GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This meeting was facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format, consistent with the Governor’s Executive Order N-1-22, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.

Wednesday, May 4, 2022  2:30 p.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Taryn Burns, Duncan Young, Michelle Davis, Delaney Love, Melvin Quezada Haro, Jay Friedman, Belen Espinoza, James Lawrence, Michelle Borges
MEMBERS ABSENT – Mary Wallmark
OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Karen Bang (recording), Krystal Alvarez, Jade Tsao, Jackson Tribe, Kristi Fudem

I.  CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Burns, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion to approve the 5/4/22 agenda (Lawrence/Borges) 7-0-0 MSC.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 4/27/22 regular meeting. Motion to approve the Minutes of the 4/27/22 regular meeting, as presented (Love/Espinoza) 7-0-0 MSC.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Young said there are two more weeks of classes and reminded that the Transition Ceremony is tomorrow.

VI. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Move to approve the appointment of Behavioral and Social Sciences Senator for 2022-23. Move to approve amending the motion to include Brenna Gossner as the appointment for the Behavioral and Social Sciences Senator for 2022-23. (Young/Borges) 7-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve the amended action item regarding the appointment of Brenna Gossner as the Behavioral and Social Sciences Senators for 2022-23 (Young/Lawrence) 7-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Move to approve the appointment of Commissioner of Community Affairs for 2022-23. Move to approve amending the motion to include Tatiana Ybarra as the appointment for the Commissioner of Community Affairs for 2022-23 (Borges/Quezada Haro) 7-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve the amended action item regarding the appointment of Tatiana Ybarra as Commissioner of Community Affairs for 2022-23 (Young/Love) 7-0-0 MSC.

C. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Funds (LAIF) and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 3/31/22 – Slaughter reviewed with the committee, noting the Activity Fee LAIF balance at $4,471,214 with an annualized return on Investment at 0.32%.

D. Discussion Item: 3/31/22 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter said Activity Fee has only spent $493 for two purchases out of the $25,000 earmarked for expenditures. He said a lot of the equipment in the Wildcat Leadership Center (WLC) has come from the WLC fund. Slaughter said more activity is expected in the 4th quarter. He noted this report is another indication of how good Activity Fee has done this year.

VIII. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Borges said she is excited to still be involved with the AS via Young’s solar panel project. • Lawrence said Academic Senate meets at 2 p.m. tomorrow and will be reviewing amendments to their constitution and discussing the possible addition of student senators to Academic Senate.
IX. **STAFF REPORTS** – Peterson reminded everyone of tomorrow’s end of year celebration, celebrating the great year they had.

X. **CHAIR REPORT** – Burns thanked everyone for this amazing year and said she is grateful for the opportunity she had to serve with everyone. She said she’s looking forward to giving out awards tomorrow at the Elected Representatives Transition Celebration. Burns said she looks forward to seeing what they all do in the future.

XI. **Transition** – Tsao, the new Executive Vice President was invited to the table. She said she’s super excited to be in this position and feels very fortunate.

XII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Young reported that the Fed increased interest by ½%, the largest single increase in about 20 years. He said it means if you open a high yield savings account, it should be at about 1% return on investment.

XIII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

XIII. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Burns said happy Wednesday. • Lawrence said the Honors Thesis presentations are tomorrow afternoon and they can support Burns for her presentation. Young said Lawrence is presenting for his second major thesis presentation at 6 p.m. tonight. • Borges said Happy Graduation to all of the seniors. • Young thanked everyone for this year, noting they’ve all been fantastic even though it hasn’t been easy with the mixture of COVID and virtual/in-person classes, and the difficulties they’ve had in engaging with the student body. He said they’ve done an outstanding job.

XV. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Burns, adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.