

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Monday, April 22, 2024

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Allison Wagner, Christian Sullivan, Itzel Saucedo Dominguez, Sri Ramani Thungapati, Gia Monticello, Mia Arisman, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Katie Chai, Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Shari Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT – Dr. Joseph Morales

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Brooke McCall, Keith Crawford, Angela Arguelles, Darnell Lee

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Wagner, called the meeting to order at 2:36 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 4/22/24 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 4/22/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sullivan/Chai) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 4/8/24 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 4/8/24 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Alaniz-Wiggins/Arisman) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Alaniz-Wiggins said Happy Earth Day.
- 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 went over the SAS actions.
 - A. Student Academic Senate Committee–
 - a. Approval of the 4/12/24 regular meeting agenda.
 - b. Approval of the 3/29/24 regular meeting minutes

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.

Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointment to the Social Justice & Equity Committee:

Director of Social Justice and Equity Student Appointments: Aviral Kumar Srivastava
(Sullivan/Alaniz-Wiggins) 6-0-0 MSC.

- B. Discussion Item: Student Transition and Retention Center Presentation

Darnell Lee and Angela Arguelles introduced themselves and presented the STAR Center. Anderson asked if their mentors were staff or students. Arguelles said that the mentors are primarily staff. Sullivan asked if the STAR Center's location will change with the new affinity centers. Lee said he has a good clue but can not share it with the group yet. Arguelles said that the name will likely change. Wright asked about the training module of the program. Arguelles said that they take a course in the fall that shows the students the ropes, and in the second term they are in experience. Arguelles said they do headshots, padfolios, and a graduation stole. Alaniz-Wiggisn said to emphasize their selling points moving forward.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Alaniz-Wiggins said nothing to report, other than putting an info item on the agenda next week. Monticello is working on the next safety stroll. Sullivan said May 4th is the International Festival. He is looking for feedback regarding the new cultural shelf in the Food Pantry office. Thungapati said happy Earth Day to all and said there was a huge turnout at the Earth Day event. She enjoyed the goats and clothing swap. She thanked Krater. They had their last council meeting last week and they generated some solutions via compositing in the future. Their last meeting will be this Friday. Chai said she will have Votes and Floats event May 1st. Arisman said she and Alaniz-Wiggins will be meeting with Chair Trailor this week. Applications for the senator positions have closed, and they are working on filling them.

X. STAFF REPORTS – McAllister-Knutson said nothing to report. Anderson said Senior Sendoff is tomorrow from 11-2, with good free prizes including Portfolios. Wright shared that this Wednesday is the transition luncheon, and it is to show appreciation towards these members and celebrate the next incoming group. There will be a slide deck and she is offering for them to make a brief 1-minute comment if they would like. There's a president's luncheon the following Monday. Wright is making sure that all members have made contact with their predecessors. They should be attending the last of each of their meetings to "pass the gavel". Wright encouraged all to fill out the questionnaire that asks you prompts about your role and advice for the next person. Wright stated that the next meeting may be our last meeting of the term.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Wagner said the team bonding on the 30th at the well with pizza around 5 pm. This is the same day the survey is due. Wagner said we may end a meeting early and she will invite Aaron Schwartz to take her spot.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Wagner, adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm