

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

**12:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – None

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Kendra Wright, Karen Bang (recorder), Jon Slaughter, Grace Hoxa, Curtis Sicheneder, Eliza Miller

- 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 10/19/22 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/19/2022 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Wagner/Alvarez) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/5/22 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 10/5/22 regular meeting, as presented (Alaniz-Wiggins/Renner) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Wallmark reminded that the free campus vaccine clinics for flu shots as well as COVID booster shots will be held tomorrow in the library breezeway and provided the upcoming schedule of clinics. • Alaniz-Wiggins said that Friday is Malcolm McLemore's last day as the CCLC Director and that he's going to work at Butte Community College. • Sicheneder said the Bike Auction will be held this Friday and explained that proceeds from the auction fund Get Outdoors scholarships for students to attend Adventure Outings trips. • Renner said they'll be tabling on campus next Wednesday for Town Hall - Hot Chocolate and Hot Topics.
- 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 (SAS) Committee – Wagner said the Graduate Student Resolution was voted on at yesterday's SAS meeting and the motion failed. She said Michael Pratt, the advisor, attended, not the student representative, and he said he'd come back with a different resolution. She said this has been on the SAS agenda for every meeting of the semester and is moving slow. Wallmark asked why this item keeps failing and Wagner said their resolutions aren't very clear or specific, and they're unsure what they're asking nor seem to know what they really want. She said they also want \$50,000 from SAS. Wallmark said graduate programs are generally dismissed and they need to be acknowledged, noting that COGS would be a good partnership. Wright said further discussion is being held regarding this item and reminded that Grad students can be elected as senators. She said she'll continue working with Michael Pratt regarding this. • Wagner said each of the senators have talked with their deans and they're all getting ready to start their meetings. She also noted that the College of Business Fair will be held tomorrow.
    1. SAS Actions of 10/18/22
      - a. Approved the 10/18/22 regular meeting agenda.
      - b. Approved the 10/4/22 regular meeting minutes.
      - c. ~~Approved Graduate Student Resolution, as presented.~~ Motion failed.

### **VIII. BUSINESS**

- A. Information Item: 2023 Associated Students Election Procedures – Miller said each year in the fall the timeline and procedures for the election process are finalized. She said this item will be brought back as an Action Item at the next GAC meeting. Alvarez asked if there are any specific changes to the procedures or if it's just an overview. Miller said this is an overview and that the only change is the date of the elections in 2023.
- B. Discussion Item: Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Code – Slaughter said when Bang was doing some updating of Corporate Codes, she noticed that the GAC Code wasn't in compliance with the Bylaws in regards to the number of non-voting members, so corrected the GAC Code. He said she also updated some of the title changes. Slaughter reviewed the changes with the committee and said the non-voting membership is five, and reviewed each of the positions with the committee. Regarding the University Academic Affairs Office Representative, he said when the GAC code was created, we didn't have a Student Academic Senate (SAS). He said it might be better if this position is made a member of SAS, instead of being on GAC and suggested GAC might wish to discuss this in the future. Slaughter said these code revisions do not need to come back to the GAC for approval.

**IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** – Wagner said that the name of her position is called Director of University Affairs and it was previously the Director of Academic Affairs. She said often people don't know what the Director of University Affairs is or does and she is considering changing it back to Director of Academic Affairs for the next election cycle. • Alaniz-Wiggins said ideally, the Inaugural Clothes Swap Festival will be held the third week of November, and if anyone would like to assist, please contact her.

**X. STAFF REPORTS** – Wright said they're currently looking for any referrals or recruitments for members of the Sustainability Affairs Council and the Community Affairs Council. She reminded that applications are always live on the Government Affairs Office home page and requested everyone to spread the word to assist the new commissioners to get their councils up and running.

**XI. CHAIR REPORT** – Tsao said did not have a report.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Alvarez said Happy Wednesday. Wallmark said interviews will begin soon for the Assistant Coordinator for Student Organizations and Leadership Education position. She said she is writing a justification to provide to the University regarding filling the Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Coordinator position. Wallmark said a very well organized campus protest was held yesterday in front of Kendall Hall, led by the California Faculty Association and Students for Quality Education. She said they were protesting the potential loss of teaching sections of courses as we go into budget cuts. Wallmark said it was a good civil statement. • Alaniz-Wiggins said each of the Chief Officer of Diversity candidates will begin visiting campus next week. She said they should be visiting our student AS government area and hopefully we'll have as much student participation as possible. • Alvarez said at the end of this week the Executive Chief of Staff position will be open and requested letting students know of this position. Wright noted that applicants will need to apply through the AS HR page as it's not an elected position; it's an hourly student employment opportunity. She said this student will report to her and support Alvarez.

**XIII. PUBLIC OPINION** – Slaughter said he got his two shots in the same arm and recommends that.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Tsao, adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.