



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, November 10, 2021

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Taryn Burns and Megan Oliver (both excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Karen Bang (recorder), Hugh Hammond, Eliza Miller, Charlie Foor, Austin Lopic, Emily Morales, Eliza Miller, Katie Peterson, Nancy Mantle

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Vice Chair, Young, called the meeting to order at 2:33 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 11/10/21 agenda (Davis/Quezada Haro) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/27/21 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the 10/27/21 regular meeting, as presented (Rosso/Love) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Quezada Haro said as a way of giving back to the community he participated in a fund raiser, proceeds going towards getting undergarments and socks to the local unhoused community. He thanked everyone for their support. Peterson said the Director of University Affairs position is currently open and that MAC Night is tonight.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Lopic said Happy Wednesday.

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 appointment to Legislative Affairs Council (LAC)

- Director of Social Justice and Equity Appointment: Allison Wagner

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (Davis/Borges) 5-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Information Item: 2022 AS Election Procedures – Slaughter said he sent an email to the committee last week summarizing this document which contains all the changes that were made this semester. He said this sets the wheels in motion for the dates, orientation meetings, etc. Young asked if it includes an application along with the ballot in order to have a list of those interested in open positions. Slaughter said that would be taken care of during the development of the ballot and that this document notes the steps for the actual election.
- C. Discussion Item: 9/30/21 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter reviewed with the committee, noting that the benchmark for September is 25%. He explained that Income and Revenues weren't at the 25% benchmark because of Activity Fee money that the University returns to us once invoiced. Slaughter said

the invoicing and payment process has been changed; and will now be twice a year or quarterly moving forward. Slaughter said all programs are operating very efficiently so far.

- D. Discussion Item: 9/30/21 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter said approximately \$25,000 is set aside each year to buy equipment and they track everything. A computer monitor was purchased during the first quarter and \$24,797 is still available to spend.
- E. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 9/30/21 – Slaughter reviewed with the committee, noting that the GAC reviews the Activity Fee line for the LAIF. He explained that the AS is required to invest in safe, non-aggressive funds. As of 9/30/21, the Investment Balance was \$4,391,011 with \$2,674 in interest earned at 0.24%,

VIII. REPORTS: ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES – Rosso said SAS is working with the Meriam Library on a tech lending grant. She said Patrick Newell created a simple survey to go out to all students to find out what they would like to see at the library. She said she and Young are working on filling all the campus and AS committees by the end of the semester. • Davis said the Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) will be partnering with Chico Civic Engagement for an event next semester; possibly a town hall or debate. She said Deborah from the County League of Women Voters will be attending an upcoming LAC meeting to discuss local legislation issues. • Borges said her committee submitted a SFAC proposal regarding the Green Graduation Program. They would work with the Graduation Committee regarding biodegradable glitter/confetti. • Love said she held an unofficial council meeting regarding introductions as they didn't have quorum. She said yesterday she went to the Nature Conservation Hour hosted by AS Sustainability. The Moonlight Safety Walk will be held around the end of February. She said they will try to incorporate nature into the walk, in addition to safety. • Quesada said he is working on finding candidates for his committee and hopes to get them approved soon. • Young said he attended Model UN and the Chico State delegation got Outstanding Delegation, and were in the top 10% of campuses that attended. He said four or five CSU's were in attendance and we were the only one to get this award. He, Rosso and Burns are working on building councils/committees. Young said plans are being made regarding lobbying the city for more lighting in highly student filled residential areas.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark said they're becoming more aware that high activity level, high attendance to campus is falling off. She said Student Affairs and Student Life and Leadership have been discussing this and are putting programmers together to make sure we're coordinating offerings, encouraging students to come in-person to events, which also pulls people back to campus. She said freshman and sophomores seem to not be on campus and that faculty are saying that students aren't attending classes on campus anymore. Wallmark said this is a big challenge right now and is bringing this to student leadership for their attention. She said they are encouraging students to attend in-person classes and requested that if anyone has ideas or hear about things that might be barriers, to let her know. It was noted that quorum at meetings is an issue and Young said they are planning to have a luncheon to invite those on committees to attend. Peterson said the luncheon will take place during winter training. Discussion was held regarding space availability for students for meetings. Wallmark said students don't seem to know how to connect with groups. Discussion was held regarding lack of tabling on campus. Young questioned the best way to connect with students and Wallmark said campus is still using Wildcat Sync through the spring. Young noted that Wildcat Sync is at the very bottom of the portal. Wallmark said people turned out for Preview Day and more events like that need to be created. Love said other than Welcome Week, there is not much else going on. Wallmark said a spring welcome is being planned, not just for new students, noting the campaign is Campus Comeback. Peterson said events can be placed on the calendar and requested being informed of any spring events by November 29, which helps them map out events. Peterson reminded that training will be held January 29 and all committees/councils will be invited. She noted upcoming events.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT – Motion to table this item until Taryn Burns joins the meeting (Davis/Rosso) 5-0-0 MSC.

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 – Peterson said they're doing a kick-butt job and reminded to get plenty of sleep. Quesada Haro noted appreciation for all the help and support he received for the fundraiser. Young said good job to Quesada Haro for getting his council pulled together. Young will ask Burns to email her report as she was unable to join today's meeting.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice Chair, Young, adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.