

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

**2:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Taryn Burns, Duncan Young (2:46 p.m.), Michelle Davis, Delaney Love, Melvin Quezada Haro, Jay Friedman, James Lawrence, Michelle Borges, Mary Wallmark

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – None

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Katie Peterson, Jon Slaughter, Karen Bang (recorder), Hugh Hammond, Eliza Miller, Shar Krater, Bella Carcamo, Jennifer Meadows, Mariana Piluso, Anna Flores, Jackie Hansen, Ember Funk, Janice Stryker

- 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 2/23/22 agenda (Lawrence/Quezada Haro) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2/9/22 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2/9/22 regular meeting, as presented (Davis/Lawrence) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Lawrence 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. Action Item: Approval of appointment of Belen Espinoza as the Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy – Burns provided background on Espinoza, noting she she'll be a good fit for this position. **Motion to approve the appointment of Belen Espinoza as the Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy, as presented (Love/Quezada Haro) 5-0-0 MSC.**
  - B. Discussion Item: Program Presentations: KCSC, STAR Center and AS Child Development Lab –
    - Bella Carcamo, the station's student General Manager, gave the KCSC presentation noting that college radio is viewed as a necessity of student life. She reviewed the station's Mission Statement with the committee highlighting the value of diversity and inclusion within their organization. Carcamo reviewed the station's activities and events, noting their goal is to create more meaningful activities to attend on campus. They have vinyl sales, host live concerts and events and provide a wide variety of information to students. They hosted a coat and sock donation drive for Catalyst Domestic Violence Services. Expenses and Funding Sources were next outlined: software costs, app costs (RadioFX), licensing costs (Sound Exchange), maintenance operation, new equipment, department costs for faculty, room remodel, merchandise and promotional items. Transition costs from AS are just over \$50,000 so far. Burns asked how many interns they have. Carcamo said they have approximately 50 currently. Numbers have been up to 70 in the past. Interns receive units by working internship hours and work in different KCSC departments. All station directors are required to do three units. Quezada Haro asked about diversity; when they have events on campus, how diverse are the events. (Young joined the meeting at 2:46 p.m.) Carcamo said they have some diverse bands but would love to feature more. Quezada Haro asked if only local artists are allowed. The station really wants to highlight local artists. Quezada Haro asked if artists get paid for their performances on campus. The band that played on Valentine's Day, JAM, volunteered to play free. A compensation plan hasn't been worked out but the hope is to compensate bands in the future. Love asked if the radio station plays 24/7 and what's the station number. Carcamo said they're on Radio FX which runs much of the college radio stations throughout the U.S., and are currently running on

a loop 24/7. When the station returns to in person it will run from first morning show at 8 or 9 a.m. and ends when Tehama closes at 10 p.m. Love thanked Carcamo for her presentation as she learned so much from it.

- STAR Center Presentation – Mariana Piluso and Anna Flores represented the Center. Flores is the in-house advisor for the program. Piluso, the program coordinator, provided background on the STAR Center. The Center was developed from the Graduation Initiative 2025 to lessen the achievement gap for underserved student populations. Dawn Frank is the current Director replacing Malcolm McLemore who recently became the Director of CCLC. The STAR Center is open as an active study space for students, including printing of documents. It offers various weekly programming focused on academic support, life skills, and student wellness. The Center collaborated with the Writing Center and Financial Aid before the Wildcat Scholarship application deadline. Flores said it was conceptualized in 2019, brings in faculty and staff from across the campus, including Student Affairs. The Center focuses on first generation students. They don't just do holistic advising; it's transformational work. Flores does advising from 5 to 7 p.m. and sometimes during the weekend, when time is available for students. Her goal is to make sure students have a goal of success. Flores reviewed what is done via Academic Advising. They reach out to failing students to let them know they're there for assistance and provide them with options so they're better informed. They also provide Academic Coaching. Piluso said Women of Excellence is their academic retention program; it's a University sponsored program. It promotes connections to staff and faculty on campus Piluso noted they're working with self-identified female students. She noted the AS commitments and feels like the Women of Excellence and Men of Chico fall right in line with AS commitments. They are partnering with the Student Learning Center, Tribal Relations, DREAM Center, Orientation Programs, Faculty partners and Career Center regarding major exploration, ARC – Academic Coaching. She encouraged to check out their website, or attend one of their events. Lawrence questioned supplemental tutoring and Piluso said they'll have some SLC Pro Staff members and will be able to provide service within the STAR Center. Burns asked how many students flow through their office during the week. Piluso said 15 to 30 students come in weekly to check in and check the calendar. Lawrence asked if they'll be doing a talk in SI or Student Tutoring Center, would be a great way to reach out to students to let them know of this resource.
- AS Child Development Lab – Jackie Hansen, the Program Director for the ASCDL, and Ember Funk, the Assistant Program Director presented the program. Hansen reviewed their mission statement and explained the student employment, intern and educational opportunities within the ASCDL. They collaborate with various departments on campus. Hansen stated they provide low-cost, no cost child care of children of student parents attending Chico. It makes a huge difference to have child care directly on campus. The program currently enrolls 45 children. Hansen said they provide the highest quality care and education following the Title V Education Code, Title 22 and Head Start Performance Program. ASCDL career staff structure was highlighted and the various funding sources were reviewed. Hansen said when the campus closed down in March of 2020 and they became virtual, teachers provided a virtual experience for the children. They worked hard to be one of the few operations able to reopen in the fall of 2020 and have remained open ever since. Slaughter said Funk was actually a child at the CDL when her parents were going to school. Young asked how many student parents there are on campus. Hansen said they're not sure but they get creative to advertise to the campus community to make them aware of the ASCDL. Funk explained the process of children accepted. Currently there are probably two dozen on the wait list; first priority is low-income student parents.

- C. Discussion Item: 12/31/21 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter reviewed the report, noting that \$25,000 is set aside in the AF budget to monitor Capital Expenditure purchases. Nothing spent in the second quarter of the AF Capital Expenditure Budget. \$203 spent in the first quarter.

**VIII. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** – Love said the Safety Walk is 5 p.m. tonight. Davis said she's a part of the CSSA legislative affairs committee. That committee is working on a video campaign for the Cal Grant Reform Act. Each of the 23 campuses is preparing short little videos about student experiences in trying to get grants. The goal is to get between 5 to 10 videos. If interested in participating in this, please let her know. They are due March 13. Quezada Haro said a SJE meeting will be held tomorrow and members will be discussing issues around having more events around the campus that are more inclusive and diverse. After tabling with CCLC, they got a lot of feedback. Lawrence said SAS was cancelled this week. SAS Code language being reviewed and he is exploring the possibility of offering units for committee service. Borges said on April 19 she's partnering with the Office of Civic Engagement to show a 30-minute sustainability film and then discuss afterwards. The event will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Young said last Friday the campus received an award for registering the most students among the CSUs and UCs during the Ballot Bowl. California's Secretary of State presented the award. Chico had almost double the registrations over other campuses. Wallmark said it was a huge win. Young is looking for more projects to work on for the rest of this semester.

**IX. STAFF REPORTS** – Wallmark said the search is on for a new fraternity and sorority adviser. Closes in another week and a half and have had a number of applicants. On April 19, which is Earth Day, Wildcats on Wheels will be held. The 19<sup>th</sup> is also the Wildcat statue's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Another vaccination clinic will be held this Friday. About 4,000 students eligible to get their booster haven't self-certified yet. Twenty students will win a \$500 prize if self-certified by March 1. Wallmark said students are back this semester in force. Young ran into Michael Bills Allen and got an update on the App. Wildcat Sync and AS Dining will be a part of it. Young thinks we'll finally be able to get the Wildcat logo to the top of the portal in Wildcat Sync. Peterson said March 2 is the deadline for applying for the 2022-23 student representative positions and all must meet with Eliza Miller first. She was excited to share the opportunity student organizations will have at the AS Elections Jamboree to compete in games to earn points to possibly double their revenue sharing pledges. Help spread the word and remind organizations to reserve a table for the Jamboree to be held in Trinity Commons area. A new WLC Office Coordinator will be joining us on Monday. They'll be helping with minutes and agendas. Wallmark said the mask requirement has been removed regarding tabling outdoors. Slaughter reported on a diaper policy recently adopted by the ASCDL's Parent Advisory Board. The CDL is a contractor with the Womens, Infants and Children's Program. As such, we're required to provide diapers and wipes for all children in the facility unless there's a modification and decision made from the Parent Advisory Council. On February 18 the Advisory Board met and decided 6 of 7 that the program would provide diapers and wipes to only to the infant and toddler rooms, not the two preschool classrooms.

**X. CHAIR REPORT** – Burns said she's planning their R&R and will email about it. Let her know if you have items for the agenda. Wallmark said the programs presented today did an outstanding job and it's a good use of money. Love said she hadn't heard about the STAR Center so this was very informative (Love left at 3:47 P.M.). Young asked advising, if we could we earmark some of the annual funding and encourage the STAR Center to hold workshops for other advisors across campus. Slaughter said our relationship with the STAR Center and CCLC is a bit different than with the other Contract Programs. They both are Student Affairs programs we support and we have less influence over operations. We could certainly suggest and encourage but not earmark or withhold funds. Wallmark said they're also eligible for GI 2022 funding.

**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** – None

**XV. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Burns, adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.