



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Friday, April 11, 2025

12:00 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Aaron Schwartz, Dev Kachiwala, Aishwarya Gowda, Gia Monticello, Adin White, Humberto Partida

MEMBERS ABSENT – Chris Sullivan, Madison Kelley

OTHERS PRESENT – Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Dr. Joseph Morales, Eliza Miller, Emily Berry (recording), Jon Simmons, Hugh Hammond, Kendra Wright, Jasmine Saephan, Ben Spiess, Zion Fozo, Anna Paladini, Windy Van Dam, Luke Bagwell

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm
- II. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 4/11/25 regular meeting agenda as presented.
Motion to approve the 4/11/25 agenda, as presented. (White/Partida) 5-0-0 MSC
Partida yes
Monticello yes
Kachiwala yes
White yes
Gowda yes
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 3/28/25 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 3/28/25 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Monticello/White) 5-0-0 MSC**
Partida yes
Monticello yes
Kachiwala yes
White yes
Gowda yes
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Schwartz says there is a minor change to the Resolution for Reimagining it will be displayed in the zoom with physical copies included. Kachiwala asked what the change was and Schwartz said there are new whereas's as the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th are new.
- VI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, nine minutes for entire topic – Zion Fozo wanted to thank GAC. She stated Sonoma State had to do budget cuts recently like 25% of athletics, and the President cited enrollments as the reason. Universities with increases in enrollment are still getting hit with budget cuts. She cited Governor Newsom's new bill as well. She said enrollment does not necessarily equivocate to the budget received. She reviewed numbers for the president's salary vs staff members. The four-college model would save 468,000. This is the correct number even with inconsistencies. She says these inconsistent numbers are frustrating for students.
- 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**
No meetings were held this week, the next meeting is Thursday at 8am in BMU 205.

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.

2024-25 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC)

Director of Academic Affairs Appointment: Julia Boyko

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (White/Kachiwala) 5-0-0 MSC**

Partida yes

Monticello yes

Kachiwala yes

White yes

Gowda yes

B. Information Item: Activity Fee Budget (including Capital Expenditures), estimated results 2024-25 and proposed budget 2025-26

Wright reviewed the slides. For the years 25-26 we are budgeting 14,351 annualized enrollment with a \$170 annual activity fee. Corporate insurance is increasing 13%. Minimum wage is also increasing to align with campus' negotiated salary increases. IT services and communication are increasing 5% annually.

Campus allocation of fee income is 16% less than the original budget due to how AS funds contract programs. Based on a projected enrollment of 14,351 the fee income is projected to be \$351,940 higher than 24-25

University fees/expenses for 24-25 there's a slight change from the original budget due to campus IT charges and indirect costs.

Schwartz asked about banking costs for students as he believed it was free but it doesn't appear to be based on the budget. Wright said the \$11,000 is an allocation to the stateside for the salary of the employee who runs the banking. Schwartz went on to state that the club was hit for 10%, and McAllister-Knutson stated it's not 10% but she doesn't have the exact number off the top of her head.

Contract Programs are CCLC, CLIC, GSEC, KCSC, STAR Center, and the Student Shuttle Program. AS pays 68% and Stateside pays 32% of the Bline/Student Shuttle costs based on our contract. Schwartz asked if we could change that allocation, and Wright said that could be brought to the GAC table by AS representatives. The allocations to those contract programs is the same for 24-25 as it is for 25-26. That's CLIC \$38,800, GSEC \$36,000, KCSC \$20,000, Student Shuttle \$208,807 (est.), \$11,000 to Student Org Banking and \$50,500 to SOEAF. CCLC, BRC, El Centro, Star Center, and APIDA are all part of the Student Affairs division and that division will receive \$10/FTE from prior year enrollment (~\$63,195). Basic Needs will receive \$5000 annually, and Cultural Graduations remain at \$4,500 annually.

Corporate Services for 24-25 has a net decrease of \$63,132, and for 25-26, a net increase of \$46,090 as a result of anticipated increases for salaries, benefits, insurance, and operational costs.

Schwartz asked why we're paying stateside IT if we have AS IT. Leach confirmed we use single sign-on and campus IT and software as well and so we must pay to them for these services.

Wright explained Activity Fee Operational costs associated with providing oversight and corporate direction to the annual programs supported by the activity fee. In addition to personnel costs, the administration budget also contains expenses for legal costs, assessment expenses, and overall development opportunities for the combined staff of AS Presents and Government Affairs.

Government Affairs 24-25 had a net decrease of \$24,092 primarily attributable to overall savings in Government Affairs administration. For 25-26 Net increase of \$43,432 anticipating increase costs associated with benefits, insurance, and elected representative scholarship increases related to Cost of Attendance.

Annual Program Allocations include Revenue Sharing, and annual programming directly sponsored and produced by Government Affairs Elected Representatives. This used to include SOEAF but those funds are now directly funded from the Activity Fees Fund.

Campus Programs include CDL. They serve children aged from 2 months to 5 years.

Community Programs (CAVE) net reduction for 24-25 is attributable to fundraising income and additional income. For 25-26 the numbers represents full year adjustments to wages, benefits, and operational costs.

24-25 Original budget = \$2,521,211, estimated results = \$1,920,296.

25-26 overall = \$2,237,236 \$0 into reserves.

The Capital Expenditure Report gives us \$25,000 budgeted for 2025, with 0 estimated costs expected. This fund is more for renovations in the WLC, specifically items over \$5,000 with a useful life over 1 year.

C. Information Item: Proposed Revision to Scholarship Committee Code

Schwartz reviewed the document changes. He said the membership for the scholarship committee only had 4 voting members, chair only votes in case of a tie, which means it's functioning with a 3 person voting committee. He decided in interest of equity that this isn't something that should exist, and wants to change to 5 voting members, potentially selected from outgoing or incoming AS senators.

Dr. Joseph Morales left the meeting at 1:01pm.

Jon Simmons left the meeting at 1:01pm.

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

Schwartz reviewed the document changes. This includes CSUC Vice President for Student Affairs to include "or designee" verbiage to allow a designee to attend and provide reports.

Monticello left the meeting at 1:08pm.

E. Action Item: Resolution Regarding Reimagining Chico

Schwartz reviewed the document with updates. Some whereas's have been added in the 5th-8th whereas. The group reviewed the document changes. Monticello returned at 1:10pm.

Kachiwala said "Whereas the CSU Chico Administration has yet to present," and asked for a wording update. Schwartz suggested..."and are only sharing changes to Academic Affairs with students."

(Last one on second page) "Be it further resolved, we support the formation of a student-led oversight committee," verbiage by Dev: The Student Academic Senate to be an oversight committee to monitor the reimagining Chico State Academic Affairs initiative implementation ensuring student enrollment transparency and accountability. The Student Academic Senate committee or the chair of Student Academic Senate be in constant consultation with Academic Senate, faculty, and administration and have the autonomy to monitor any administrative actions that may suppress student advocacy."

It was also decided to update all references to CSU Chico to Chico State.

(White/Monticello) 5-0-0 MSC

Gowda yes

White yes

Kachiwala yes

Monticello yes

Partida yes

IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS—

Monticello says her committee is formalizing a donation to the Esplanade house at their next meeting as well as figuring out a bike path with UPD. Their next meeting is on April 22nd. GSEC take back the night walk is on April 16th. She also approved the scholarship for her seat which is a \$500 scholarship announced on May 9th.

White stated he had his SFAC meeting. The vice chair was also elected as the new Commissioner for the 25/26 term. Next week they're going to talk about making a packet to make the next transition easier for the next person. Gowda said Monday she attended the Reimagining Academic Affairs expo. She was expecting things there to be handled differently or be more informative. On Tuesday they had an SGC meeting. On Wednesday she went to a civic engagement event with Partida. APIDA opening on Tuesday from 11-2pm. They're also having SLL awards on Thursday from 4-6pm.

Kachiwala stated he attended both student expos for Reimagining Academic Affairs. Feedback surveys are open until April 30th.

Partida stated he spoke with White about revising Partida's role for the next person. He also wanted to give a report. He did have to cancel his council meeting today because no agenda came out. He put on a mental health workshop for men of color and their mental health. He also went to the Civic Engagement panel.

X. STAFF REPORTS –

McAllister-Knutson said the leadership summit is tomorrow for any student leader. It is from 12-4 with RSVP on CatsConnect. Fridays are also spirit days.

XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT— Wright's request is if anyone is unable to attend the next GAC meeting, please let her know. Quorum is important due to budget.

XII. CHAIR REPORT – Schwartz said he was at the Reimagining events as well, and he calls on behalf of all of the students to attend so their voices can be heard.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS—Monticello attended self-defense training offered by UPD and Title IX and invites others to attend in the future.

Partida said there's an informal get-together after this.

XIV. PUBLIC OPINION— None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:37pm.