

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

**Monday, April 30, 2018**

**4 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Alisha Sharma, Karla Camacho, Danie O'Donnell, Nadine Salas, Margaret Scarpa, Zuri O'Balles, Susan Anderson

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Kimberly Scott

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Taylor Rogers, Jamie Clyde, McKena Barker, Natalie Valenzuela, Anna Baytosh, Claire Wayne, Nicole Curreri, Kia Vang, Trevor Guthrie, Rebekah Boyle, Kimberly Wright, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, Mikaela Weidman, Grayson Boyer, Tania Ruiz, Lupe Santos, Jason Halley, Milton Lang, Gayle Hutchinson, Edward Berdan, Karyn Cornell, Berenice Maldonado, Harley Mulengwa, David Buckley, Jared Geisor, Marianne Roe, Roman Aguirre, Leah Railey, Jeni Kitchel.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Vice Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**II. AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 4/30/18 regular meeting agenda (O'Donnell/Scarpa) 5-0-0 MSC.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 4/16/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 4/16/18 regular meeting, as presented (Camacho/Salas) 5-0-0 MSC.**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

**V. BUSINESS**

- A. Information Item: 3/31/18 Activity Fee Fund Budget Vs. Actual – The benchmark is 75% for this month. Other expenses are at 68% and Activity Fee Operational expenses are at 58%. Government Affairs is at almost 60%. Campus programs are at 87% because of the CDL, which will even out as time goes on. Community programs are at 45%, which puts us at 68% for total expenses.
- B. Information Item: Adjustment to Campus-Based Student Fees (Referendum) – President Hutchinson and Vice President Lang joined the meeting to discuss the Referendum. She will be speaking with the Campus Fee Allocation Advisory Committee to create a report of the process including feedback that has been collected. A final decision will be made public on Thursday, May 3 by 12 p.m. Scarpa asked President Hutchinson to take into consideration that the majority of the votes were against the fee increases. Salas suggested finding a way to connect with distance learners and students studying abroad. O'Donnell re-iterated that having a line-item budget would have been helpful in avoiding misinformation. Discussion was held about having a neutral voice share information if another referendum was needed in the future. President Hutchinson and Lang thanked everyone for how involved they were in this process and President Hutchinson reiterated that she has not made a decision. She explained that she will take the advisory vote into consideration along with the institutional financial health. Students in the gallery discussed some misinformation that was being shared on campus. Student athletes in the gallery asked for clarification on what on their pamphlets was incorrect as they took their information from the voter pamphlet. O'Donnell explained that Model UN is not funded by student fees and felt this was a misrepresentation on the pamphlet. Sharma clarified that Model UN is funded by student fees but they come from Instructionally Related Activity fees. Alfaro discussed the flyers and the need to represent students who are both food and housing insecure. President Hutchinson stated that Athletics would hit a fiscal cliff in the academic year 19/20 without an increase. Mulengwa stated that a history of the budget and what budgeting decisions brought us to where we are would be helpful. Discussion was had regarding funds for both the Wildcat statue and the new Physical Science building. Anderson and Hutchinson explained that funds for the statue were allocated by a variety of sources, including Alumni donations earmarked for campus beautification. The majority of funding for Siskiyou II is coming from the State of California. Sharma encouraged everyone to continue sharing personal stories with each other. Salas asked Sharma to share updates from Administration. Krater suggested that Administration create a sponsored email account for student questions and Administration would be responsible for responses. President Hutchinson closed by saying that she has spent the last two years exploring ways around raising fees and this decision is weighing heavily on her.

- C. Discussion Item: Officer and Senator Transition Period – Scarpa brought her successor, Tania Ruiz. Sharma shared that everyone should be meeting with their successors and they should be attending council, committee and Board meetings, especially GAC and BOD. Transition meetings for new officers are going to be May 7 for GAC and May 9 for BOD. The final meetings for ASBC and BMUC were this week. The Induction Ceremony is May 11 at 3:45 p.m. She'll be sending out an email regarding what to wear. The incoming officer and senator team will show up at 3 p.m. and the GAC group photo will be taken in front of the new Wildcat statue.

**VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Salas:** The Spring Candidate Forum is tonight from 7-8:30 p.m. The House representative for District 1 will be there and the event will be televised. She and Sharma attended Town and Gown. Combustible furniture on porches or lawns are not allowed and tenants can be subject to a fine after an initial warning. This is for the entire city of Chico but it's enforced more around Chico State. Any further questions can be sent to Salas. The Resilient City Initiatives is coming to Chico, specifically for south campus, and will be partnering with campus on neighborhood projects. Specifically, they are looking for public works engineering, neighborhood history, south campus potential, the urban forest, public transportation, street lighting and crime. Student Housing is predicted to increase by 15% while there's only a 1% increase in students which should result in lower housing costs and competitive remodeling. **Camacho:** The last Student Academic Senate meeting is this Friday and the senators are trying to organize a potluck. Krater reminded Camacho that outside food cannot be brought in to a meeting room inside the BMU. Academic Senate will be voting on multiple items and their agenda can be found on the website. Please sign up to help table on Wednesday and Thursday for a fully funded CSU. Our team will be partnering with Students for Quality Education. Next Monday she will hopefully be back by 4 p.m. from Advocacy Day in Sacramento. Sharma asked that she connect with our Outreach Coordinator to advertise the tabling for a fully funded CSU. **O'Donnell:** She has been working with her successor, Elizabeth Blackford, and they will both be assisting with the Spring Candidate Forum tonight. She encouraged everyone to come and be a part of the event. Scarpa asked if there would be an opportunity for people to switch their voter registration. O'Donnell clarified that they would not be registering people to vote at the event. **Scarpa:** She participated in the Sustainability focus group for the Master Plan. They talked about goals and how to reach carbon and campus neutrality. AS Sustainability had a successful waste audit. Recycling collected a day of BMU and WREC trash/recycling/compost accumulation. There will be a smaller audit next Tuesday at the Rainbo warehouse. International Festival was very cool but she noticed that people didn't know how to divert waste. **O'Balles:** International Festival was a lot of fun. The weather was nice and the event was much less stressful than anticipated. There were a lot of people that came and most student groups sold out of their food. There was a lot of participation when The African Diaspora group was performing and she is fortunate to have facilitated this event. Student group participants will be surveyed to give feedback. **Sharma:** In Rogers' absence, she reported that the ASBC transition was today and Alex Williams took his place. The one-on-one that she had with Lang included all feedback and information that GAC had given to her. Brooke Banks and Karyn Cornell had stopped to help some of the officers table. Scarpa suggested a more creative approach be given next time to get more administrative support for tabling and advertising. She has a one-on-one tomorrow with Hutchinson and will take anything that this group specifically wants to be addressed with her to the meeting. O'Donnell was confused why Lang suggested that more feedback be given when Sharma has been giving all GAC feedback to him directly. Multicultural and Gender Studies is officially a department now after being voted upon at Academic Senate. The Title IX Oversight Committee meets on May 2. Future meetings for the semester will be on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. If anyone can attend, please let Sharma know. The email that President Hutchinson sent out in regards to the ballot initiative for Siskiyou II will be addressed by the next Board of Directors. Scarpa was concerned that the building is scheduled for demolition following graduation. Camacho encouraged the next team to put out more information about the process for a ballot initiative and what the process is for the BOD. Please respond to the breakfast invitation to meet with President Hutchinson and her cabinet on May 9.

**VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson:** The Time Capsule will be buried at 1 p.m. tomorrow, immediately after Senior Send-Off. The Alumni student assistants were able to gather over \$4,500 in prizes to give away during the event. **Krater:** Scarpa and the AS Sustainability crew are doing an amazing job and she appreciated their presence at International Festival. Radhika Kataria will have her last day as Minute Taker this Friday and Adriana Sikiric is winding down the semester as well. **Slaughter:** The new Marketing Coordinator, Anna Paladini, starts tomorrow. Thanked everyone for their participation so far with the two Wildcat Leadership Institution open positions. There will be more lunch opportunities coming up to meet candidates and Hugh Hammond was given a conditional offer for the role in AS Productions.

**VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – N/A**

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Camacho asked everyone to sign up for tabling.

**X. PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

**XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Shoutout to O’Balles and participating student groups for a successful International Festival. Good luck to our AS officers participating in civic engagement for tonight’s event. Everyone feel better!

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Vice Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.