Associated Students
California State University Chico

REVISED MEETING MINUTES

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 **3:30 p.m.** **BMU 205**

MEMBERS PRESENT – Kureha Takayama, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Beatrix Teaney, Shari Anderson, Dr. Reg C. Stewart, Cynthia Cobian, Madi Sunderman, Ysabella Marin, Chase Weiland, Gianna Gonzalez, Ricardo Hernandez-Serrano
MEMBERS ABSENT – Dr. Cirilo Cortez
OTHERS PRESENT – Emily Berry (Recording), Eliza Miller, Kim Canisso, Hugh Hammond, Kendra Wright, Katey Cotton, Jasmine Saephan, Jon Simmons, Natalie Norton, Brooke McCall, Keith Crawford, Jussi Tinnemeyer, Vin Kemp, Gwen Graham, Lily Sharp, Audrey Wilson, Anastasia Bagchi, Sybil Roseveare, Deven Allen, Filipe Pahua, Mireya Tovar, Nathalia Gentil, Kathryn Anderson, Tori Cox

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Takayama, called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –** Approval of the 10/6/26 regular meeting agenda as presented. **Motion to approve the 10/6/26 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Weiland/Sunderman) 7-0-0 MSC.**

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approval of the 9/22/26 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion to approve the 9/22/26 regular meeting minutes, as presented (Cobian/Marin) 7-0-0 MSC.**

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Takayama shared that several committee members and guests have commitments immediately following the meeting and that the meeting would be conducted with these time constraints in mind.

VI. **PUBLIC OPINION –** Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, nine minutes for entire topic

Sybil Rosevere read a statement prepared by Kiyomi Gee, an enrolled student at Chico State, regarding gender neutral bathrooms on campus. The statement expressed concerns about the limited availability of gender neutral bathrooms and emphasized the importance of addressing the needs and safety of transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals.

Deven Allen addressed the committee, sharing his experience as a transgender student at Chico State and the challenges posed by the limited availability of gender neutral bathrooms. Allen emphasized the need to expand access to these facilities across campus to better support the safety, comfort, and accessibility needs of transgender students.

VII. **DIRECTORS COMMITTEE REPORTS –** *Action Items forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee from the standing committees stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Committee action.*

A. Student Academic Senate Committee
1. SAS Actions of 9/25/26
    a. Approval of 9/25/26 Student Academic Senate Agenda
    b. Approval of 9/4/26 Student Academic Senate Minutes
    c. Approval of Vice Chair Appointment, Bryanneh McKenzie.

    Weiland reported on his second Student Academic Senate meeting held on 9/25/26 with Dr. Reg and Provost Cornick in attendance. He encouraged committee members to complete the generative AI survey

by October 19th and noted that Academic Senate would be reviewing results from the previous year's survey. Additional topics at Academic Senate included discussions surrounding the future of the Bidwell Mansion site with input from the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria, proposed academic program changes within the College of CME and potentially developing a new College of Health and Human Services. There are also potential changes to Multicultural and Gender Studies. Weiland also announced that the Academic Integrity Council would meet this Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon and noted that any students who are interested in serving on that committee can reach out to him directly.

B. Social Justice and Equity Committee
   1. No meeting held
   Cobian reported that the committee has not yet met and that the date of the first meeting will be announced once confirmed. She also provided updates on the Multicultural Showcase in collaboration with AS Presents, noting that the deadline to sign up for participation has been extended to October 9th at 5 p.m., with auditions scheduled for October 12 and 13 from 3-8 p.m. in BMU 203.

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.

2026-27 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Social Justice & Equity Committee
-Director of Academic Affairs Appointment: Septen Flores
-Executive Vice President Appointment: Nuntuchapawn (Josie) Klainark

Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council
-Director of Social Justice and Equity Appointment: Lucy Ramirez
-Executive Vice President Appointment: Gracie Meek
-Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Julianna Lazono

Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council
-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Rodrigo Ambriz
-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Tallie Bachelder

Confirmation of appointments to Campus Engagement Council
-Commissioner of Student Engagement & Advocacy Appointment: Gabriel Carbajal
-Commissioner of Student Engagement & Advocacy Appointment: Madison Durbala

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (Gonzalez/Weiland) 7-0-0 MSC.**

B. Information Item: 6/30/26 Activity Fee Budget vs Actual.
Takayama stated that this is the quarter four Activity Fee report for 2025/2026. $2,334,458 is the total revenue. That's 119.41% greater than what was originally anticipated. Other expenses were $441,690, which is 80.95% compared to the original budget. She explained that under 100% in the expenses category is a good thing regarding the budget. She also pointed out the student programming line includes Revenue Sharing and the budget for the Social Justice and Equity Committee. Student programming ended the year at 23.80%, which shows the budget was not fully utilized. The Activity Fee Operational Expenses total was $93,357, representing 44.97% of the original budget. Wright then elaborated that the Pension Unfunded Actuarial Liability will only show up on the report once a year. She shared that it is an annual assessment that is relevant to the CalPERS benefits. This looks at the financial health of the Associated Students to fund the retirements of all employees. The report shows they are fully funded and are actually $186,000 over. She also expanded on the 44.97%, noting that operational expenses were low due to a vacancy in the Activity Fee from Natalie Norton's program. If anyone has additional questions, Wright also offered to meet with them at any time. Takayama continued to review the document and stated that the total Government Affairs expenses are $539,797, which is 88.62% of the original budget. Campus Programs total expenses were at $201,683. Community Programs was at $275,930 resulting in

94.16% of the original budget. Total expenses at year end were $1,552,456, resulting in a total of 79.41% of the total Activity Fee budget.

C. Discussion Item: 2027 AS General Election Procedures
Takayama mentioned that item C versus item D on the agenda are very similar.

3:57 PM, campus power outage occured.

~~D. Discussion Item: AS General Election Reflection & Participation Strategy Discussion~~

~~E. Information Item: Gender Neutral Bathroom Initiative.~~

~~IX. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS~~

~~A. President Report~~

~~B. Commissioner of Community Affairs Report~~

~~C. Commissioner of Legislative Affairs Report~~

~~D. Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Report~~

~~E. Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy Report~~

~~X. STAFF REPORTS –~~

~~XI. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT –~~

~~XII. CHAIR REPORT –~~

~~XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –~~

~~XIV. PUBLIC OPINION –~~

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Takayama, adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.