

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N-1-22, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Taryn Burns, Duncan Young, Michelle Davis, Delaney Love, Melvin Quezada Haro, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – James Lawrence and Michelle Borges (both excused), Mary Wallmark

OTHERS PRESENT – Katie Peterson, Karen Bang (recorder), Hugh Hammond, Kayla Holland, Abe Renteria

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Burns, called the meeting to order at 2:34 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 2/9/22 agenda (Borges/Quezada Haro) 4-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 1/26/22 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the 1/26/22 regular meeting, as presented (Young/Love) 4-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Davis said on Thursday 2/17, Shirley Webber, the CA Secretary of State, will be visiting our campus to congratulate us for winning the Ballot Bowl. Quezada Haro said the police chief committee met regarding hiring a new chief and currently there is only one candidate.
- 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 appointment to Legislative Affairs Council (LAC)

- Director of Social Justice and Equity Appointment: Josh Rubinoff
- Executive Vice President Appointment: Tatiana Ybarra

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (Davis/Quezada Haro) 4-0-0 MSC.

- B. Discussion Item: 12/31/21 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Young reviewed with the committee, noting a benchmark of 50%. Total Revenues are at 32.75%, Total Expenses at 34.38%. Peterson said Government Affairs is short a position, and CAVE also has an open position
- C. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 12/31/21 – Young reviewed the LAIF report, noting Activity Fee had an annualized return of 0.23% with interest earned for the 2nd quarter of \$2,529.
- D. Discussion Item: GSEC Program Presentation – Abe Renteria, Program Director of GSEC, presented. He said the Erotic Art Show will be held Sunday from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Chico Women's Club. On March 26, the Annual Trans and Queer Conference will be held and Queering the Rural Experience is the theme. The Queer Prom will be held on April 15. Take Back the Night will be held April 22 and the Maggie and Marsha

Awards will be held at the end of the semester. GSEC is also celebrating their 50th anniversary. Save the dates have been sent out for a 10/21 - 10/23 conference, gala, fund raising dinner, keynote speakers and alumni will be invited. Renteria said GSEC has been adapting to the new rules due to the COVID pandemic such as more paperwork to be filled out due to COVID restrictions. He said they have 7 interns on their team this semester and this year they are emphasizing being more responsive to what is happening on campus. He said for example, last semester they took a stance on logos and what they stand for and represent. Renteria said GSEC offers a safe space for students and is the only feminist and queer space advocating for students. The stance on logos was discussed. Renteria noted that now that more people are on campus, they've been tabling. He said they've been offered physical space at Butte when it's remodeled. Young asked how attendance to events compares to before COVID and Renteria said it was a challenge last year to get students to attend over Zoom. He said now they're seeing more attending, up to 7. Friedman offered to assist with reaching out to alums for their upcoming celebration. Renteria said they have unpaid interns and then him and three other coordinators. He said if they get money from student learning fees, they would be able to hire another coordinator.

VIII. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Davis said today was CSU Advocacy Day and they had three meetings with different state legislators. She said the goal was to ask for more money for the CSU, specifically for a budget increase of \$381 million and one time fund of \$900 million to renovate our academic infrastructure. She said they met with a representative from Assembly Member Gallagher's office. They then met with State Senator Dodd, a Chico State alumni. Lastly, Davis said they met with State Senator Nielsen and he expressed interest in visiting campus this spring. Davis said she spoke with President Hutchinson about the AS office meeting with Nielsen and expressing gratitude for all he has done for this campus. Friedman noted that Nielsen is retiring. • Love said her first council meeting is tonight. She explained how the 2/23 Moonlight Safety Walk would be done, noting it will be from 5 to 7 p.m. and they will meet in BMU 312/314. She said she's on a planning committee for Cesar Chavez Day and they are promoting educational resources for students. In addition, CAVE is working on their Cats in the Community Volunteer Day. • Quezada Haro said his committee talked about ideas for the semester and would like to make International Festival larger. He said he also met with the CCLC and will be having a tabling event for elections. • Young said we're in week 3 with 12 weeks left. He noted that this is when students started burning out on being on campus last year and requested reminding students to remain on campus. Young said he was unable to attend this morning's Pandemic Response Team meeting so Burns provided an update. Young said we need students to sign up for elections so start talking to folks so we can get a strong team for next year.

IX. STAFF REPORTS – Peterson said Intent to File applications will be available beginning Monday and requested spreading the word about this. She said the Government Affairs Town Hall will be held Tuesday at 4 pm in BMU 203 and pizza will be provided. Peterson said the Student Organization Event Allocation Fund has a brand new process which is easier to do. Students will need to meet with Kendra Wright and then fill out a proposal on-line. Up to \$4,000 per event is available. Peterson said this Thursday she'll be working with the Asian American Pacific Islander Council, hosting a Shang Chi Marvel movie event in BMU 203. Peterson said on April 6 from 12 to 3 p.m. on the day of elections, there's an AS Elections Jamboree and she'd like to open up opportunities for any AS programs and contracted programs to table at the event. She said to reach out to her if councils or committees are interested in reserving a table for the event. Game opportunities were also discussed. Peterson noted that elections paperwork is due by noon on March 2 and candidates have to meet with Eliza Miller beforehand. • Friedman said the Alumni Association has been struggling with engaging with alums, noting 85% of them are more than 100 miles away. He updated regarding events they've had for alumni, and getting them involved, such as being mentors. He said they have about 1,000 people between mentors and mentees. Friedman said they are looking forward to the second weekend of October when a live three-day Homecoming celebration will be brought back to campus.

X. CHAIR REPORT – Burns reminded students that if they haven't already done so, to do a takeover Tuesday with Grace. She said more contract programs will be presenting at upcoming GAC meetings. She reminded that while in the office, do little notes for folks and she'll bring in Valentine's decorations.

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 – Young said great job everyone! Peterson everyone to take care of themselves, drink plenty of water and take vitamin C.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Burns, adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.