

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Monday, April 8, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Dr. Joseph Morales, Shari Anderson

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, Grace Shepherd, Sam Deleo, Christina Jewell, Windy VanDam, Katey VonMosch

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Co-Chair, Arisman, called the meeting to order at 2:31 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 4/8/24 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 4/8/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Monticello/Sullivan) 4-0-0 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 – Arisman reviewed the SAS actions.
 - a. SAS Actions: 3/29/24
 - i. Approved the 3/29/24 SAS Agenda
 - ii. Approved the 3/8/24 SAS Minutes

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Information Item: The Activity Fee Fund, estimated results 2023-24 and proposed budget 2024-25.

Wright presented to the committee the Activity Fee Fund, estimated results 2023-24 and proposed budget 2024-25. She said the slide deck she shared last week was conceptual and this presentation has actual numbers. This goes from July 1st- June 30th. Wright started with income, with Actual 2023 income being \$1,947,324. The Original 2024 column is what the team before these members sent through and was the estimated number that was voted on last year around this time. For 2024, the original 2024 total income is expected to be \$2,069,670. The Estimated 2024 column is with the corrections made as we come into the end of the fiscal year and is expected to be \$2,092,999. The Proposed 2025 column is what AS leadership is proposing we budget for fall 2024 and spring 2025. The proposed budget is \$2,178,960. They are doing the entire budget based on a projected 13,600 enrolled students. The actual enrollment was 13,487 students for 2022-23. The hope is that we will have 14,000 students in the future, but as the AS we work with conservative budgeting. The Activity Fee per enrolled student number is \$166 including a \$6 CPI increase. Next, Wright covered University Service Fees/Expenses. This includes indirect costs to CSE, University Custodial Fee, Student Organization Banking, Campus IT charges, and total university service fees. Next, she covered Contract Programs, which include the CCLC, CLIC, GSEC, KCSC, STAR Center, and the Student Shuttle

Program. Our proposed contribution to our contract programs for 2024-25 is \$358,800. We are expecting an increase in cost for the student shuttle program. As of this moment, Wright stated the MOU regarding the affinity centers has not been signed yet, so it is not factored into the budget presented here. The intent is to take CCLC and STAR's \$132,800 and increase their allocation to \$10 per enrolled person on campus. This would lead to an increased allocation to these programs by approximately \$3,000. She said nothing is proposed to change for CLIC, GSEC, and KCSC. Sullivan asked when there is a signed MOU, if they will receive a revised budget? Wright said yes. She said things end up changing, and it can be brought to GAC as a revision when it is necessary to address it. They would adjust approximately in December or January. She believes there would be a swing of \$3000-\$5000 change depending on enrollment, being that we are hoping to supply them with \$10/enrolled student. Next, she covered Corporate Services and talked about inflation, the costs of goods increasing, and the minimum wage increasing, which affects everyone else's wages. The cost of living and the cost of most things have increased, so we need to adjust accordingly. The FSO office is now fully staffed and this would reflect the increase on our side to ensure we don't lose employees to the state-side. Next, Wright moved onto Operational Costs, in which she pointed out our corporate insurance. This has jumped from \$34,012 to \$43,159. Leach said that this is our insurance for all of our property and equipment. Next, she moved into Government Affairs and noted that the addition of Miller's role as a Government Affairs Coordinator had been added on. They also have McCall, stepping in as the Connection Coordinator. We also absorbed work due to retirement. Alongside this, the Elections Coordinator role completely moved over to the GA team. The cost of attendance has increased which increased the reps' scholarships to match percentages of cost of attendance.

Next, Wright covered the Annual Program Allocations. She is hoping that they will increase the Student Organization Events Fund by \$10,000 to ensure the events hosted by student organizations on campus are better supported. As the student organization numbers get closer to 200, we are hoping to ensure they have the money to be successful. A portion of SJEC's allocation goes to the cultural graduation. Sullivan asked how adjustments could be made to the allocations to the Social Justice and Equity's budget. Wright said the allocations dropped 20% due to lower admissions last year, but will increase as we get more students. If we can pass 14,000 enrolled students, it can continue to increase. Revenue sharing increased and is expected to increase again due to the additions of Recreational sports. She noted that the allocated amount does not all get redeemed. She wants to ensure they have the funds available for if and when they want to spend it. Next, Wright covered Campus Programs, which includes the CDL. She also covered the Community Program, CAVE, which is now fully staffed and student participation is thriving as well. They are expecting an expense of \$286,888. Wright stated the Activity Fee projected/proposed income for 2024-25 is \$2,178,960. Wright stated the Activity Fee projected/proposed expenses for 2024-25 is \$2,524,211. This would leave us on in a \$345,251 deficit, in which the AS would like to pull from the reserves. We currently have a balance of approximately \$5 million in reserves. Sullivan asked what happens to revenue sharing that isn't used. Wright said it goes back to the bottom-line and can be put towards our programs. Wright said the committee will have one week until the next GAC meeting, where it will be presented as an action item to vote on. Sullivan asked where the money the student representatives have been allocated but don't use goes? Wright said it goes back to the bottom-line. Sullivan asked if we look at how much of the allocated funds are spent when looking to create a plan for the following year? Wright gave an example of a student representative coming to GAC to ask to advocate for more money to go to a position for the next year.

B. Discussion Item: Community Legal Information Clinic Presentation

Grace Shepherd and Sam Deleo presented on CLIC. Sullivan asked if CLIC is available to graduate students? Shepherd said yes, they serve both. She also got 3 units for her grad program. Dr. Patterson asked what the students are doing after this? Deleo said he is applying for paralegal internships, and studying for LSAT. Shepherd said she is finishing up her grad program and has been enjoying learning more. McCall thanked CLIC for elevating their outreach the last few years and appreciated how they showed up at Choose Chico. Sullivan asked moving forward, how they plan to connect with more elected representatives. Shepherd said that they will be following up with their new Directors and hoping their successors are able to make those connections. Wright said she is grateful and is appreciative they are able to come and speak to us regarding their progress and how these allocations help support their students.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Monticello said that she was unable to hold her meeting due to quorum and is reaching new people while tabling. She introduced herself to City Council. Thungapati said they had a meeting on 3/29 and they chatted regarding Earth Day and International Festival. They are planning to host Earth Day Festival on April 22nd. There will be live music and they are partnering with local high schools. They want to tell these visitors about our sustainable practices. She is planning to present during this event and spread

awareness regarding her council. International festival is May 4th , and she wants to ensure we are following best practices and seeing where they can help. Regarding the strategic plan involving power usage, they noticed that many computers and such as being left on when not used. They want to shut down computers when they are not in use. Their next meeting is on Friday. Sullivan said SJEC is this Thursday and they will be debuting the purpose of the SJEC committee what the purpose of their agenda is. The goal is that after reading the Machoopta land recognition there would be a statement of purpose. He has been sitting on the university diversity council and they are looking for students looking to participate. The Arab history display is in the atrium. They are looking for volunteers for International Festival. He is going around and advocating for organizations to use their revenue sharing. Chai is meeting with her committee this Wednesday.

X. STAFF REPORTS – McAllister-Knuston said she's thankful for everything regarding revenue sharing and congratulated all that are part of our new team of elected representatives. Wright said thank you AS wide for the successful elections. The goal was to surpass last year, and we got 2557 votes. She thanked all for sharing with their team, and she thanked Miller for being the Election Supervisor. She thanked the GA staff team, marketing, and OPS. She stated over 300 people joined us at the Election Extravaganza. She also thanked conference services, catering and all. She also said congrats to the two students at the table that won the election. They have a transition luncheon on April 24th. President Perez, several cabinet members, and directors will be joining us. The April 29th lunch with Cabinet has shifted due to Impact Day and they have invited our representatives to join. It will be at the president's house like originally planned. The chairs of committees will invite the new students filling their positions to their committee meetings in the future. Dr. Patterson said that she hopes the representatives appreciate the AS staff working hard to put these budgets together. She encouraged all to talk to Wright or Krater regarding any questions surrounding the budget. She also said CLIC has always been a unique program. She thanked the students and staff who attended or worked on Saturday for Choose Chico, and noted the Wrec patio setup and the BMU was packed. Estom Jumani offered \$5 meals to the families, and there were over 600 people who took advantage of it. She said this isn't a profit-making plan, this is just to showcase that we contribute to the Chico State experience and appreciates all the time and energy staff put in.

XI. CO-CHAIR REPORT – Arisman said that SAS is hosting VP Sendze and Scott Kodai and they are searching for feedback regarding a new app for students. She is planning on taking SAS members to the Hatchet House for an end of year experience.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – Krater shouted out Brooke McCall for her leadership during Choose Chico. She also gave a shout out to CAVE regarding their Cats in the Community event. Earth Day is also coming up!

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Co-Chair, Arisman, adjourned the meeting at 3:41 pm