

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

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

**8 a.m.**

**BMU 205**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Harley Mulengwa (unexcused)

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Eliza Miller, Anthony Ruiz, Adela Gutierrez-Diaz, Katie Peterson

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

**II. AGENDA** – Motion to approve the 12/11/18 regular meeting agenda (Francia/Akinwande) 5-0-0 MSC.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 12/4/18 regular meeting. Motion to approve minutes of the 12/4/18 regular meeting, as presented (Francia/Sharma) 5-0-0 MSC.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

**V. PUBLIC OPINION** – Gutierrez-Diaz reminded everyone that in regards to a payroll over scholarship option for office compensation, a very prominent population of students who are politically vulnerable would be excluded. Sharma stated that it will be voted on tomorrow at BOD.

**VI. BUSINESS**

- A. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation for \$4,000 for the 'Undocuweek and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dreaming Without Boundaries Conference' event by L.E.A.D. to be held 2/25/19 - 3/1/19 in various BMU locations. Motion to approve DAC allocation for \$4,000 for the 'Undocuweek and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dreaming Without Boundaries Conference' event by L.E.A.D. to be held 2/25/19 - 3/1/19 in various BMU locations. Francia shared that this is a week of conferences with a speaker educating undocumented students and how they can navigate their way through the system. High school students and parents are also invited. (Sharma/Akinwande) 5-0-0 MSC.
- B. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation by DAC for \$3,440 for the 'New Music Symposium' event by the Student Composer Forum to be held 2/28/19 at 7:30 p.m. in Rowland Taylor Recital Hall and 3/1/19 at 3 p.m. in Rowland Taylor Recital Hall and 7:30 p.m. in Zingg Recital Hall. Motion to approve EFAC allocation by DAC for \$3,440 for the 'New Music Symposium' event by the Student Composer Forum to be held 2/28/19 at 7:30 p.m. in Rowland Taylor Recital Hall and 3/1/19 at 3 p.m. in Rowland Taylor Recital Hall and 7:30 p.m. in Zingg Recital Hall. Francia shared that there will be composers coming to do a talk and the Art Department helped with funding. (Francia/Guthrie) 5-0-0 MSC.
- C. Action Item: Approval of appointment of the Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs position. Action Requested: Motion to approve appointment of the Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs position. Anthony Ruiz was selected to replace Mulengwa. (Guthrie/Akinwande) Sharma sat on the interview committee with Geiser and Francia. Francia said Ruiz sits on DAC so he understands the funding process. Sharma said his knowledge of GAC really reflected how much research he did. 5-0-0 MSC.
- D. Action Item: Approval of appointment of Emonnie Jones to the Senator of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS) position. Motion to approve appointment of Emonnie Jones to the Senator of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS) position (Guthrie/Akinwande). Akinwande stated that Jones wants to advocate for and represent students. Guthrie shared that Jones worked for the ACLU. Sharma shared that there were seven interviews total and Jones stood out among the candidates. 5-0-0 MSC.
- E. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the Director of University Affairs. Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for

**the Director of University Affairs.** The major change is that this position will no longer attend CSSA plenary meetings. **(Akinwande/Francia) 5-0-0 MSC.**

- F. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs.** Krater stated the larger changes would apply to the council code. The only change was the removal of Item C. Akinwande said he feels strongly that DAC should focus on diversity efforts if they are not going to be a funding council. Krater shared that they would still program MAC Night and International Festival but this change would free them up to focus on other areas of diversity. **(Guthrie/Sharma)** Slaughter shared that looking at other areas such as the CCLC would help identify needs that are not being met. **5-0-0 MSC.**
- G. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs, including title change to Duties for Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs, including title change to Duties for Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources (Guthrie/Francia).** Krater said this title change was brought forward by Mulengwa. Ruiz said she is in favor of the new acronym of SOAR versus SOAP. **5-0-0 MSC.**
- H. Action Item: Approval of 2019 Election Procedures and Timelines. **Motion to approve 2019 Election Procedures and Timelines.** Geiser reviewed three proposed clauses to be added to the Election Procedures. Clause 1E would require uncontested write-in candidates for board positions to obtain a minimum of 10% of the total votes cast in the previous AS Election which would be 467 votes. Clause 1H would prevent applicants who were disqualified from holding office to apply for the same position that they were disqualified from in the previous semester. Clause II A 2 would exclude undocumented students from running for office. A few members expressed concerns about the requirement to have exact spelling for write-in candidate names, popularity playing a role and how the proposed minimum percentage of write-in votes seems high. **(Guthrie/Akinwande)** Guthrie and Akinwande said they are against having a threshold for number of votes for a write-in candidate. Wallmark shared that the lack of people running for office is the issue and the focus should be geared toward getting more students to run for office.

**Geiser passed the gavel to the Vice Chair, Sharma, at 8:40 a.m.**

Geiser commented that some of the proposed language would make it less accessible for students to run for office. He moved to remove clause 1E, clause II A 2, and clause II C 6 from the Election Procedures. **Motion to approve the Amendment to the Motion (Guthrie/Akinwande) 6-0-0 MSC.** Guthrie moved to amend clause III A and stated that by not allowing students to campaign at any time it is preventative of free speech. It was clarified that students can advertise before they are confirmed eligible to run for office as part of free speech. Sharma shared that seeing campaigns for students running for positions early may discourage other students from running as an opponent. Becerra-Silva motioned to change the wording of Clause 3A to cross out “and at the close of the meeting will become eligible to begin individual campaigns on campus” and add “and will be certified eligible at the close of the meeting.” **Motion to approve the Amendment (Becerra-Silva/Guthrie) 5-1-0 MSC.** Francia shared that this procedure was in place for a reason and that the timeline was there to make sure that each student running is eligible. **Approval of the motion for Clause 3A to remove “and at the close of the meeting will become eligible to begin individual campaigns on campus” and include “and will be certified eligible at the close of the meeting” 6-0-0 MSC.**

- I. Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the spring semester of 2019. **Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the spring semester of 2019 (Guthrie/Akinwande) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- J. Information Item: 10/31/18 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter shared that 33% is the benchmark of the annual budget. He gave a brief overview of each area. Total expenses are at 23%.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Akinwande:** Student Academic Senate will be held every other Friday from 2p.m. – 3:30 p.m. next semester. **Sharma:** The President Student Leadership Reception is on Friday and she encouraged everyone to go. She has a one-on-one meeting with Milton Lang tomorrow if anyone would like her to share anything with him. She wished everyone good luck with finals and reminded everyone that there are no office hours next week.

**VIII.REPORTS: STAFF – Slaughter:** He passed out AS Programs Arête which reflects answers for 15 questions. Sharma asked everyone to read this before the retreat. **Wallmark:** She will be asking GAC about the Campus Community Climate Summit potentially on February 28<sup>th</sup>. **Krater:** A \$5,000 AOA scholarship is awarded each year and they were able to increase the number of applicants to 47 this year – two applicants were from CSU, Chico.

**IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None.**

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Guthrie promoted self-care and invited folks to attend yoga. Sharma shared that there was a threat via a letter on the CSU, Northridge campus and she spoke with their AS President last night.

**XI. PUBLIC OPINION –** Katie Peterson shared that she is here to support all of the work that the Government Affairs group does and wished everyone good luck through finals.

**XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –** Sharma said she is proud of everyone for stepping up this semester as a team with everything they have been through, and asked everyone to take care of themselves.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT –** Sharma, Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.