSU on the hill week in DC, where she was able to participate in advocacy for CAL Grant dreamers and other communities. She also met some Chico State Alums. Eid on campus is coming up on Wednesday the 17th, 12-3:15 on Glenn Lawn. She will be speaking at the event, and cultural attire is encouraged. Monticello is working on a safety concerns survey to gauge what safety resources are aware of. Sullivan shared that at his latest SJEC meeting, they included their committee purpose statement at the beginning and are looking to expand that. He also shared that the Arab Heritage Month display is out, and the international festival is on May 4th. If anyone is interested in volunteering. Sullivan attended a conference last Tuesday to advocate for Cal Grant and Black student advocacy. He also shared that the vice chair for his committee resigned, and he is working on replacing that appointment. Thungapati shared that she did not meet quorum at her last meeting, so they have rescheduled it for this Friday. Arisman shared that at SAS on Friday, Scott Kodai came to discuss the new Chico State app and gather ideas about features that students think are important. Arisman and Dr. Ryan Patton are looking to conduct another survey about class schedules soon.

X. STAFF REPORTS – McAllister-Knutson congratulated everyone on a great job at Choose Chico. -Anderson shared that Wildcat Spirit Week is coming up next week and reminded everyone that the deadline for time capsule submissions is EOD tomorrow. -Dr. Morales shared that Chico State recently received grants in order to develop AAPI and Black Student Centers. Dr. Morales also shared that work has begun to remodel several restrooms on campus to make them all-gender. The diversity certificate has focused on the impact of the First Amendment on campus populations, for example, undocumented and LGBTQ+ groups. Specifically, how hate speech affects these populations and how campus can support them. -Wright shared some upcoming events for the elected representatives, including the upcoming transition luncheon for the outgoing in incoming elected representatives and impact day.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Wagner gave no report.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – none

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Wagner, adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm