

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

**12:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Jade Tsao, Allison Wagner, Krystal Alvarez, Josh Rubinoff, Chloe Renner, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman, Mujtaba Azam, Gianna Echavez-LaRocca

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins (excused)

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Kendra Wright, Karen Bang (recorder), Grace Hoxa, Curtis Sicheneder, Shar Krater, Diego Valdez, Abe Renteria, Mackenzie Miller, Katrina Robertson, Anthony Ruiz, Windy Van Dam

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Tsao, called the meeting to order at 12:30 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 10/5/22 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/5/2022 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Wagner/Alvarez) 5-0-0 MSC.** Azam joined the meeting at 12:31 p.m.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/21/22 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/21/22 regular meeting, as presented (Wagner/Alvarez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Tsao introduced the two new members to GAC: Mujtaba Azam – Commissioner of Community Affairs and Gianna Echavez-LaRocca – Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs. Introductions were made and the new members were welcomed to the committee.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Krater thanked Hoxa, who runs Zoom at these meetings.
- 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 (SAS) Committee – Wagner said SAS has been in conversations with the Council of Graduate Students. She said they initially requested a position on SAS; however, after discussion it was decided this wouldn't be the best course of action. Wagner said at yesterday's SAS meeting they requested commissionerhip, which wasn't approved. They will return to the next meeting with a revised resolution.
    1. SAS Actions of 10/4/22
      - a. Approved the 10/4/22 regular meeting agenda.
      - b. Approved the 9/20/22 regular meeting minutes.

### **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 Campus Engagement Council

- Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Appointments: Natalie De Rose, Maria Monica Fernandez and Athena Vivas

Confirmation of appointment to Legislative Affairs Council (LAC)

- Director of Social Justice and Equity Appointment: Sonia Quintero  
Confirmation of appointment to Social Justice and Equity Committee
- Executive Vice President Appointment: Katherine Hewitt
- Director of University Affairs Appointment: Chelsea Wedington  
Confirmation of appointment to Associated Students Businesses Committee
- Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Allison Wagner

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (Wagner/Alvarez) 6-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Presentation: Gender and Sexual Equity Coalition (GSEC) regarding 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Miller said the Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition is hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and Womxn’s Conference from October 21 through 23. She noted the keynote speaker will be Abre’ Connor, Director, Environmental and Climate Justice at NAACP. The conference will be held October 21 and 22 in the BMU. She said a Gala Dinner will be held on Friday, October 21 at the Women’s Center in Chico. Miller provided details regarding registering for the free conference, as well as purchasing of tickets for the Gala Dinner.
- C. Presentation: Adelante Program Outreach – Ruiz said he does outreach and recruitment for this postbaccalaureate program that has been around for about two years. He said they mainly support first generation and low income students, including Latinx. Ruiz said the Wayfinders Mentoring Program is a year-long program and students enroll in a class for two academic units. He noted it’s about leadership development and improving academics. Ruiz next explained the Outreach Ambassadors Program which is comprised of Zoom workshops that are held throughout the semester, approximately two per week. He said recordings of these workshops can be accessed through the Office of Graduate studies website. Ruiz also explained the Summer Research Program which allows undergraduate and graduate students to build research experience in their area of interest and pays a student stipend. He said students can reach out to [adelante@csuchico.edu](mailto:adelante@csuchico.edu) or the Office of Graduate Studies to find out further information.
- D. Discussion Item: 6/30/22 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Robertson explained that this budget information is for last fiscal year, noting that our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. She explained each of the columns and provided an overview. Robertson said Total Revenues were at 94.42% of the budget, with 100% being the benchmark for year-end. She said Total Expenses were at 84.98% overall and for the year they were able to put \$113,400 into reserves, which was the net increase for the year. She explained the Child Development Lab is mainly grant funded and that this information doesn’t include grant funded programs.

**IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** – Rubinoff said yesterday The Hub put on an event for voter registration, and he said the majority of people were already registered, although they were able to bring up the number registered to about 86% by getting more to register.

**X. STAFF REPORTS** – Wallmark said flu shots will be available again on October 20, 21 and 27 in the library breezeway. She said that on October 20, and possibly 27, COVID bivalent boosters will also be available. She noted that if you are two months out from an active infection or your last shot, you qualify for the new bivalent booster. Flu shot times as follows: October 20 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and October 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. She said COVID shots (first, second, old booster or new bivalent) will be available on October 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Wright shared that they’re in the recruitment process for a Wildcat Leadership Office Coordinator and she looks forward to providing the finalist’s name shortly.

**XI. CHAIR REPORT** – Tsao welcomed the new members to the committee.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Alvarez said Happy Wednesday. Krater said she has a recruitment gong out for a Sustainability Coordinator. She said the ¡Fuerte! event is being held tomorrow night from 6 to 8 p.m. in BMU 203.

- Wallmark said Student Life and Leadership is in the search for an Assistant Program Coordinator for Student Organizations and Leadership Education and Wildcat Welcome. They will also be posting soon the Assistant Program Coordinator for Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.
- Sicheneder said when it’s time to vote, can do so in this building and there is also a ballot box out front.

**XIII. PUBLIC OPINION** – Krater welcomed the two new members.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Tsao, adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.