

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

8 a.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jared Geiser, Alisha Sharma, Trevor Guthrie, Samuel Akinwande, Tania Ruiz, Alejandra Becerra-Silva, Prairie Francia, Harley Mulengwa, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – None.

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Megan Odom, Jamie Clyde, Tony Dunn, Karyn Cornell, Robin Miki

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

II. AGENDA – **Motion to approve the 10/30/18 regular meeting agenda (Francia/Akinwande) 6-0-0 MSC.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 10/23/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 10/23/18 regular meeting, as presented (Francia/Sharma) 6-0-0 MSC.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

VI. 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.

2018-19 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

- Executive Vice President Appointment: Abraham Eze

Confirmation of appointments to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)

- Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs Appointment: Sandra Martinez

Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC)

- Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Elizabeth Snyder

- Executive Vice President Appointment: Tyra Burks

- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Rebecca Solis

Approval of Consent Agenda: (Guthrie/Francia) 7-0-0 MSC.

B. Information Item: Strategic Plan Discussion with Tony Dunn – Tony Dunn presented on behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee. He said 600 people gave feedback during Future Fest and the second phase is to reach out for small group feedback regarding concerns, priorities and a vision for the future. Ruiz asked about energy use for computers when students are not on campus. Guthrie mentioned pedals under desks that power the building. Williams shared students' concerns with the Advising Office and requesting a course outside of their major. Geiser suggested increasing the prevalence of native vegetation on campus as a means of helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions and eliminating parking permits for those who live less than a mile from campus. Mulengwa suggested more use of solar panels as an alternative energy source. Wallmark shared that Acker Gym and Yolo Hall have solar panels. Becerra-Silva stated that she and many students like the look of the older buildings on campus. Guthrie mentioned the SFAC presentation to place solar panels on parking meters for additional lighting. Francia would like to see Humanities incorporated more as a requirement for students. Mulengwa would like to see a larger space devoted to multicultural and diverse groups. Ruiz suggested a bike path on campus as a way to help with our parking issues. Akinwande said it would be ideal for students to be able to take SET online. Ruiz and Akinwande brought up the lack of resources to address mental health issues and that more diversity in staff is needed at the counseling center.

- C. Information Item: 9/30/18 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – This item was moved to the 11/6/18 GAC Agenda.
- D. Discussion Item: CSU Executive Salary Compensation Policy – Geiser shared a PowerPoint he created based on the Board of Trustees meeting in July. There are four different models for the proposed Executive Salary Compensation Policy. Discussion was held regarding the different models and the net increase that the campus might see. This topic was first brought to students at the CSSA in Long Beach as a presentation by Student Trustee, Emily Hinton. Becerra-Silva asked if any of the 23 campus Presidents had weighed in on the matter. Geiser asked for input from the team on what they would like to see happen next. A resolution from GAC would not be approved before the next CSSA meeting in November and it was determined that GAC would wait for the CSSA meeting in January. Sharma shared that a CSSA task force will likely be created. Akinwande asked if the comparison for non-California Presidents was reliable data to use for the CSU Presidents. Ruiz stated that tuition should be decreased if there is money for executive salaries to increase and Sharma shared that it would cost more to lower tuition. Williams shared that the CSU President salaries are posted on-line. Akinwande said that a fully funded CSU should benefit students before salaries are raised. Slaughter shared that there may be other salaries adjusted including the MPP salaries. Everyone is looking forward to engaging with students during the forum on November 6 to get feedback regarding some of the topics up for discussion at CSSA.
- E. Discussion Item: Halloween Debrief – Krater calculated the cost of the event to be about \$13 per person with approximately 275 wristbands handed out. The HUB was not busy and AS Productions will work with them in the future to avoid cross-programming. Marketing for this event was well done and students liked the idea of another Silent Disco.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Akinwande: Senators and S'mores is November 8 in the Sutter Courtyard and is an opportunity for students to get to know their senators. Jason Nice came into Student Academic Senate to discuss the changes that will be made to General Education. Chris Taverite is the new Student Academic Senate Vice Chair. **Becerra-Silva:** Safety Walk advertisements are going out today. November 8 is the event and Chief Reid is working on getting officers to walk with the students. **Francia:** MAC Night auditions were last night and five performers withdrew from the show leaving 13 groups on the schedule. Dress rehearsals will be November 8 and the event is November 13. **Guthrie:** He is working on filling his committee and engaging students on the Civic campaign. **Mulengwa:** He has one more EFAC member who will be on next week's GAC agenda for approval. **Williams:** ASBC is working on the Branded Concept for the Marketplace. She is working with Krater, Sharma, Clyde and others on a Women's conference.

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Slaughter: If more conversations are held regarding strategic planning, distance learning students should be considered. An online leadership certificate through the Wildcat Leadership Institute will be created for them. **Krater:** The Koffee and Kudos Halloween event is tomorrow.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Geiser shared that the monthly Basic Needs meeting that Joe Picard is in charge of is this Friday at 12 p.m. in ARTS 228. He will send out a calendar invite to everyone.

XI. PUBLIC OPINION – Robin Miki shared that Fridays at 5 p.m. in SSC 206 is the Students for Quality Education meeting and encouraged GAC members to attend if they can since the discussion is about Executive pay raises. Geiser shared that time slots for GAC next semester will be either Mondays or Wednesdays from 8 – 10 a.m.

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Quorum was lost at 9:23 a.m.