

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, August 25, 2021

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Taryn Burns, Duncan Young, Olivia Rosso, Michelle Borges, Michelle Davis, Megan Oliver, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Karen Bang (recorder), Hugh Hammond, Austin Lopic, Kiley Kirkpatrick, Eliza Miller, Anna Paladini, Kathleen Bautista-Ong, Mels Bonifacio-Jerez, Chelsea Barron

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Burns, called the meeting to order at 2:37 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 8/25/2021 regular meeting agenda (Young/Rosso) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 5/12/2021 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 5/12/2021 regular meeting, as presented (Young/Oliver) 4-0-1 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Young said we're still actively recruiting for councils and committees as well as the three open student positions. Applications for the three positions are due by noon on Friday, September 3. Peterson reminded about today's Cats on Blast in Trinity Commons from 4 to 7 p.m.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- VII. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the Academic Year 2021-22. **Motion to approve the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the Academic Year 2021-22, as presented (Rosso/Borges) 5-0- MSC.**
 - B. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 6/30/21 – Slaughter reviewed and explained the report with the committee. He said regarding the LAIF report, that for this committee, they review only the Activity Fee Fund information.
 - C. Discussion Item: 6/30/21 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter explained that there is an annual budget of \$25,000 and noted everything is usually expensed at 100%, so it's not truly a capital expenditure report but an additional equipment expense report. He noted that no items were purchased in the first or second quarter of last year and reviewed purchases made during the third and fourth quarter totaling \$12,952.
- VIII. **REPORTS: ELECTED OFFICERS** – Davis thanked those that participated in the Recall video. She also noted that Chico State is currently in first place in the ballot vote competition and reminded students to register to vote. Peterson said we have double the number of private schools and UC's. Rosso reported that the first Student Academic Senate meeting will be this Friday at 1 p.m.

- IX. REPORTS: STAFF** – Wallmark reported regarding vaccines and said the last scheduled clinic is on September 14. They anticipate up to 600 people attending. She reminded everyone that September 30 is the deadline for attesting that you will not be on campus, upload proof of vaccine, or be approved to be exempt due to religion or health. To incentivize students to self-certify, Wallmark said there are three \$3,500 prizes and there will be more promotions. She explained that Student Life & Leadership is doing this because this is how we live with COVID. She said they are seeing really great cooperation by everyone. • Peterson said the deadline is September 3 for student volunteer applications for FLO and CAVE. She noted that AS Sustainability is also taking interns as well. Peterson said they just finished hiring staff for the front desk of the Wildcat Leadership Center and requested patience as all the pieces are figured out. Zoom office hours are also being set up. Peterson reminded to call the COVID hotline with any COVID related questions. She said that if they direct you to quarantine, you can still access via Zoom. Peterson congratulated the committee on their first GAC meeting of the semester.
- X. REPORT: President** – Young said he attended a Pandemic Management meeting today and will report information from their meetings. He noted the importance of utilizing the COVID hotline if anyone has symptoms. Young reminded that students can be disenrolled from in-person classes if they don't complete the necessary self-certification by the September 30 deadline. He noted possible additional ramifications as it relates to student employment and financial aid. He said they are 2/3 of the way through self-certifications and more are expected today. He also reminded that there's a testing center in Whitney Hall and there's also a COVID dashboard online where reported cases can be seen. Young said he appointed Delaney O'Connell to the Title IX Oversight Committee as his designee and she reported to him that because students have returned to campus, reports such as sexual harassment are now up. He thanked Paladini for the rebrand.
- XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Burns said at her other job she is leading Wellcat Prevention group meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. starting next week. They are called Smart Recovery and Students Seeking Support. Rosso said students can enroll in Psych 110 and obtain free counseling from a graduate MFP student, and get one unit of credit.
- XII. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- XIII.FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Slaughter gave a shout-out to how smooth this meeting has been, noting it has been an amazing start, and it will be a great year. Young said this was an awesome meeting. Peterson reminded everyone to wash their hands.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Burns, adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.