



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, March 28, 2025

12:00 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Chris Sullivan, Dev Kachiwala, Madison Kelley, Gia Monticello, Adin White, Humberto Partida, Aaron Schwartz, Aishwarya Gowda, Shari Anderson, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Dr. Joseph Morales

MEMBERS ABSENT – Madison Kelley

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Simmons, Emily Berry (Recording), Kendra Wright, Jasmine Saephan, Keith Crawford, Holly Aiello, Scott Kodai, Todd McGregor, Julia Boyko, Chris Hutton, Nadia Hill, Jennell Hall, Miguel Sueki, Zero Hanami, Hugh Hammond, Karen Contreras, Cirilo Cortez

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 12:00
- II. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 3/28/25 regular meeting agenda as presented.
Motion to approve the 3/28/25 agenda, as presented. (White/Kachiwala) 6-0-0 MSC
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 3/14/25 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 3/14/25 regular meeting minutes, as presented (White/Sullivan) 6-0-0 MSC**
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – White stated he's been going to the open forums regarding the Reimagining Academic Affairs and has also spoken with people on Academic Senate. He elaborated that few people are happy with the policy. Schwartz asked if there were any proposed plans, and White said making data more plain as well as asking that research done by the Special Action Team and Research/Outlook Teams being made public, how success is measured, and so on.
Schwartz said we passed a resolution regarding Time, Place, and Manner as well and that people should take a look at that as well. Kachiwala asked if the resolution had been sent out, and Wright said no, it's just passed and is in the works of being disseminated.
- VI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, nine minutes for entire topic – Julia Boyko introduced herself. She serves as the outreach coordinator for the Microbiology Club. She went on to state that students deserve more than an advisory input in Reimagining Chico. She says little assurance has been received that student input is shaping final decisions. The only explanation given is that AI tools are being used, which is data collection rather than shared governance. The FAQ on the website is outdated. She wants to ensure Reimagining Chico is done with students and faculty. She is calling for public disclosure of all decision-making processes, a formal binding student-role in all major decisions, and a student-faculty oversight committee to ensure continued transparency and involvement through implementation and beyond. Gowda joined the meeting at 12:07pm.
- 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**
 1. **SAS Actions: Approval of 3/13/25 Student Academic Senate agenda**
No meetings held 3/27/25
Next SAS is Thursday April 3rd at 8am.

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Chico State Mobile App Presentation

Scott Kodai introduced himself. They logged in to demo the new app and get feedback. He wants to know what the app needs to do to tell people they need to have the app. Schwartz asked during development that there was talk about Cats Connect functionality that got tabled. Kodai confirmed it's not currently available but is being worked on, and they purchased a program to assist this. Schwartz then asked budget, and Kodai confirmed \$12,000 with a potential month or two to implement.

Gowda said she thinks there should be a channel for departments or organizations.

Monticello stated she was unaware how extensive the app was until she was shown. Schwartz seconded this.

The app changes were then reviewed in a demo on the website.

Sullivan asked where the Associated Students were listed, and was told this could be added.

Kachiwala asked about Handshake for student employment, and was told this could be taken note of.

Gowda asked about Microsoft calendar functionality, and was told it can't be fully integrated into the app. McAllister-Knutson provided information on how to click to add it to one's personal calendar.

Kachiwala asked if there was a chat bot for questions, and was told it wasn't there presently but there will be a way to interact with other students.

Schwartz asked when students would see this phase rollout, and was told they were aiming for orientation to try to roll out, potentially before hand but potentially to wait until after orientation.

Kodai asked if there were functionalities that weren't included, and Schwartz said Pronto isn't included but plenty of online classes use it to keep in touch and discuss with each other.

White said he liked it and seems are streamlined.

B. Discussion Item: Title IX Annual Data and Nondiscrimination Policy Update.

Holly Aiello introduced herself. The Chancellors office requires her to compile a list of all reports, concerns, and investigations and tally those for the last academic year. There is a dashboard for each specific campus created by the Chancellors Office. Chico State also created an annual report survey in a written form that explains the numbers and processes/addressing concerns. The PowerPoint presentation went over reports, of which there were 210. Schwartz asked why only 12 investigations were carried out at approximately 5%. Aiello said they provide outreach to every complainant. 60% of complainants did not respond to outreach from EODR. The highest number of reports were sexual assault and sexual misconduct. Aiello reviewed the PowerPoint data. Once a report is received, they provide outreach, resources, an invitation to meet, and so on, though individuals are not required to engage. They also take time to see if they can investigate something. Dr. Morales entered the meeting at 12:31. The investigator is not an advocate for either party or the University. Discipline is not handled by EODR it is directed to the proper office. Reports can be made online, via email, via phone, or at SSC 420. There's also a reporting option through the Safe Chico app. Kachiwala asked how many students are using the space or if reports are made by faculty or staff. Aiello said more student reports were made last year, and the link provided in the PowerPoint breaks down report information. Partida asked for an example of prohibited consensual relationship— Aiello said three prohibited consensual relationship reports were received last year to her knowledge and that's not included on the bar graph. Schwartz said 166 complainants were students, and 98 respondents were students. Sullivan asked if the Title IX would link on the mobile app and was told yes. Schwartz also said the numbers are going up year by year and asked what we're doing to stem that. Aiello said they're getting their name out more. Monticello left the meeting at 12:37. Aiello said next month is also sexual assault awareness month and they are partnering with Safe Place on campus to offer different events. They're also working with WellCat Prevention to include them in their prevention opportunities. Schwartz asked if before Covid these trainings were mandatory trainings for every student and wanted to know if numbers were going up because it hasn't been brought back as mandatory trainings. Aiello said the trainings are still mandatory, but Schwartz stated he can register for classes without completing the trainings. Aiello said she's advocated for it and it's not something Chico State is willing to do at this time. Monticello returned to the meeting at 12:39. Kachiwala left the meeting at 12:40. Schwartz asked if there was any support

needed for the office, and Aiello said getting students to complete their trainings, as well as feedback for students that can be sent on to the Title IX office.

C. Information Item: Proposed Resolution Regarding Reimagining Chico

Schwartz asked Boyko to present since she wrote the resolution. Kachiwala returned to the meeting at 12:42. Boyko reviewed the document. It talks about how students, faculty, etc need to be involved from start to finish. She was proposing that there was a student-led oversight committee to hold administration accountable, and also to involve staff and faculty since they are also affected by these changes.

Schwartz asked what was envisioned in her mind as a student-led oversight board. Boyko said part of shared governance is that students are part of the decision-making process and she's open to ideas on what that could look like.

Gowda said the faculty and chairs are involved in the special action team and she interviewed each of them. They take feedback from the students. Boyko said based on the Special Action Team (SAT) report there was a lack of transparency and communication. The students involved were part of AS and doesn't represent students as a whole. White said there may have been one staff member on the Special Action Team as well. The letter written by the action team also talked about time invested, though decision-making happened behind closed doors with a third-party consulting firm. Schwartz also said Gowda brought up an important point, if the administration makes these decisions and wanted to make them without consulting students, they would've already restructured. President Perez putting out a letter to the Provost's office is an example of students being involved. Monticello said in the resolution it says AS has not taken significant steps in summary, and asked what the AS can do better moving forward. She also wanted to know how more people can attend the Government Affairs meetings. Boyko said more communication in general, outreach, and so on to let students know meetings are happening. Schwartz disagreed with that. Wright said the goal of today is to present a resolution (by any student), review it, and then GAC needs to author and approve the resolution. They can then either approve, abstain, or reject the resolution next Friday. Anderson left the meeting at 12:57. They then reviewed the document to make changes. Dr. Morales left the meeting at 12:57.

First Whereas verbiage update to state Chico State Academic Affairs

Motion to amend White/Sullivan 7-0-0 MSC

Second Whereas verbiage amendment would state, beginning at an affected system and ending at engaged in the process referencing Statement on Shared Governance and Consultation at CSU, Chico

Vote 7-0-0

Third whereas to be accepted as-is

7-0-0

Motion to strike fourth whereas

Sullivan/Kachiwala 7-0-0

Gowda left the meeting at 1:15.

Fifth whereas "CSU's Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) policy governs" to be amended by reference to the GAC resolution and statewide Academic Senate resolution

6-0-0

Gowda returned to the meeting at 1:18.

Partida left the meeting at 1:18.

McAllister-Knutson left the meeting at 1:23.

Partida returned at 1:25.

Sixth and seventh whereas "the University has announced a projected \$32 million" and "the University has framed this process" to be amended to include acknowledgment of the fact the university is claiming these two are separate and not linked before getting into announcements

7-0-0

Kelley left the meeting at 1:28.

Kachiwala left the meeting at 1:29.

Vote to maintain the "Whereas, campus metrics" and "Special Action Team (SAT)" and move it up to become the fourth whereas

5-0-0

Vote to move other whereas to maintain three in a row

5-0-0

“Whereas Associated Students (AS)” motion to leave as-is

White/Monticello 4-0-1

“Whereas Associated Students (AS)” motion to strike

Sullivan/White 4-0-1

“Whereas, concerns about faculty workload” vote to keep as-is

5-0-0

“Therefore, be it resolved, that the Associated Students” be updated to amendment of Reimagining Chico naming and Government Affairs Committee

5-0-0

“Therefore, be it further resolved, that AS demands a formalized” be updated to GAC demands, as well as Reimagining Chico naming

5-0-0

“Therefore, be it further resolved that the administration must provide” Administration must provide transparent, data-driven justification for the academic restructuring including...and benchmark metrics

5-0-0

“Be it further resolved, that AS calls for guaranteed” be updated to GAC, Reimagining Chico name

5-0-0

“Be it further resolved, that the AS supports the formation of” is the stopping point.

D. Information Item: Proposed Revision to Scholarship Committee Code

E. Information Item: Proposed Revision to Government Affairs Committee Code

Motion to carry D and E Information Items to next week 4/4/25

Sullivan/Partida 5-0-0 MSC

White left the meeting at 1:57.

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS— None.

X. STAFF REPORTS – None.

XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT— None.

XII. CHAIR REPORT – None.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

Gowda showed off the Spirit Week poster. She also drew attention to the Holi event today.

Monticello said Take Back the Night Walk is April 9th outreach and April 16th from 6-8 is when the actual walk will happen.

Gowda said the Diversity Certificate Program is today from 2-4pm.

Sullivan is partnering with IT to do a music video and he is looking for 4-6 students to join.

Schwartz said don't forget to vote April 2nd!

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION—

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:59