

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, September 19, 2025

2:00 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Beatriz Teaney, Tia Saunders, Kureha Takayama, Gia Monticello, Mahraya Davis, Zion Fozo, Sarah Lanum, Matt Beale

MEMBERS ABSENT – Dr. Joseph Morales

OTHERS PRESENT – Luke Bagwell, Chris Shippen, Brooke McCall, Eliza Miller, Ben Spiess, Dr. Cirilo Cortez, Shari Anderson, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Emily Berry (Recording), Kendra Wright, Aaron Schwartz, Jasmine Saephan, Sarah Wilson, Miguel Sueki

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Teaney, called the meeting to order at 2:30pm
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 9/19/25 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 9/19/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Lanum/Fozo) 7-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 9/5/25 meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 9/5/25 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Takayama/Davis) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Beale Announced for those who saw the Campus Engagement Council it says one staff member from AS Presents or AS Marketing, the attached code has been changed to one staff member for AS Marketing and Outreach to reflect the current name of the department.
- 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 9/12/25 Student Academic Senate Agenda
 2. Approval of 5/1/25 Student Academic Senate Minutes
 3. Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for 2025-26
Takayama reviewed the actions.
- VIII. **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY REPORT** – Action Items forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee from the Senate stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Committee action.
 - B. Social Justice and Equity Committee
 1. SJEC Actions: No meetings held.
Davis stated no meetings have been held yet, but they are going through the appointment process.
- IX. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee Code Changes

Action Requested: Motion to approve Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee Code Changes, as presented (Monticello/Lanum) 7-0-0 MSC.

- B. Action Item: Campus Engagement Council Code Update **Action Requested: Motion to approve Action Item: Campus Engagement Council Code Update, as presented (Beale/Davis) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Information Item: Investment Schedule Q3 24-25, Investment Schedule Q4, 24-25
Wright explained LAIF is the acronym for this report. It's backed by the State of California Controllars Office. The Associated Students invest based on the investment policy. The goal is to keep things slow, steady, and stable with student dollars. This is also referred to as the reserves/savings account. Wright then went on to expand that they focus on the activity fee and that financial reports are on a quarterly basis. Wright then reviewed the numbers on the documents. Takayama asked where we're investing, to which Wright confirmed the place is the Local Agency Investment Fund or LAIF.
Saunders asked if the average daily investment is the average amount per day, to which Wright confirmed. Saunders then asked why the percent changes and Wright stated this is based on the economy.
Davis asked about why the total balance decreased, and Wright stated we went from 4.48% to 4.4%, and she said this is the difference between the first report and second report reviewed. Davis then asked if the percentage determines how much the total is in, to which Wright confirmed.
Fozo said the Fed lowered interest rates and asked if it would affect our budget, to which Wright stated that it could. Davis then asked if anyone has access to pull from the fund. Wright expanded that this committees role is to observe what the committee prior set for them, and that can be set and planned for in Spring for the next budget cycle.

X. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. **President Report** – Saunders stated she's starting the Know Your Resources project through marketing to know resources across campus. International Students Committee is going to be a project but is currently on hold. She had her first one on one with President Perez to discuss goals across the campus community. At CSSA they talked about AI and the open AI agreement, as well as sustainability. They also discussed the CSU strategic plan and how to deal with scenarios moving forward. There's a \$2 fee that goes to CSSA but some % of students are dropping out of it which means CSSA has less money. A town hall will be scheduled soon as well next month or November. There's also the NAACP gala happening October 4th and she can give more information to anyone who wants to go.
- B. **Commissioner of Community Affairs Report** – Fozo stated she has not had a Community Affairs council yet but that is in motion. She sat on the campus advisory board to discuss general education courses and how to make them feel more engaging. The groups are looking for input. ASFC, not the Facilities Committee, discussed student-centered scheduling for general education courses, potentially moving Chico to be more of a Monday-Wednesday, Tuesday-Thursday campus – reducing Friday classes. She also analyzed green campus data and suggested shutting buildings off when they're not in use.
- C. **Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Report** – Monticello reiterated CSSA information as she sits on the financial committee for that and they are looking at financial information. There's a high level of admin opt-out rates and they are trying to decrease that amount. CSSA is also co-sponsoring SB323 by Perez and the student aid commission, AD791, Cal Grant, SB98, immigration enforcement, SB271, childcare support for student parents, SB761, CalFresh student eligibility, AB95, AB850, AB416, and AB313, AB977. We are in third place for our Civic Engagement Council.
- D. **Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Report** – Beale stated the first Campus Engagement Council has not been held as they are waiting on appointments.

E. Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Report – Lanum stated the Sustainability Affairs Council is still in the process of appointing members. However, there are talks of starting the alternative transportation advising committee, which would be more of a section within the agenda that's permanently implemented with talks at every meeting about B-Line and alternative transportation. She met with the campus sustainability committee on Monday and they are in the process of planning campus sustainability day on October 23rd. Lanum also stated there's going to be a Bidwell Park and Chico Creek cleanup on Saturday September 20th from 9am to 12pm. The opening of the new bike bridge will be next Wednesday September 24th at 6pm in the Chili's parking lot. Biking to In 'n Out and back will be on Friday the 26th at 4pm with Green Campus. Teaney asked about why they're trying to add alternative transportation to scheduled meetings and if that was due to scheduling? Lanum said it's a new subject not related to the alternative transportation meetings on campus.

XI. STAFF REPORTS –

Dr Cortez said they had free speech training this week. They also had a successful undocumented ally training this morning. He also said next week is the hazing prevention week. They also have a team within student affairs going to the CSU Counselor conference.

McAllister-Knutson said Friday is Wildcat Spirit Days. The Bookstore is offering a \$5 t-shirt for anyone looking to get some Chico State gear in partnership with the AS. You need to have a Chico State item on to get the \$5 shirt. The next Wildcat Takeover is next Tuesday with rollerskating at Funland on CatsConnect which is free for students to participate, she just asks they bring their event pass. She is also disseminating information that there are three trainings on CSULearn that every student has to complete, the hazing prevention training, reducing alcohol related harm, and the Title IX training. For any students that complete by the September 28th deadline, they'll be put in a raffle to win an iPad or a \$50 gift card. Takayama asked that if it wasn't completed that they'd be put on a hold and be unable to register, and Teaney said she didn't do hers last semester without a hold. McAllister-Knutson stated holds certainly create a barrier for students to graduate but that it has been used in the past. McAllister-Knutson stated they're having a very successful intake process for their fraternities and sororities as they are currently recruiting.

Anderson stated that two weeks from today is kickoff season for men's and women's soccer, and they are partnering with Kendall Ross, and Wright is also an alumnus. There will also be giveaways.

XII. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—

Wright took a moment to celebrate those participating in the recruitment process for councils and committees. She also encouraged elected representatives to push to fill vacant council or committee roles. She went on to elaborate that she does receive an email when assigned training is incomplete.

XIII. CHAIR REPORT –

Teaney stated she sees everyone putting the work in to get committees together as she helps appoint some positions. She appreciates all the reports and work being put in to committees, councils, and preparation. She also shouted-out Saunders and Bagwell for their interactions with a student as they received prostaff praise for the way they handled things. She would like to bring something back to the table regarding the SOEAF policy moving forward.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS—

Fozo stated Monday from 10-2pm is the market, if you buy something from a vendor you may get a free tote bag with a design, stickers. There's jewelry, food, and more. Her other announcement is to take care of yourselves. Lanum stated taking the B-Line to 1078 Coffee which is on September 26th. There will be raffle prizes and it opens at 10am.

Teaney said next Wednesday there will be a popup of the Cool Cat's Closet from 9am-12pm outside of Glenn and the Science Building. They are also trying to organize a fashion show for November that is all-inclusive. She also expects Halloween costumes for the Halloween GAC meeting.

XV. PUBLIC OPINION—

Sueki stated he's lucky enough to have prostaff on his committee, but wanted to wish luck to everyone planning and scheduling committees. Also, if people know any business students, ALFA the Association of Latino Professionals for America has some workshops within the next month, October 13th is with Sherwin-Williams, with an elevator pitch and mock interviews.

Schwartz wanted to thank everyone for their hard work. He also wanted to bring a few things to the committees attention such as the training students are supposed to do is no longer mandatory, there's also a CLERY report

included with some scary numbers. On-campus rape has increased from 2022 with 1, to 2023 to 2, to 2024 to 5 instances, which is doubling every year. He wanted to encourage the committee to think about how to make the campus a safer place for everybody here. Additionally, this week there was an announcement made that the Trump administration has ended grant funding for HSI's. From 2016 the campus has received upwards of \$25 million to fund multiple programs. He encourages this committee and the larger administration as a whole to see what can be done along with other CSU Campuses to advocate for funding back. The Chico State Democrats will also be holding a No King's bingo night on October 8th of 2025 BMU 203 5:30-8pm, advocating for education funding, reproductive rights and protection on campus, as well as in general everywhere. He brought attention to the SOEAF funding for funding the group. He also commended EVP Teaney to take up the mantle of expanding SOEAF.

Monticello also added that during national hazing prevention week they'll be commemorating the 20th anniversary of Matthew Carrington's passing from 6 to 8 pm. They will begin at the Wildcat Statue and then walking to the Chabad Jewish center on Tuesday.

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Teaney adjourned the meeting at 3:30PM.