

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

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

**8 a.m.**

**BMU 205**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Mary Wallmark, Tania Ruiz (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, (recorder), Alex Williams, Jamie Clyde, Jon Slaughter

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**II. AGENDA** - **Motion to approve the 11/6/18 regular meeting agenda (Akinwande/Francia) 6-0-0 MSC.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Guthrie needs help with tabling for the Voter Event today in Trinity Commons.

**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: Freya Laguna
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Martin Morales
- Confirmation of appointments to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)

- Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs Appointment: Dianna Radilla

**Approval of Consent Agenda: (Francia/Guthrie) 6-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Action Item:** Approval of EFAC allocation by DAC for \$812.00 for the 'EGSC 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Symposium' event by the English Graduate Student Council to be held 12/6/18 in the Arts Building at 6 p.m. **Action Requested: Motion to approve EFAC allocation by DAC for \$812.00 for the 'EGSC 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Symposium' event by the English Graduate Student Council to be held 12/6/18 in the Arts Building at 6 p.m. as presented.** Francia shared that this event came to the Diversity Affairs Council as the Event Funding Allocation Council is not yet up and running. The event helps students publish original essays which can then help them in graduate school. **6-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Information Item:** 9/30/18 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual (attached). Geiser reviewed the budget and noted that our benchmark should be 25%. We are overall at 22.13% and some of the areas which seem higher are that way due to grants not being allocated or invoices that will be paid at later date. Geiser reminded the group that GAC oversees this budget and we will review it again at retreat.
- D. Information Item:** 2018-2019 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations  
Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)  
Director of Legislative Affairs Appointment: Molly Baker
- E. Discussion Item:** CSSA San Luis Obispo. Sharma discussed the upcoming meeting and shared that she and Guthrie would be traveling on Friday. The Social Justice and Equity Committee will be discussing their goals including safety on college campuses. The Justice for Josiah topic is on the agenda for further discussion. The University Affairs Committee has placed the Executive Compensation discussion on the agenda but it

does not look like any action will be taken as it is not listed as action on the Board of Trustees meeting. January would be the next time that it may come up as an action item.

- F. Discussion Item: GAC Outreach Event – Discussion was held regarding the event and what the team would like the event to accomplish. A variety of topics were discussed including having a semi-professional panel where students could talk to elected officers and tabling with hot chocolate and donuts holes. The first two weeks in December are being considered. This will need to come back to get the details finalized.

**VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Becerra-Silva:** Safety Walk is this Thursday and she would like officers to help as lead students. We are hoping to go both downtown and into the Avenues and Chief Reid is not sure if he is able to dedicate six officers for the event. We will prioritize officers based upon the areas where we send students. Francia asked for clarification on what the walk accomplishes and it was stated that students help identify lights that are out, overgrown bushes, etc. Chico State does the on-campus walk and we do the off-campus walk. **Mulengwa:** He attended the Community Affairs Council meeting to bring awareness to some concerns that students have in regards to how protesters are treated on campus. Students would like key issues addressed in future events so that students feel heard. He suggested that students also look at street conditions during the Safety Walk to see if repairs could be done there. **Guthrie:** Legislative Affairs Committee did not meet last week but they hope to meet soon. He will be going to CSSA this weekend with Sharma. He is working on the Civic Campaign through CSSA and the event today will get us 100 points. **Akinwande:** The senator outreach event will be on Thursday. He will not be attending CSSA this weekend. **Francia:** MAC Night is coming up on November 13 and posters have been placed in the community and around campus. Dress rehearsals are on Wednesday from 4pm – 9pm. A few of the council members are making a video about what diversity means to them. Let Francia know if you would like to be in the video and we hope everyone can come to the event. One group came to get a packet for an event on December 5 but we could not fund it that soon. They may change the event date to December 10. **Sharma:** Met with both VP Lang and President Hutchinson last week. The next University Diversity Committee will be next Tuesday at 11am. Francia attends this meeting with her. President Hutchinson would like to attend this meeting or have Jeni Kitchell attend to discuss the fees that were implemented. Discussion regarding the Board Designated Fund and how it could be used to benefit students through Basic Needs. Student Affairs staff would be asked to submit concept papers or proposals for what the money could be used for and how it would best impact students. There is not enough money to hire an additional counselor but they will review other ways in which the money could be used. The Basic Needs meeting was held last week and Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week starts next Monday. They are asking for help in stuffing bags as well as bag donations to give out to people in need. Over \$30,000 was donated through the Greek Week event as part of the Chico Cares campaign. Becerra-Silva asked why they would not want students to pass out bags downtown. Krater shared that it may increase panhandling and groups are trying to get the population to seek out the community resources which can include mental health, substance abuse assistance, etc. Slaughter shared that there is also a recognition of liability when we send students out. **Williams:** ASBC continues to work on the Follett Contract. We have the option of looking to renew the contract or go out with an RFP with Barnes & Noble. A decision should be made in December for next steps. Don't forget to vote today!

**VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater:** Reported that she is helping navigate the three events happening this week. Dean Newell would like the Student Academic Senate to consider sponsoring coffee, scantrons and pencils for a late night study jam in the library. There are nine applications for the BSS Senator Vacancy and they will be invited to come to Student Academic Senate on Friday to move forward with the process. The applications are out for Mulengwa's position and Geiser will need to provide the list of **Clyde:** shared that BMUC is reviewing the budget and the Master Facility plan for the BMU. BMUC will review the priorities during their meeting this afternoon. SFAC is this Friday for those interested.

**VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT –** Geiser and Ruiz were invited by Isabelle Sanchez from Humboldt State for a Sustainability presentation and he will be leaving campus after our meeting today.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Go Vote! Sharma shared that there is a Veteran's event tomorrow in Colusa. Please go support them if you can.

**X. PUBLIC OPINION –** Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.

**XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –** Clyde wanted to recognize that the AS did take two out of the three prizes for the Halloween competition. Shout out to Guthrie for taking charge in his new position. Welcome back to Slaughter!

**XII. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.