



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, March 14, 2025

12:00 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Chris Sullivan, Dev Kachiwala, Madison Kelley, Aishwarya Gowda, Gia Monticello, Adin White, Humberto Partida

MEMBERS ABSENT – Aaron Schwartz

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Eliza Miller, Shari Anderson, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Jon Simmons, Bryce Ingersoll, Sachi Sharma, Anna Krause, Christian Kepler, Cirilo Cortez, Jonathan Parra Alonso, Amanda Dubner, Jasmine Saephan, Katey VonMosch, Kristen Haydon, Megan Kurtz, Emily Berry (Recording)

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Sullivan, called the meeting to order at 12:02PM.
- II. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 3/14/25 regular meeting agenda as presented.
Motion to approve the 3/14/25 agenda, as presented. (Kelley/Partida) 5-0-0 MSC
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 2/28/25 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 2/28/25 regular meeting minutes, as presented (White/Kelley) 5-0-0 MSC**
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – White stated he had a meeting with a student trustee to talk about Time, Place, and Manner.
- VI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, nine minutes for entire topic – Bryce Ingersoll stated there's problems with the Time, Place, and Manner policy such as how broad the policy is. He also had issues with additional punishments for masking, trespassing, and unlawful assembly, which could be misdemeanors.
Sachi Sharma wanted to talk about TPM being enforced related to the Palestine protests. She also mentioned systems scrutinizing protestors on campus for practicing their rights. She also stated that now is the time to stand up.
Anna Krause is frustrated by the amount of input from students regarding the policy. She also finds it frightening to know her name is associated with protest actions and is afraid that could be used against her in the future. She called for administrators to do anything they could to protect students' right to protest.
- 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.

Motion to strike Student Academic Senate Committee item A number 1 and 2.
(Kachiwala/Partida) 6-0-0 MSC

~~A. Student Academic Senate Committee~~

- ~~1. SAS Actions: Approval of 3/13/25 Student Academic Senate agenda~~
- ~~2. Approval of 2/27/25 Student Academic Senate Minutes~~

Kachiwala stated quorum was not met so this was just an open discussion rather than an official meeting.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution Regarding Interim System-wide Time, Place and Manner Policy (attached, page 8)

Motion to open as Discussion Item (Monticello/White) 6-0-0 MSC

Sullivan reviewed the document. White stated he addressed everyone's concerns from last time. Gowda commented that this policy is now very understandable. Partida asked for a summary in one or two sentences of what should be known. White stated due to legislation, the CSU Chancellor's office was forced to implement a policy over the summer which bypassed normal shared governance. It continues to be outside of their control and many groups are against it. This is the AS way of saying they are against the policy. Partida inquired if we are renouncing the whole thing? And White clarified yes, until changes to the policy that would be democratic.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS—

Kelley thanked everyone for being here. Six students attended CHESS/CSSA. There were awards given, workshops, and training. They had three different meetings at the Capital in Sacramento and advocated against budget cuts.

Monticello is working with GSEC on the Take Back the Night walk and CAVE on a collaboration to support a local shelter. New stop signs will be implemented as a result of the Moonlight Safety Stroll.

Partida had a great time at CHESS. His Student Engagement Council meeting was cancelled, but the workshop for men's mental health is still being planned. They were also not able to get prom for this year, but there is an international prom going on April 25th.

Kachiwala stated Student Academic Senate got canceled. He announced on Tuesday April 8th from 4-5:30 and Wednesday April 9th there is a student only session for reimagining academic affairs. He also sat on the Academic Integrity Council.

Gowda stated affordability was discussed as well at CHESS. Our campus is offering a diversity certificate program talked about by Dr. Morales. March 28th is the understanding Antisemitism and Islamophobia Workshop Series. April 11th is the Israel Palestine conflict information, April 25 Conflict Resolution and classist communication and May 2nd as the social media and digital bias. She also attended the Academic Integrity Council today.

White stated next Sustainability Affairs Council is on the 24th. The 26th is the Sustainability Summit. The next two days are the This Way to Resilience Symposium.

Gowda clarified she also sat on the University Diversity Council. Names of the bridges around campus have been decided based on the scientific names of plants around the bridge.

X. STAFF REPORTS –

Anderson said Ag advocacy events are happening next Wednesday between 11:30-12:30 on the capital steps in the Sacramento area.

McAllister-Knutson thanked people for their hard work in Choose Chico. Spirit Week is coming up on the 21st-26th of April. There are over 190 clubs in SOLE right now. Over 230 right now with all of their club areas.

XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—

Wright stated the CHESS sentiments were appreciated. She also wished everyone health and rest for the spring break. Elections are coming up on April 2nd. The sample ballot will be posted early next week on the elections website. There will also be three events to meet the candidates who are running, the first on March 26th from 11-2 in the library breezeway, the second the day before elections April 1st from 5-7pm by the Estom Jamani courtyard, and on voting day is the Extravaganza from 10am-2pm on Trinity lawn.

Kachiwala asked if there was a backup plan for weather. Wright said absolutely, but hoped there would be no rain.

XII. CHAIR REPORT –

Sullivan stated Student Town Hall was very successful. Reimagining Chico State has generated a lot of traction, he also asked if there are students with concerns to address them to Student Academic Senate. AS Dining Consultation Meeting happened as well. There will also be an email sent out about campus safety with Cesar Chavez day. AS wristbands are also still being worked on.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

McAllister-Knutson said to wear Spirit Days items on Friday.

Gowda said they received a treat from a Trustee. Holi comes up on March 28th from 4-6PM. Pantry is open during all of spring break. Reimagining Academic Affairs Round Two Launch March 25th from 9-10pm. Diversity Certificate Workshops happening on March 28th from 2 to 4 PM. Ramadan distribution through the pantry and international office is happening as well.

Partida stated the pantry may be relocating and moving elsewhere.

Gowda also exclaimed happy graduation.

Sullivan wanted to give kudos to all for doing great things.

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION—

VonMosch stated Cat's in the Community is on March 31st.

Kurtz wanted to echo sentiments about Student Town Hall and being proud of students.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:57.