



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, April 13, 2022

2:30 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Taryn Burns, Duncan Young, Michelle Davis, Delaney Love, Melvin Quezada Haro, Jay Friedman, Belen Espinoza, James Lawrence, Mary Wallmark

MEMBERS ABSENT – Michelle Borges (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Karen Bang (recording), Katrina Robertson, Matthew Umbarger, Katie Peterson, Hugh Hammond, Teresa Clements

- 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 4/13/22 agenda (Lawrence/Davis) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 3/9/22 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the 3/9/22 regular meeting, as presented (Lawrence/Davis) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

VII. BUSINESS

- A. **Information Item: Activity Fee Fund Overview, estimated results 2021-22 and proposed budget 2022-23** – Slaughter said Activity Fee (AF) will need to tap into their reserves to balance the 2022-23 AF budget. He said the good news is that they're estimating to only expend half of the approved use of 2021-22 reserves, \$75,000 instead of \$150,000. He also noted that annualized enrollment may end up being more than the 14,500 used for our revised figures. He said regarding the not so good news, the enrollment forecast for 2022-23 of 13,500 is the lowest we've used for budgeting in over two decades. In addition, the CDL's CCAMPIS grant ends 9/30/22, which is a loss of \$200,000 in income. He said \$552,135 of AF reserves will be needed to "balance the budget." In addition to these two items, Slaughter said the newly budgeted Director of AS Programs and staff changes in AF Administration equals a new \$91,893 expense. Increasing ridership on B-Line and increasing University fees also equal a \$118,170 hit. Slaughter explained that they've gone into reserves before and provided an overview (Young joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.). He said he doesn't believe we'll need to use the estimated half a million dollars of reserves. He reviewed the Revised Budget Summary for 2021-22 with the committee and explained how they saved money this past year. He next reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2022-23, providing an overview of Proposed Budget Income of \$1,855,987 (Lawrence left the meeting at 2:46 p.m.). Proposed Budget Allocations of \$2,408,122 were next reviewed and various categories were explained. Slaughter also explained the differences in annual budget allocations between 2021-22 and 2022-23. He said overall, 2022-23 net expenses are estimated at \$357,453 more than 2021-22 mainly due to the Big 4 items previously discussed. Young questioned regarding contract programs, since Malcolm McLemore is moving from the STAR Center to the CCLC and bringing programs with him to the CCLC if the amount given to the STAR Center should be reduced. Slaughter said we support CCLC and the STAR Center equally, which are both programs of the VP of Student Affairs. He said a conversation could be held at that level, with them questioning if we should move funds over from the STAR Center to the CCLC. He also noted there might be a reduction in costs when revised MOUs are done. Wallmark asked what kind of money he's talking about and Slaughter said AF and Student Union support both of these programs for a total of \$80,000 to CCLC and \$85,000 to STAR. Burns asked if any programming budgets were reduced since we'll have significantly fewer students, or if we'd be continuing to fund in full. Slaughter said we would continue to budget in full, but that doesn't mean spending in full. He said changes can be made at revision

time next spring and it's better to have it there in case needed. Young said he recognizes that the AF Administration support and the GAO support fell under budget due to unfilled positions this past year. He questioned with both unfilled positions in mind, and relatively smooth operations this past year, if we should perhaps make a purposeful reduction in those areas by not filling those positions. Burns said things haven't been running smoothly and we should keep that option open. Discussion was held. Burns said we wouldn't be able to hire anyone if it's not in the budget and Slaughter said if they're not hired, it just falls back to the bottom line. Young asked what would need to procedurally be done to vote on this and Slaughter said they could include budget language when they approve the budget. He said they could keep the proposed budget as it is and include wording in the motion to analyze staffing with the hopes of reducing costs. He said they can put language or parameters on what they approve. Slaughter said adding positions later would be harder. Wallmark said stateside is asking the same questions but facing challenges when looking at staffing and that it has gotten much harder due to the pandemic because we're seeing so much movement right now. She said the hardest thing for Student Life & Leadership was that the university imposed a hiring freeze during the pandemic but when they opened it up, their challenge was that they couldn't fill some of the positions and she still has an opening in Greek Life. She said it compounds problems by reducing positions. Slaughter said he would send the PowerPoint to the committee.

- B. Information Item: Activity Fee Administration Budget, estimated results 2021-22 and proposed budget 2022-23 – Included above.
- C. Information Item: Activity Fee Capital Expenditures Budget, estimated results 2021-22 and proposed budget 2022-23 – Slaughter reviewed with the committee. Allows to spend \$25,000 on capitalized equipment.
- D. Information Item: Government Affairs Office Budget, estimated results 2021-22 and proposed budget 2022-23 – Included above.
- E. Information Item: Elections Budget, estimated results 2021-22 and proposed budget 2022-23 – Included above.
- F. Discussion Item: 2/28/22 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter noted the Benchmark at 67%. He reviewed the budget with the committee, noting Total Revenues at 32.86% and Total Expenses at 62.10%. He said Activity Fee is doing well.

VIII. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Davis said she's helping Chico Civic Engagement host an event tonight at 7 p.m. at Trinity Commons - a documentary on Willie Velasquez: Your Vote is Your Voice. Young said all the SFAC projects were approved to some degree and that he is personally excited that the solar project he submitted was approved for \$172,000. Young said he will be returning to Chico Saturday.

IX. STAFF REPORTS – Wallmark said Wildcat Spirit Week is next week and reviewed the upcoming events. • Peterson said they had a successful election season and thanked those who helped at the jamboree. She reminded the student representatives to connect with the person who will be taking over their position and that the Transition Celebration will be held on May 5. • Friedman said they're in the beginning stages of planning a traditional fall homecoming celebration from October 6 through 9 and would be combining it with Parents Weekend and Chico Preview Day. He said the concept is to bring alumni, students, parents, and potential students all to campus for an awesome weekend. He said AS representation on this committee would be appreciated. Friedman said 8,400 people participated in the 2020 virtual homecoming and they'll continue to incorporate virtual components in to the entire weekend.

X. CHAIR REPORT – Burns said the end of the year is coming up and to keep your eyes open for the new representatives. She said she is working on plans and goals for the final GAC meeting.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Peterson said International Festival is this Saturday in the BMU Auditorium, best food of the year, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

XIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Burns said Happy Wednesday.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Burns, adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.