GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format.

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 12:30 p.m. BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jade Tsao, Allison Wagner, Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Krystal Alvarez, Josh Rubinoff, Chloe Renner, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Karen Bang (recorder), Kendra Wright, Shar Krater, Hugh Hammond, Eliza Miller, Imani Martin, Curtis Sicheneder, Windy Van Dam, Katrina Robertson

I. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Tsao, called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

II. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approval of the 8/24/22 regular meeting agenda. Motion to approve the 8/24/2022 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Alvarez/Wagner) 5-0-0 MSC.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 5/4/2022 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 5/4/2022 regular meeting, as presented (Alaniz-Wiggins/Alvarez) 5-0-0 MSC.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Alvarez welcomed everyone. Wallmark said there’s a great resource fair outside and the AS is doing a great job tabling. She also noted that the AS Cat Chow Hot Dog Cart is a huge hit.

VI. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

VII. STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT – Action Items forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee from the Senate stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Committee action.

A. Student Academic Senate Committee – Wagner said no meetings have been held yet.

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for Academic Year 2022-23. Motion to approve the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for Academic Year 2022-23, as presented (Wagner/Alvarez) 5-0-0 MSC.

B. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 6/30/22 – Slaughter reviewed the report with the committee and explained that regarding the LAIF report, that for this committee, they review only the Activity Fee Fund information. He said this report will be provided quarterly throughout the year from the AS Financial Services Office.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Rubinoff said regarding legislation in the news, that a COVID bill is being drafted which includes other diseases in the future as well, which could affect students.

X. STAFF REPORTS – Wallmark reported that Student Organizations Leadership Education partnered with Fraternity and Sorority Affairs as well as WREC Sports Competitive Club and held an all-club meeting on Sunday, before school started. She said 500 people showed up, which was awesome! As of today, she said there are 115
recognized student organizations on campus which gets us back almost right on track to pre-COVID days. Wallmark said the students have come back and now we have to deliver and show them it was worth the wait. She said our students are showing up for each other which is very exciting.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Tsao said she had nothing to report at this time and wished everyone a happy Wednesday.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Krater said they had a great turnout last night for Cats on Blast, our first official event to kick off the semester. She said they had representation from Government Affairs, Student Life & Leadership as well as the WREC. She said the Wildcat Resource Fair is being held today and it’s good to see that students are back and interested in what we are offering.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Tsao, adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.