

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Monday, March 11, 2024

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT –Mia Arisman, Christian Sullivan, Itzel Saucedo Dominguez, Sri Ramani Thungapati, Gia Monticello, Allison Wagner, Sri Thungapati, Dr. Joseph Morales

MEMBERS ABSENT – Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Katie Chai, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Shari Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Dr. Chela Mendoza Patterson, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Eliza Miller, Jon Simmons, Brooke McCall, Grace Skrentny, Mia Sanchez-Bejar, Imani Martin, Keith Crawford

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Co-Chair, Arisman, called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion to amend the agenda to remove Business Item E (Sullivan/Monticello) 4-0-0 MSC.** Approval of the 3/11/24 regular meeting agenda as amended. **Motion to approve the 3/11/24 regular meeting agenda, as amended 4-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – None.
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Sullivan said Happy Advocacy Day!
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five 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 – No meeting held.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Information Item: Campus Engagement Council Update – Wright introduced Saucedo Dominguez and gave her the opportunity to explain her journey thus far in the seat. Saucedo Dominguez said she's been having trouble getting her council meetings up and running this term. She hasn't been able to meet quorum. She said that last week she sent an email regarding a meeting, and had people verbally saying they would attend, and then still not show up. For the last two weeks, she has been trying to get responses from her committee members, and she will be removing two that have failed to respond and hopefully fill their spots. Arisman thanked her for sharing. She asked how many people she needs to meet quorum? Saucedo Dominguez said they need 5 for quorum. She is replacing two people with two people she hopes will be more present. Their meetings are on Fridays from 3-4 pm. Sullivan suggested not picking Fridays because it doesn't work for students. Saucedo Dominguez said she let them choose from a list of days and times and that's what they picked. She said rescheduling would put her back a week or two. Sullivan said last semester he had a hard time meeting quorum as well, but he established a time and he was actively recruiting while he was still hosting the meetings and invited people to sit in the audience while attending. He said that incentives may be helpful to get people engaged. Saucedo Dominguez said thank you. Monticello said that Saucedo Dominguez should continue going to campus engagement activities to recruit, and telling support programs to get involved. Thungapati said that presenting GA to clubs on campus could be helpful, because many of them don't know how to get involved. Wright said she appreciates them all providing excellent solutions. She told them all that this will come back as an action item at the 3/25 GAC meeting to vote on whether or not to remove Saucedo Dominguez. Wright said they need to take a few minutes to figure out what needs to happen before that date to warrant her removal or if she is able to stay. What are their criteria to make sure she is

able to stay in the seat? Arisman invited Saucedo Dominguez to share suggestions. Saucedo Dominguez said that Wright has helped her the last couple of weeks, and she said that she is doing the other activities expected of her position even if she isn't hosting meetings. She is involved in the Time Capsule and she is also reaching out regarding Choose Chico presentations. Arisman would like her to have appointments to her committee before the next GAC meeting. She will utilize her senators and their networks to see if anyone else can join. Sullivan said to make a group chat with all of her members in it, and send reminders. He can help recruit on her side.

- B. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Money Market for quarter ending 12/31/23 – Wright stated that LAIF is otherwise known as our savings account or reserves. They will be looking just at the Activity Fee. This is for October-December 2023. Their interest earned is \$50,818.95 and their return on investment is 3.99%. Their investment balance is \$4,912,046.71. The money market isn't necessarily applicable to the Activity Fee but she updated the committee that the interest earned was \$3,649.80 at an annual percentage yield earned being 4.25%.
- C. Discussion Item: 12/31/23 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Wright stated that these show our capital expenditures, which are investments or projects that are \$5000 or more with a lifespan of 1 year or more. We currently have none.
- D. Discussion Item: Gender & Sexuality Equity Coalition Presentation – Not present.
- E. ~~Discussion Item: Community Legal Information Center Presentation~~

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Monticello said that they did not meet quorum for her meeting. She attended the city council meeting and will share that information with her council. She said that Cats in the Community is on April 1st, and it is a good volunteer opportunity. Sullivan had a meeting on March 7th and they approved an allocation for \$250 for GSEC's queer prom and they are in the process of finalizing the date for I-Fest, which will be May 4th. They will be creating a Cultural Food shelf in Basic Needs as well. SJEC is also strategizing for the 3rd floor art gallery. Sullivan and Alaniz-Wiggins are also creating a resource guide regarding students' resources surrounding the U.S. Border Patrol scheduled to be on campus for the upcoming Career Fair. He is also working with Amanda Dubner to add art to the walls on the first and second floor of the BMU. Saucedo Dominguez had no updates. Thungapati had a council meeting on Friday. The idea was to have Chico's 4-8th graders join live music on Trinity Lawn as a part of the Earth Day celebration. They also went over I-fest and shared ideas on how to make it a "green" event.

X. STAFF REPORTS – Dr. Patterson thanked those who attended the "State of the University" presentation. She was able to livestream it. She went to International Women's Day breakfast on Friday on campus. She got to see people she hadn't in a while and it was wonderful to see representatives from Cabinet, and visit with McCall. The event organizer was talking about mentors and connection and she enjoyed the event. Being that I-fest is on May 4th, she inquired if it may conflict with Cinco de Mayo events? Sullivan said that is a great point and he is working with Krater on it. It was originally April 27th. Dr. Patterson said that anything that the AS decides to do, we do we need to do well. Given all the obstacles, such as COVID, the community is still getting resituated regarding events. The festival has been going on for 40+ years and she shared her experience. She thanked Wagner for joining to meet the quorum. Romo said no updates on behalf of SLL. Wright wished anyone joining the Dinner with Perez well and hope they have a great time. Dr. Morales said that last semester we launched a pilot regarding free speech and sense of safety on campus. He has been going straight to students. He believes that there will be a formal event at some point where students can share and learn. He sent out a note to Sullivan that equity-mindedness can be listed on resumes as well. He believes it's good for the community and individual's professional development. He sent out a community awareness email regarding Ramadan and prayer spaces on campus. This week Halal will conduct focus groups with Jewish and non-Jewish students regarding their feelings about campus, and they started it last summer not due to recent events. He is also unable to make the dinner tonight as well.

XI. CO-CHAIR REPORT – Arisman said SAS had a university housing person come to talk with them. Herself, Landry, Sullivan, Alaniz-Wiggins, Chai and Abigailgrace Skinner attended CHESS. At SAS's next meeting, they are having a representative from financial aid joining them.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Co-Chair, Arisman, adjourned the meeting at 3:14 pm