Associated Students
California State University Chico

MEETING MINUTES

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, May 2, 2025 | **12:00 p.m.** | **BMU 205**

MEMBERS PRESENT – Aaron Schwartz, Chris Sullivan, Dev Kachiwala, Aishwarya Gowda, Gia Monticello, Adin White, Humberto Partida, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Dr. Joseph Morales,
MEMBERS ABSENT – Madison Kelley
OTHERS PRESENT – Eliza Miller (recording), Dr. Cirilo Cortez, Luke Bagwell, Miguel Sueki, Kendall Ross, Chuy Rojas Rivas, Beatrix Teaney, Frances Evans, Jefferson Garcia Leon, Autumn Garrison, Brenda Oregel, Rubi Lupenelo, Jeamoni Bradley, Emily Yin, Fatima Nunez, Julian Liston, Madalen Cortez, Brooke McCall, Jasmine Saephan, Kendra Wright

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –** Approval of the 5/2/25 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 5/2/25 agenda, as presented. (Gowda/White) 6-0-0 MSC**

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 4/18/25 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 4/18/25 regular meeting minutes, as presented (White/Partida) 6-0-0 MSC**

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Schwartz requested the guests in the room to email their presentations to Ben, who is running tech. Sullivan congratulated the GAC and expressed that he is proud of everyone. Partida expressed appreciation for the time to discuss code changes later on the agenda.

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 5/1/25 Student Academic Senate Agenda
      2. Approval of 4/17/25 Student Academic Senate Minutes

VIII. **BUSINESS**

   A. Action Item: Resolution Regarding Reimagining Chico (under separate cover). **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Resolution Regarding Reimagining Chico, as presented (under separate cover). (Sullivan/Partida)** Gowda asked if the lawyer had reviewed this resolution version. Schwartz shared that yes, he had, and it was all clear from the legal perspective. **Schwartz called for the vote: 6-0-0 MSC**

   B. Discussion Item: Cross-Cultural Leadership Center Presentation – a group of students representing the Black Resource Center, APIDA, CCLC, and El Centro presented on their programs and how they utilized their AS funding allocation for the year. They reviewed their events and student utilization statistics for the fall and spring semesters. **Kachiwala left the meeting at 12:21. Kachiwala returned to the meeting at 12:25pm.** Partida shared that he met some of his best friends at the CCLC. Sullivan expressed his pride in the students from the centers.

C. Discussion Item: Community Legal Information Clinic Presentation – Students representing CLIC presented on their various CLIC programs and their impact on students during the Fall and Spring Semesters. **Monticello left the meeting at 12:27pm. Monticello returned to the meeting at 12:30pm.**

D. Discussion Item: Student Life and Leadership Presentation – Kaylee McAllister-Knutson presented on the SOEAF funding processes and results from the 2024-25 event allocations. She shared that they allocated all $50,000 of their allocation.

E. Discussion Item: Gender & Sexuality Equity Coalition Presentation—Students representing GSEC presented on GSEC's three programs, event attendance, and student utilization statistics for the fall and spring semesters. **Partida left the meeting at 12:52 pm**. **Partida returned to the meeting at 1:02pm**

F. Discussion Item: KCSC Radio Presentation—Mac Cortez, the General Manager of KCSC radio, presented on the events and programming they hosted during the fall and spring semesters.

G. Information Item: Campus Engagement Council Code Update Partida shared the proposed updates to the non-voting membership of his committee. The proposed changes are to replace the Director of Student Government with a staff appointment from either AS Presents or AS Marketing. **White left the meeting at 1:23 pm. White returned at 1:26 pm**

H. Information Item: SOEAF Policy. Schwartz requested the team share feedback before the discussion. McAllister-Knutson requested that this item come to her office for review before a vote on it. She has concerns about some of the proposed changes creating challenges for the disbursement of said funds for both the SLL team and the student organizations seeking funds. Schwartz requested additional context for how the proposed changes would be detrimental. McAllister-Knutson shared that when more was allowed to be funded in past years, they allocated fewer funds because the additional requirements were problematic for the students to navigate. She also expressed concerns about approving funding for off-campus events because it presents a transportation equity gap. She shared that she feels the current system is very streamlined to provide the things orgs need most for events in a way that is very accessible to students. Sullivan asked McAllister-Knutson if she supported any changes in the proposed policy. She shared that she is already working on implementing one item related to sharing clear reasoning for not receiving funding. Monticello shared that the addition of requiring all Greek events that receive funding to be open to all is already something that is in place. Wright shared that she appreciates the spirit of these changes to better support student programming on campus. However, it would be advised to consult with stakeholders before bringing this policy forward for an official vote. She encouraged all to share their sentiments today so they can be included in any discussion with partners. Monticello shared that as a returning member, she would be happy to help carry on the spirit of these changes to the following term. McAllister-Knutson shared that she is open to discussing changes, but, as presented, Student Life and Leadership would not be able to accommodate the additional workload resulting from these proposed changes. **Partida left the meeting at 1:43 pm.**

Schwartz passed the gavel to Beatrix Teaney, the AS EVP Elect at 1:44 pm.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS— Sullivan shared that the Code of Ethics updates were just approved at BOD. Gowda shared that she had a great year and gave the EVP elect, Teaney, some encouragement for her upcoming term.

X. X. STAFF REPORTS – McAllister-Knutson shared that she welcomes the additional discussion around the proposed changes for SOEAF.

XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT— Wright thanked the team for the great year.

XII. CHAIR REPORT – Schwartz appreciated the team and the pro staff.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS— Kachiwala shared thanks with Schwartz and congratulated EVP elect Teaney. Schwartz also expressed appreciation for EVP Elect Teaney, who is taking over the role.

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION—Anna Paladini shared that next week is de-stress fest, and there are over 20 events to help students with self-care. Kendall Ross thanked the room for participating in Wildcat Spirit Week.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – EVP Elect Teaney adjourned the meeting at 1:48 pm.