

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, September 25, 2024,

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Madison Kelley, Gia Monticello, Kaylee Mcallister-Knutson, Humberto Partida, Chris Sullivan, Aishwarya Gowda, Aaron Schwartz, Adin White, Dev Kachiwala, Dr. Joseph Morales, Shari Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Eliza Miller, Jon Simmons, Emily Berry (Recording), Kendra Wright, Anna Paladini, Kyle Alsberry, Katey VonMosch, Brooke McCall, Dr. Cirilo Cortez, Paul Miranda, Juanita Motley, Amanda Dubner, Charlie Foor, Jennifer Gruber, Kristin Chelotti, Leah Mercer, Sarah Wilson, Shar Krater, Richard Oliver

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 9/25/24 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 9/11/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Kachiwala/White) 7-0-0 MSC**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 9/11/24 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 9/11/24 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Sullivan/Gowda) 7-0-0 MSC**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, nine minutes for entire topic –
- 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

A. Student Academic Senate Committee

1. Approval of 9/17 Student Academic Senate Agenda
2. SAS Actions: Approval of the Resolution for establishing Time and Location for Student Academic Senate Meetings for Academic Year 2024-25 (attached, page 6).
3. Approval of Maggie Farlow as Vice Chair of Student Academic Senate.
Kachiwala mentioned student senators were having events such as kickoff events and ice cream socials. Senators are also working with their deans to secure what changes they want.

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are enacted by one motion without discussion. A member of the committee who desires a separate discussion of any item may pull that item from the Consent Agenda.

2024-25 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)

Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointments: Akshay Aralikatti, Sofia DeStefano, Bryce Ingersoll, Sarah Lanum, Anaya Wallace, Cambria Brown, Beatrix Teaney, and Max Audley-Hinds

Confirmation of appointments to Campus Engagement Council (CEC)

Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Student Appointment: David Ramirez

Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Student Appointment: Ricardo Santamaria
Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Student Appointment: Shalom Mwiti
Director of Social Justice and Equity Student Appointment: Jatziri Sanchez
Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Student Appointment: Paul L Miranda
Vice President of Facilities and Services Student Appointment: Flor E Ibarra

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (Partida/Kelley) 7-0-0 MSC**

- B. Discussion Item: Time, Place, and Manner of Expression Policy and University Tabling Protocol
Schwartz opens discussion to members of the table regarding the open forum earlier on 9/25. Monticello states a helpful tool would be a how-to, video, or checklist for students to assist with tabling and protests. Kachiwala asked about the tabling protocol being different from Time Place and Manner. Schwartz agreed that the tabling aspect was presented as a protocol, whereas the rest was presented as a memorandum. Dr. Morales stated that the Time Place and Manner policy is its own policy, and the addendum is a space to find processes like the tabling protocol. This clarifies how to engage in different activities on campus. Schwartz asked if each school was required to produce these, which Dr. Morales agreed with. Schwartz said it could be within Chico's control to change the addendum as they see fit then, which Dr. Morales agreed with. Dr. Morales stated the changes are done in consultation with the chancellor's office. The addendum is part of the consultation process that happened in 2020, but it can't contradict the systemwide policy with the Chancellor's office. Schwartz asked if the Chancellor's office then had the power to change the tabling protocol, to which Dr. Morales said no. The protocol could begin to be changed with Dr. Morales or Dr. Cortez. Sullivan stated he attended CSSA over the weekend with Kelley. One of the main topics was Time Place and Manner, with a lot of questions from CSU AS presidents on quick turn around, and lack of consultation for students and staff. CSSA provides overview and feedback on the policy system-wide and made nine points to change, only three of which were utilized. Dr. Morales wanted to add that they had until October 1st to report on what was implemented. Sullivan echoed student concerns on what may be considered unjust in regards to protests such as misdemeanors and things not listed in the policy. Schwartz wants to protect free speech in general including potential discourse borne of conflicting opinions. He quotes the addendum in regards to public places, stating there may be only 1 public place on campus out of 167, and it still requires appointment from 8AM to 5PM. Monticello clarified that Trinity Commons side building is the only public place for protest and has to be requested. Dr. Morales stated that the language for Trinity Commons doesn't restrict people, only amplified sound, but it's 8-5 PM. Schwartz states the language requires reservation according to his understanding. He states it's a misdemeanor to protest in limited areas and be cited for it. Dr. Morales stated protesting can happen in the limited area as stated at the bottom of the policy. Schwartz clarified to Kachiwala that the university is trying to separate the tabling policy from the overall Time Place and Manner Policy, and that students have concerns with both. White stated conversations with changing the addendum can happen, but if students have concerns with the Chancellor's office, maybe Sullivan would be a good resource for students to connect with. Schwartz stated this is also why the ACLU is coming next week. Gowda asked if there's guidance for checking if students are armed or using dangerous sentiments. Schwartz stated the policy addresses these concerns. Gowda expressed further concern for influence on the future generation based on harmful free speech. Schwartz stated the free speech facilitators are in place to try to offer further resources for this. Kelley said CSSA made it clear other CSU's have similar concerns, and states Monticello's idea for resources is a good one as others at CSSA had that idea as well. Sullivan stated he used to be a free speech facilitator and shares the importance of Dr. Morales' work and expressed gratitude for it. Partida echoed White's sentiments on free speech. People have a constitutional right to free speech, regardless of disagreements. He worries many students don't know their constitutional rights and maybe an information session may be ideal to inform them, which Schwartz agreed with. Schwartz also implored people attend the ACLU session next week. Schwartz asked again about locations for student protests. Dr. Morales clarified 7 am to 11 PM are the operating hours, which is the limiting component based on Time Place and Manner for protesting. Schwartz asked what the difference between a limiting spot and a public spot is in that case. Dr. Morales stated: the existing policy passed in 2020 and listed these places as such. He says if that no longer works, it needs to be updated. White stated their hands were tied because it's no longer within their purview to change. Sullivan states this is now a system wide imposed mandate so we cannot change it. Schwartz says the mandate states each school can set their own limited or public spaces. Dr. Morales said some of that is consultation with the Chancellor's office.
- C. Discussion Item: Student engagement and collaboration efforts for future campus events
Schwartz turned the topic to Sullivan. Sullivan echoed the importance of collaboration and bringing individual ideas in the upcoming weeks. Partida stated Latin American Independence day took place over the last week and that there should be more events like that for the future. More activities by students for students increasing student engagement could be fun. Gowda stated they could do pool conversations for 2 hours

which was done last year, and that Monticello suggested a tabling event once a month. Monticello said they could do free hot chocolate as cocoa with the commissioner. Wright clarified no more AS boxes with goodies are done any longer. Sullivan clarified the intent of the discussion is for them to be acknowledged as support in their respective areas. He requested each member get a concrete idea to consider logistics. Kachiwala stated the Hub has something every weekend and the elected representatives could collaborate with them.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS— Sullivan attended the Time Place and Manner open forum. Chico state mobile app video went live. Board of Trustees will be visiting October 11th and want to meet the Student Representatives. Kelley and Sullivan attended virtual CSSA. Auxiliary Organizational scholarship with deadline October 15th 2024. The Alternative Transportation Committee discussing parking concerns requesting student reps for the future. CFAC funding contains about 1.7-1.8 million dollar budget. Recommend RA Programs, student learning fees and etc. AS digital business cards coming soon. Kelley stated CSSA went well. Voter registration on the 17th went well with high foot traffic, about 140 people registered. She is working on a blog for all things CSSA. Monticello asked if senators are looking to join a committee her first is Tuesday October 22nd from 8-9 in BMU 209. Moonlight safety stroll October 29th from 6-8PM. Partida stated he got his committee council members approved and are moving on with first meeting next week on Friday, taking place biweekly. Gowda stated her office hours are tomorrow for CCLC. She's also on the Tiger team committee. She is also working with marketing team for infographics for the heritage table. White stated he went to the creek cleanup with some members of his council, to be approved at Board. He told his Auxiliary members to join the AS facilities committee. He went on a tour of a farm with Ibarra. He also went to the campus wide sustainability committee and was invited to join FASP? Next week, he'll meet with President Perez for concrete things to do in sustainability on campus. Kachiwala sat on the campus advisory committee and stated paying 1.7-1.8 million dollars Orion ads. They decided to pay for ads out of the student learning fee. He is working on getting one on ones with his senators to see how to help them out and the needs of the students. He will also be working to meet with the Academic Senate chair.

X. STAFF REPORTS – McAllister-Knutson wanted to remind everyone about the tabling protocol. It's the same as it's always been with the asterisk that they now have the slip with them when they table. Recognized organizations have been and will continue to collaborate with on-campus and off-campus entities. The week out timeline is not to stop people from doing things, instead it's to get them access to resources as a recognized student organization. Their spaces are always there to help problem solve. She loved the idea of the video to aid in understanding. 465 events currently on Cat's Connect, all excited to have the student reps attend. Schwartz asked about taking tabling requests via email. McAllister-Knutson stated they can have a conversation about it but can also only move forward. She stated she appreciates the work all do, and that people can just come and talk with their office for further assistance in regards to organizations. Anderson talked about collaborate for Wildcat Weekend expecting 3000-4000 people on campus. This coming Friday at 3PM the president and the mayor would start at Celestino and do a loop around downtown and student areas to distribute stickers, posters. Kelley clarified as well buttons, fliers, SWAG items. Anderson stated there would be a lot of great media this Friday at 3. Dr. Morales stated there was work in building a campus that is inclusive with free speech rights and responsibilities. There was an FAQ forum today intended to be free speech office hours where students can ask questions about the station between exercising free speech. He also stated this week is the first week launching faculty free speech webinar series to aid in classroom conversation regarding the upcoming elections. Working with Hillel at 4 o'clock as well. In California, many institutions are okay with only being a Hispanic Serving Institution but we seek to be a health minority serving institution. AANAPISI week this week is being recognized. Most Asian students at Chico state are Hmong.

XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT— Wright stated how proud she is of the student leaders for being 5 weeks in and doing such excellent work. To Support Sullivan, CSU student trustee on 10/11 from 10-11 in BMU 210 will be present. She wanted to end with how proud and impressed she is to share thoughts, ideas, and opinions and thanked Dr. Morales and Dr. Cortez for sharing the space today.

XII. CHAIR REPORT – Schwartz has been mainly focusing on Time Place and Manner. He also had the privilege being taken around Estom Jamani to see the back of the kitchen and aspects Chico state is taking to cut down on food waste with dining with Tom.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Kachiwala stated a lot of the Government Affairs team will be going to Paradise to do Habitat for Humanity. Sullivan stated academic senate is tomorrow with 4 student representatives that will be attending.

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION— Dr. Cortez said thank you for the forum today and the opportunity to learn. Feedback is well taken and they are working to act upon it. He is also excited about the conversation on student engagement and wants to partner with the student representatives. Jon Simmons stated it's great to hear people want more collaboration. He states the election is coming up and this building is a voting center which comes into TPM and what can be done around the building itself. Katey VonMosch stated a lot stated today is related to a workshop topic CAVE is having which gives students an opportunity to talk and explore differences on October 9th which is also on Cat's Connect from 4-5 PM in the BMU.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:59PM.