

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, September 21, 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** – Kendra Wright, Karen Bang (recorder), Hugh Hammond, Curtis Sicheneder, 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 9/21/22 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 9/21/2022 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Wagner/Alvarez) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/7/22 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/7/22 regular meeting, as presented (Alvarez/Wagner) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Alvarez said happy Wednesday.
- 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 noted regarding the 9/20/22 items that the CFAC appointments were tabled indefinitely and SAS meetings will now be held every other week. She said discussion was held regarding the Council of Graduate Students seeking to be a voting member of SAS, as a student approved senator. She said they concluded that this is not the best fit and expect a revised resolution from them at the next SAS meeting.
    1. SAS Actions of 9/6/22
      - a. Approved the 9/6/22 regular meeting agenda.
      - b. Approved the 5/6/22 regular meeting minutes.
      - c. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Student Academic Senate Meetings for the academic year 2022-23, as presented.
      - d. Approved the appointment of Mia Sanchez-Bejar as Vice Chair for the Fall semester.
    2. SAS Actions of 9/20/22
      - a. Approved the 9/20/22 regular meeting agenda.
      - b. Approved the 9/6/22 regular meeting minutes.
      - c. ~~Approved the appointment of CFAC for the fall semester, as presented.~~ Tabled
      - d. Approved Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Student Academic Senate Meetings for the Academic Year 2022-23, as presented.

### **VIII. 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.*

## **2022-23 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

### Confirmation of appointments to Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC)

- Director of Social Justice and Equity Appointments: Ebtsem Saeidah, Aki Enkhtur and Jefferson Garcia Leon

### Confirmation of appointment to Associated Students Facilities Committee (ASFC) and Associated Students Sustainability Program Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC)

- Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Alejandro Marquez

### Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Council (LAC)

- Executive Vice President Appointment: Kennedy Rodas-Dias
- Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Thomas Hubbard
- Director of Social Justice and Equity Appointment: Jatha Gonzalez Lum
- Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Appointment: Charlina Sealy

### Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (Alvarez/Wagner) 5-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Discussion Item: 6/30/22 Activity Fee Capital Expenditure Report – Wright explained the report to the committee, noting that only \$2,258 was spent on Capital Expenditures during 2021-22. She said they are not frivolous with the budget and only purchased necessary items.
- C. Discussion Item: How to get more students to participate in public opinion – Rubinoff suggested advertising in order to encourage students to attend meetings and speak out with issues they'd like the committee to know about. Wallmark suggested increasing the visibility of GAC by holding it somewhere else one time, such as outside, which was done a couple of years ago. She said a meeting was held on Trinity Commons, and a lot of the public attended and participated at that meeting.
- D. Discussion Item: Bike valet – Rubinoff provided statistics from 2017 regarding bike theft: 390 stolen in Chico, 102 in Redding, 252 in San Luis Obispo and 251 in Santa Barbara. He said Davis was the only town that had more bikes stolen than Chico had. He also noted that the first few days of the semester are the worst for bike theft. Rubinoff suggested perhaps a bike valet system, where students would be hired to watch bikes, with student id #'s left with each bike for identification. He also suggested a bike cage, perhaps outside the dorms, where a card swipe system could be used in order to know who is going in and out. Wagner agreed that someone sitting there keeping an eye on bikes would be helpful. Renner suggested collaborating with the Bike Hub. Sicheneder said Sacramento State used to have a bike valet in an enclosed environment. He explained that he and Vic Trujillo, who oversees facilities and operations for the AS, looked into fencing in an area on the east side of the BMU where it is well lighted and a card swipe system could be set up for access. He said they already have a quote for this and could explore a SFAC proposal to help fund this project. Wallmark said campus proper has talked about having an enclosed, card swipe access area. She said the campus is also exploring an id card for phone wallets, instead of a hard copy, which could also be used on the new swipes. She said another factor regarding the number of stolen bikes is that campus intentionally removed racks from the core of campus and put them on the edge, which makes it easier for bikes to be stolen. She said they may be returning bike racks within the campus core. Wallmark said she chairs the Campus Facilities Use Committee; which Michelle Davis sits on and they could ask Davis to present to that committee regarding this issue.
- E. Discussion Item: B-Line issues – Rubinoff said before yesterday's SAS meeting he asked the senators to map out their bus route for a B-line trip on the B-Line website and they all gave up. He expressed frustration with the website specifically. He noted he also had trouble mapping a route as he doesn't know the street names in his area, other than the one he lives on. He said B-Line signs are not great advertising and there is not a culture or perceived necessity to ride the bus. Rubinoff said the DoubleMap App should be advertised and perhaps someone from B-Line could be asked to come to campus to help students comprehend how the B-Line system works. Wagner asked if safety issues on the bus are a factor and Alaniz-Wiggins said she rides the bus often and has never felt unsafe on the buses. She said she only feels a bit unsafe regarding people lingering around the bus station but doesn't consider it a huge issue. She said she also uses the DoubleMap App as well as Google Maps and noted it was a big learning curve to figure out how the bus system works, which can easily frustrate someone. Wallmark said the AS subsidizes the B-Line. She said over the summer the City of Chico was doing some sort of a task force on busing, biking and smart transportation and would try to find information on this to forward to the committee. Wallmark said that pre-COVID, they were going to bring a bus on campus during Wildcat Welcome in order to assist students with figuring out their map for riding buses. Sicheneder said he has received voicemails from parents expressing frustration with the B-line

system and agreed that students could use assistance regarding B-Line routes. Further discussion was held and it was agreed that there is a need to change the perception of riding the bus.

- IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** – Alvarez said she and Rubinoff attended CSSA and CSUnity, held for the first time in-person since the pandemic hit. She said it was nice to meet other elected representatives from other campuses. • Alaniz-Wiggins said she is scheduling a movie marathon on campus. She said she is continuing to work on appointing students to her committee and their first meeting will be held next week. • Alvarez said the Ballot Bowl is still going on and we're currently in first place in the CSU with 94 and in second place for all California college campuses. Rubinoff said he is working with his counter-parts at San Diego and San Francisco for Instagram posts regarding the Ballot Bowl race.
- X. STAFF REPORTS** – Wallmark said Greek recruitment is going great and there is a lot of potential for leadership development. • Wallmark explained that a provocateur is someone who tries to get you agitated and said individuals and groups are starting to come in from outside to campus to do this. She said it's important for us to notice it and in some cases show up to speak against it, but also to understand the parameters we operate in. Discussion was held and she reminded that this is a public institution and free speech campus and there is a plan in place in relation to this. Wallmark said she is a Free Speech Facilitator, and will be seen wearing a yellow vest around campus regarding this.
- XI. CHAIR REPORT** – Tsao said they have started interviewing candidates for the open commissioner positions.
- XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- XIII. PUBLIC OPINION** – None
- XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Tsao, adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.