

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, September 7, 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, Hugh Hammond, Eliza Miller, Curtis Sicheneder, Ashlee Rangel, Shar Krater

- 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 9/7/22 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 9/7/2022 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Wagner/Alvarez) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 8/24/22 regular meeting. Tsao corrected the minutes to note that the meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. **Motion to approve the revised minutes of the 8/24/22 regular meeting, as presented (Alvarez/Renner) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Wallmark said there are more students in the BMU than she has seen in years, which she said is awesome! She said it shows that we've created a useful space for them. She shared a follow-up to the recent shooting event in Chico, noting that on Monday a Student Affairs group met regarding messaging this week. Wallmark said an announcement was sent out and also noted this was atypical of this area. She said Chico is not immune and we've now had a mass shooting event. She explained that messages have been sent to Greek Life and student organization leaders as well as employees reminding them to be aware, pay attention and recognize that we have real problems just like other cities. She said the advantage we have is that we can help take care of each other. Wallmark said the neighborhoods surrounding Chico State are heavy in student involvement and we need to think more of those areas as our responsibility. She said part of the education in the messaging is to remind students that on their student id card is the number to the University Police Department (UPD), 530-898-5555. She asked everyone to put this information in their phones because UPD can respond quicker than Chico Police as they're physically closer. She asked the students to spread the word about this. • Friedman said four weeks from today is Wildcat Weekend and the University decided to combine Homecoming Weekend (held for the first time since 1989), along with Parent Weekend and Wildcat Preview Day. He said everyone is invited and will share the website. He said he's looking forward to getting as many students involved and engaged as possible.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None
- VII. **STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE (SAS) 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 SAS's first meeting was held yesterday, 9/6/22. They tabled the items regarding designees to CAB and CFAC. She said Mia Sanchez was appointed as Vice Chair and Minute Taker.

VIII. BUSINESS - None

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – None

X. STAFF REPORTS – Wallmark said she overheard students talking about a professor telling the class that everything was being posted on line and they don't have to go to class anymore. She said if anyone hears about something like this to please let her know, as they want to offer live classes for students.

XI. CHAIR REPORT – Tsao said she is working with Alvarez and Alaniz-Wiggins to put together a Focus Group regarding multicultural and freshmen students and what resources they might want or need. She said she would keep the committee updated regarding this event.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Alvarez said happy Wednesday. Slaughter said Kristina Barger has been hired as the Program Director of CAVE and will also be doing diversity and equity assessment for the AS. He said she has a lot of experience and suggested reaching out to her regarding their Focus Group.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Tsao, adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.