

## **STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE**

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

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

**4 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Allison Wagner, Mia Arisman, Brenna Gossner, Katie Lakey, Amy Ledergerber, Diego Valdez, Mykenzie Mack, Mia Sanchez-Bejar

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – None

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Erik Anaya (Fye Rep), Michael Pratt and Jessica Martinez (Council of Grad reps), Kendra Wright, Ellie Urdle

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Wagner, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

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

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 10/4/22 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/4/22 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Lakey/Alvarez) 9-0-0 MSC.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/20/22 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/20/22 regular meeting, as presented (Valdez/Alvarez) 9-0-0 MSC.** Instead of Senator, wants to be Commissioner of Graduate Students.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

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

### **VII. BUSINESS**

- A. Information Item: Resolution to elevate graduate student representative. The Council of Graduate Students wishes to be elevated to voting status.
- a. College of Graduate students are now non-voting members of the Student Academic Senate and would like to transition to Senator for the College of Graduate Students – Elevated to voting status of senator, but instead of being senator they want to be given the name of commissioner, new constitution revised and drafted. Updated constitution better fit for them. Wagner asked what is the difference between the speaking role compared to the voting role. Answer: Graduate students don't have representation, especially on senate, they want more of a say – commissioners is a more adequate position for grad. Alvarez explained how it should be another "label" not just have that position available for solely grad students. Why grad students and not veterans or, etc. AS continues to leverage fees toward grad students. Urdle asked what concern is that senators are representing graduate peers and not grad representatives. Why commissioner for GAC and not SAS? Gossner questioned why we don't see as much rep in grad students when running/voting. Valdez asked how funding would be disbursed with a new commissioner, voting status change? All this money is coming in, but none is coming out, re write the bylaws so money is going back towards them – re visit next SAS with no motion – is senator position too much of a time commitment, unelected position, reinstate financial partnership. **Motion to table resolution until next meeting (Valdez/Ledergerber) 9-0-0 MSC.**

**VIII. REPORTS: MEMBERS** – None

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

**X. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Anaya (Fye Rep) said for undecided majors if anyone is representing for them, they have no college, no rep, find someone, Wagner said to create workshops or events to create/lead that connection. Urdle informed us the university is working onto increasing undeclared enrollment – beyond support and policy rep bring as discussion topic for next meeting, mistake should've been public opinion, motion to add undeclared majors to next agenda, Valdez motions, Gossner second. • Hub having voting event – Joshua Rubinoff is over there, all are invited. • Pratt regarding application for grad school.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Wagner, adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.