

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, September 22, 2023

3 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Mia Arisman, Katie Chai, Christian Sullivan, Itzel Saucedo Dominguez, Imani Martin, Jay Friedman, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Lexi Extein (recorder), Jon Slaughter, Kyle Alsberry, Eliza Miller, Shar Krater, Chris Navarrete, Windy Van Dam, Juanita Mottley, Ashley Gebb, Brooke McCall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Interim-Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, called the meeting to order at 3:01 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 9/22/23 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 9/22/2023 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Chai/Sullivan) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/8/23 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/8/23 regular meeting, as presented (Chai/Arisman) 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 they have not had first meeting yet, but it is scheduled for 11-11:30 a.m. on September 29, and planned bi-weekly.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of 2023-24 Government Affairs Committee appointment to Associated Students Businesses Committee: Jaiden Grivette. **Motion to approve 2023-24 Government Affairs Committee appointment to Associated Students Businesses Committee: Jaiden Grivette, as presented (Chai/Arisman) 5-0-0.**
- B. Discussion Item: Campus Safety Discussion with the Division of Student Affairs – Mottley was welcomed to the table and is following up after their last GAC meeting. She is looking for thoughts/ideas and suggestions from GAC. Martin began discussing the Moonlit Safety Walk and said they are in beginning steps of planning. New ideas include: focusing on lights slightly off campus in the avenues, expanding on incentives such as raffles and prizes, and placing greater emphasis on sororities and fraternities going to event as a way to count towards hours for community service. Mottley asked about best time for students to attend events in terms of times and dates of the week. Martin said it should be on the evening not on a Friday, approximately 6 or 7pm because most classes would be over. Chai said FSA has annual Greek week (third week of October), and maybe this would be a great addition. She suggested talking to Latrice Madkins. Arisman said she was thinking mid-week and to get the most foot-traffic, preferably tabling mid-day to get more people to come to it. Chai said lots of students work during the later time so keep that in mind. Alaniz-Wiggins suggested 4pm. Mottley said she is talking with Cozen O Connor committee but looking to have it be student-driven. Alaniz-Wiggins suggested hosting an AS day of safety. Alaniz-Wiggins said she enjoyed the last safety forum and

one of her ideas was implemented following its conclusion. She believes that it should be same format. Mottley was curious on their opinion on table-talk exercises. She would like their to be information on all types of safety and likes the ideas of having scenarios. Sullivan said he seconds the ideas of scenarios and has found it helpful in the past. Mottley said maybe quick presentations and then have scenarios at the tables would be the format. Hot Chocolate and Hot Topics was an event run by Chloe Renner last year with Wright's assistance, and could be helpful to do again. McAllister-Knutson said her committee is also doing something and adding a safety piece to that is also helpful. Mottley said she would like to have this take place weekend before Halloween. To summarize, week before Halloween would be a good time, in the afternoon with free food. Alaniz-Wiggins said this is a good opportunity to try testing this out and this would be the first step to gather student feedback. Wright said she believes the hope is to relay the information to the students, and Wright said that the Hot Chocolate and Hot Topics experience may come first and that would be the chance to gather feedback, followed by presenting the information in the fall. Spring would have the safety forum combined with safety walk. Wright said Martin, Saucedo Dominguez and herself can work to provide Mottley and her team with data to be successful. They need to narrow down the date/time/location now. Mottley said week of October 23. McAllister-Knutson said around that time is to let students know all the opportunities that are available to them other than partying. She volunteered that they can incentivize with clubs and to reach out to housing. Wednesday, October 25th could be a good day to do this. McCall said that the 25th looks good for the programmer's calendar. Alaniz-Wiggins suggested start time would be sometime between 1-3pm. Mottley said that it would be a 1.5 hr event from 1:30-3pm. Sullivan said that they had the LGBT event in BMU 312-314 and that was cool. Wright said BMU 203 is good in terms of size. Arisman said that something visible would be best instead of making people go upstairs. McAllister said that students may not know they're participating. Mottley said that if we did table tops that would be good with circular tables. Arisman asked if it could be auditorium style where they listen and pitched the idea of a survey. Could they do an electronic version, they could use Kahoot? Alaniz-Wiggins liked this idea and wants to have small group discussions and one on ones. Wright said they will use the Hot Chocolate and Hot Topics to generate the questions they may need for the discussion. First week in October, McAllister-Knutson said that typically from 10 am and 11 am are the best times to table. Mottley thanked the team for their time and look forward to being in touch.

C. Discussion Item: 3/31/23 and 6/30/23 Activity Fee Capital Expenditure Reports – Wright said that capital expenditures are purchases of \$5,000 or more. We had no purchases for the 22-23 year under the Activity Fee Budget. Once we complete first quarter there will be additional information.

D. Discussion Item: University's Integrated Brand Experience presentation with the Executive Director of University Communications – Ashley Gebb introduced herself and said they will be discussing the innovative experience. Her presentation focused on using the university's brand all across Chico State. She hit on the key differentiators. She mentioned: university identity: catalyst for change, connections beyond campus, culture of belonging, and captivating educational background. Gebbs engaged the students and talked them through creating "proof points" that backed her PowerPoint. Chai exited the room at 3:50 p.m. Chai reentered the room at 3:52 p.m. Gebbs asked if there were any questions. Navarette said this will be very helpful in their work with AS. Gebbs said that the party school comments about Chico State bugs her because we have such a wide variety of other opportunities that get overlooked. She's hoping the perception changes over time to get donor support alongside others, and she believes it was important for her to share with our elected representatives to help create positive perceptions of Chico State. The GAC members thanked her for coming.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Arisman said nothing from her. Sullivan said Hispanic heritage month display is in atrium. He has been collaborating with Navarette in terms of marketing. Orange Shirt day on the 29th of this month for Tribal Relations. Chai said she is still actively recruiting for committees. Martin said she is still looking for more people for her council and open to more ideas for moonlight safety walk. Saucedo Dominguez is working to meet with all of those people that applied for her council.

X. STAFF REPORTS – McAllister-Knutson said next week is national hazing prevention week. She encourages everyone to wear purple on Wednesday to show solidarity of their goals and values. Wright said she will add to email she sends out. Wright said invitation coming soon to Patio opening ceremony, and some remarks from Alaniz-Wiggins and Sy. It is on Monday October 9th at 3:30p.m. It will be at the end of the Board of Directors meeting so they can all walk over together to celebrate with Cabinet and leadership of our university. She also would like to recognize Jon Slaughter as this is his last GAC meeting and he is retiring. Wright says thank you for everything he has given the AS and GA specifically. She wanted to acknowledge his in this space and said he's a very pivot factor why Government Affairs is how it is today. Slaughter said that often when he watches the meetings from afar he loves watching Wright in action and they're in good hands with Wright being his legacy moving forward. He said it has been an honor having a 38 ½ year career with the AS. He said come and get him if they need him and they're all doing so well.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Alaniz-Wiggins Cozen O Connor has been going great. GI 2025 is coming up. Please attend dinner with the president.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – McAllister-Knutson said SLL has a new member, with FSA Coordinator named Ericka. They are excited to have her.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – Chris said they posted two videos today for councils and committees and have two more coming up.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Alaniz-Wiggins, adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.