

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Monday, April 29, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Dr. Joseph Morales, Shari Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Dr. Chela Mendoza Patterson, Lexi Extein (recorder), Kyle Alsberry, Eliza Miller, Jon Simmons, Brooke McCall, Shar Krater, Jonathan Parra Alonso, Erika Romo, Kendall Ross, Julian Liston, Marlena Moreno, Sirena Rios, Raquel Lee, Jamile Balli

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Wagner, called the meeting to order at 2:30 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 4/29/24 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 4/29/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Chai/Sullivan) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 4/15/24 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 4/15/24 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Chai/Alaniz-Wigginz) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Sullivan said happy last GAC.
- 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 stated they did hold a meeting last Friday and they approved the minutes and agenda.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Information Item: Elimination of the Commissioner of Student Engagement & Advocacy position and the concurrent implementation of the Commissioner of Technological Affairs position for the 2025/2026 term.

Alaniz-Wiggins brought up the proposed duties for the Commissioner of Digital and Technology Affairs. She apologized for not adding it to the agenda packet. She wants to sunset the commissioner of student engagement and advocacy position and relate it to IT. Alaniz-Wiggins said that student engagement is for all of them to utilize. VP Sendze was the one who brought this to Alaniz-Wiggins and stated she was one of only two VPs without student representation. The other is University Advancement. Alaniz-Wiggins said there were some concerns regarding getting rid of a position. She said they wanted to engage distance learners. They are required to pay the same fees that everyone else does but can't use the amenities. Any student can run for office but they don't have a position representing them. Alaniz-Wiggins then displayed the proposed council code. Alaniz-Wiggins said it's pretty full of state-side representation. She said senators could join this but she didn't want to force it. She wants to make sure that the student experience is still taken into account when these updates and changes are made regarding AI. Autumn said there are a few options. Keep student engagement and advocacy position as is, add a special meeting to vote on it, suspend the rules and vote on it, or do an EO to get board member signatures

to pass it that way. She specified that this would start the following year (2025-26). Autumn said the next set of officers can also look at it. Wagner asked if the name could be changed to "Technology and Distance Learning Affairs". Sullivan agreed and said that a lot of online students have questions about where they are represented. Sullivan said if the next commissioner of student engagement and advocacy is more successful in their term, what does that look like. Monticello said she thinks this is valuable but so is the position that already exists. She doesn't want to just completely strike out the current role, and would like to see the role be more descriptive. She would like to get added in with AI. McAllister-Knutson asked if the reason is only because they can only have so many seats. Wright stated yes that is the case right now. If we wait until next year 2025-26 term, there is a possibility that they could add a seat depending on how people do, and it would need approval from leadership. Wright said this could be added to the 2025-26 budget if desired. Wagner said that it is difficult because it is so similar to community affairs and social justice and equity's role. She stated it's difficult to want to keep the position and add another because the position hasn't done its duties in the past. Chai said she is looking at the commissioner of student engagement and advocacy's duties and responsibilities seem vague. Chai said she could see it beneficial to just add to the vague codes and responsibilities. She would like to see the next Board members handle this decision when extra information is added. She agrees that online students need help. Wagner said they could disperse the current position's duties to various other positions instead of just eliminating it. Sullivan said he would like to see this left as a placeholder and suggested the next student engagement and advocacy can revise their suggestions when advocating for that role. Chai said they could always reverse the decision. Arisman said she has questions regarding how we can engage online learners. What questions will they have, if it will be useful to online learners etc? Wagner said student engagement and advocacy have never operated independently. Alaniz-Wiggins said that the codes are constantly changing, and said the time capsule can go to the President, and town hall can go to legislative affairs. She said that the positions are constantly evolving. She said there's no reason for stateside not to have an IT student. Alaniz-Wiggins said we could hold a special meeting next week. Wright provided an advisory suggestion to GAC's members, to hold a special meeting via Zoom. The group agreed. Alaniz-Wiggins thanked all for letting her speak on it.

B. Discussion Item: Title IX Implementation Plan Update-

Erika Romo said she would like to give an update on the implementation plan. She said many people are working on the sub-committees. They are working through internal protocol teams. She asked all to please share their survey with any groups they believe would be beneficial to take it. Alaniz-Wiggins asked if it would be worthwhile to make a video that could be sent to student's emails. She believes this information is important for students to have. Romo said they tabled it thinking they would be moving buildings this summer. Alaniz-Wiggins said she liked the dashboard on the old proposal.

C. Discussion Item: Student Life & Leadership

McAllister-Knutson introduced herself and her team. She stated that while they are technically a contract program, they do not get the funding directly to their program. She said that SOEAF is so student organizations can utilize the funding, including recreational sports. She presented on SOLE, FSA and Rec sports. Aaron Schwartz from the gallery asked about grant funding regarding the student clubs and being no longer able to get IRA funding. McAllister-Knutson asked to come talk with her after the meeting. Sullivan said he has been recommending a lot of people head to SOEAF when they come to SJEC with questions. McAllister-Knutson said they hope to increase education regarding this at recognition training. McAllister-Knutson said that they need to come to her 3 weeks in advance. Alaniz-Wiggins calculated the dollar amount per participant showing at \$33/person. McAllister-Knutson said 2 events haven't taken place yet and they don't have the finalized numbers, so she expects that to be much lower. Schwartz asked what funding would be next year. Wright said they got a \$10k increase. Wagner stopped the discussion due to time.

D. Discussion Item: KCSC Radio Presentation – Not present.

E. Discussion Item: Cross-Cultural Leadership Center Presentation

The CCLC gave a presentation regarding their program and offerings. They want to have their programs align with cultural heritage months. Alaniz-Wiggins said congrats on winning an award last week. She asked if there was a way to add Arab Heritage Month. Raquel Lee said that they would need to find students to collaborate with them on this. She said having the Eid event hopefully will help open that line of communication. It should open up in April. Alaniz-Wiggins said she saw a Thai place at Thursday's market and she said she hopes we can bring them in as vendors.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Alaniz-Wiggins said they had the Presidents of the 7 Community Colleges come today and engage with the student. She went to the MOU signing. She will be talking to the trustees. There will be lots of activities this week. There will be free speech advocates around on the CSU campuses. Sullivan's last SJEC meeting will be this week. May 4th is International Festival, please let him know if you're interested. Thungapati had her last meeting on the 26th and they passed the gavel. She said if there's any volunteers for the International Festival let her know. Chai said the last meeting was last week and Votes and Floats is coming up. Arisman is looking forward to tying up loose ends. The last SAS meeting was on Friday. Monticello said nothing to report.

X. STAFF REPORTS – McAllister-Knutson said thank you for letting her speak today. Chela said this was her last meeting for the semester. She thanks all for their patience. Wright thanked those who went to the luncheon with the President and said it was enjoyable. Tomorrow is the VIP celebration from 12-3 and they can pick up cords there. For those that are current term continue office hours through May 10th. She asked everyone to clear out their rolling carts. She also said that this was Extein's last GAC meeting, but thanked her for her time.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Wagner presented the Program Arete with information about each of our contract programs. She thanked all for coming to GAC this past year.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – McAllister-Knutson said that there is a SOEAF event happening today. Wagner invited Aaron Schwartz to the table to take her seat. Schwartz introduced himself and said his goal is to help students have more access to these funds we talked about today.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm