

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N29-20, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Taryn Burns, Duncan Young, Olivia Rosso, Michelle Borges, Michelle Davis, Megan Oliver, Delaney Love, Melvin Quezada Haro, Jay Friedman, Mary Wallmark

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Karen Bang (recorder), Hugh Hammond, Eliza Miller, Charlie Foor, Emily Morales, Jasmine Saephan, Jade Tsao, Ember Funk

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Burns, called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 10/27/21 agenda (Rosso/Oliver) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/13/21 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the 10/13/21 regular meeting, as presented (Young/Borges) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Peterson welcomed Quezada Haro to the committee. Burns said this is the first time this committee has had all members present this semester. Young said happy Wednesday.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – **Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic** – None

VII. 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.

1. **2021-22 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council (CAC)

- Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointments: Melvin Quezada, Samantha Gomez, Liliana Garcia, Haley Barnhart and Abby Hayden

- Executive Vice President Appointment: Jonathan Murillo

Confirmation of appointment to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)

- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Daisy Maryjane Chavez

Confirmation of appointment to Legislative Affairs Council (LAC)

- Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Kharismah Sahagun-Escalante

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (Love/Rosso) 7-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Scholarship Committee Code – Burns said the code now delineates who will be on the Scholarship Committee and provided an overview.

Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Scholarship Committee Code (Rosso/Young) 7-0-0 MSC.

- C. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Student Academic Senate Code – Burns explained the suggested revisions. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Student Academic Senate Code, as presented (Rosso/Borges) 7-0-0 MSC.**

VIII. REPORTS: ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES – Borges said the Sustainability Affairs Council met last week and is working on a Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) grant to be submitted by Monday. She said SFAC will be held in two weeks. • Rosso said Provost Larson will be attending Student Academic Senate next week so if anyone has questions for her, they should attend the meeting. • Love said the Community Affairs Council now has quorum and its first meeting will be held on November 4. She said she is attending a Safety Walk this afternoon and, in the spring will plan a Moonlight Safety Walk for both on and off campus. • Oliver said she is hoping to have her council full by the end of this week. She said she was unable to attend last week's Town Hall meeting but has been reviewing notes and student feedback from the meeting in order to work on giving students more of what they're looking for. • Young said he and Davis met with the Financial Aid Office and Megan Odom of the Career Center regarding looking into the requirements of the maximum of a 20 hour workweek for students. He said they also discussed work study. Young said they're hoping to work with the Financial Aid Office to put together a presentation to present to Representative LaMalfa to encourage increased allocation for work study in order to impact students' lives. Wallmark asked if their goal is to obtain more work study for campus and he said yes, that normally it's all used and that his understanding is that we have to match the federal government funding. Wallmark said historically they haven't been able to use all of the work study available for students and said it would be great if this could be addressed on campus that in reality students may qualify for work study, so it can be used. She said they ask their students to apply for FASFA so she can see if they're eligible for work study. Wallmark said any remaining work study gets pushed back to the general fund and the division looks at reallocation. She said the language of work study needs to be written so that students understand it's worth applying for. She explained how work study is used in their office. Young introduced Tsao, the Chief of Staff, and noted that she's working on a spread sheet of all committee/council members.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark said it's COVID booster time and that she got her vaccination yesterday. She said currently there is no formal plan to offer booster vaccinations on campus. Wallmark said in January it might be booster time for students as they received their vaccinations in May. She said currently there are plenty of places around town to receive it. • Peterson said on Monday the Director of University Affairs position will be opening up as Rosso will be studying aboard in the spring. She requested to start letting students know of this opening. Peterson said MAC Night is back, November 10, doors open at 6 p.m. • Slaughter said he'll go out and get his booster; and it's a happy Wednesday.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT – Burns said they will miss Rosso and noted the Director of University Affairs position will be open from Monday, November 1 through Monday, November 29 and they hope to fill the position by the end of the semester. Burns said the internal R&R event was held and went well. She said to be safe at Halloween.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

XIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Wallmark asked what everyone is going to be for Halloween and costumes were discussed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Burns, adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.