

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

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

8 a.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jared Geiser, Alisha Sharma, Tania Ruiz, Alejandra Becerra-Silva, Prairie Francia, Harley Mulengwa

MEMBERS ABSENT – Samuel Akinwande (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Mikaela Weidman, Cassandra Hernandez, Mary Wallmark, Jamie Clyde, Wendy Bustamante

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/18/18 regular meeting agenda (Francia/Mulengwa) 5-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 9/11/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 9/11/18 regular meeting, as presented (Francia/Becerra-Silva) 5-0-0 MSC.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mary Wallmark will join us as Kimberly Scott prepares for retirement. Wallmark shared that she is very excited to sit on this committee to hear the business discussed and to share ideas.

V. BUSINESS

- A. Information Item: Gender & Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC) Program Presentation – Mikaela Weidman and Cassandra Hernandez presented on behalf of GSEC. They shared that the program name has been changed to the Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition. They offer low to free cost menstrual and sexual health products. Events are put on related to LGBT and Women's related topics and three unit internships are offered. Queer Week is October 6 – 13 and 'National Coming Out' day is October 11. December 1 is the 20th annual Women's Conference. Sharma asked how the team can support the GSEC. They no longer have an Outreach Coordinator so they may reach out for help on getting the word out to students.
- B. Information Item: Cross Cultural Leadership Center (CCLC) Program Presentation – Wendy Bustamante presented on behalf of the CCLC. They are located in MLIB 172 and offer a space for students to come and hang out. They have a computer lab and put on programs to help students discover who they are and gain leadership experience through different cultures. Programs include the Diversity Summit Pipeline through College, and Dinner and a Story. More information about those events can be found by visiting their office. Sharma asked how GAC can support the CCLC and Bustamante shared that they've been great already and Starting Point was huge in starting that relationship. Mulengwa shared that GAC should make more of an appearance in the CCLC.
- C. Information Item: Campus Wide Voter Registration Event – Mary Wallmark shared that this is an Election year and we have an opportunity to engage students politically. As there are three vacant positions, this event can be used to promote running for an AS position. The Wildcats Vote! event is on October 15 and there will be opportunities for students to learn about ballot initiatives. October 22 is the last day to register to vote. Sharma encouraged elected officers to take charge of this as non-partisan student representatives. Polls and History professors can be reached out to as additional sources of information. Our senator for Behavioral and Social Sciences, Trevor Guthrie, has a lot of students in his college that fall under those majors so he would be a great source to assist in reaching out as well.
- D. Information Item: Halloween – The BMU Auditorium has been reserved for Saturday, October 27 for a Halloween event. This is a weekend that everyone is expected to assist with. Sharma shared that the intention of discussing this early is to keep it in everyone's mind for future conversation. AS Productions is also doing an event on October 31.
- E. Discussion Item: CSSA Chico – CSSA Chico is this weekend. Representatives from multiple AS programs were invited for lunch on Saturday. The BOD meeting is where students can ask questions but all meetings are open to attend. If students can't be there for the BOD meeting, Sharma asked those individuals to at least attend the lunch. Krater asked for RSVP's to get a catering count by tomorrow. Adriana Sikiric made

advertising for this event and AS Marketing will help spread the word. Campus Announcements was one recommendation but Slaughter shared this could be an issue as the provided meals are not open to outside students. Sharma will reach out to University Communications to get a photographer, if possible. Swag bags will be made in the office and Sharma asked everyone to put at least 10 bags together. GAC polos will be ready on Thursday. Sharma asked everyone to send her feedback on who will be able to help out over the weekend.

- F. Discussion Item: Councils and Committees – There are 15 applicants in Wildcat Sync which is far short of the goal. The Director of Legislative Affairs position has four applicants and all three vacant positions are open until Friday, September 21. Contact was made with the Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts to share that vacancy. Clyde suggested putting advertisements by the time clock to grab the attention of student employees. Students having trouble with Wildcat Sync should come to the Government Affairs office or Student Life and Leadership (SLL) for assistance. Geiser spoke with Anthony Ruiz in the Freshman Leadership Opportunity (FLO) program to encourage outreach in that area. Sharma shared that tabling is a great source of outreach. She reminded everyone of the importance of doing at least one thing per day to encourage applicants for councils or committees. Wallmark shared that Wildcat Sync is great to reach out to students and they have been effective using it for the Adulting 101 series.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Sharma: Nan Timmons' retirement party is today at 3:30 p.m. Sharma said she, Akinwande, and Ruiz met with the CCLC last week to discuss an incident on campus. After this meeting she met with Dr. Lang and talked about a Campus Climate group for students at-large to share their ideas. Two student and two campus meeting requests were sent out for the Campus Master Planning meetings. Sharma asked everyone to attend at least one meeting. Meeting requests were sent to everyone for the welcome receptions. Tomorrow is the Native American Welcome reception. President Hutchinson will sign a MOU with the Mechoopda Tribe. **Becerra-Silva:** Yesterday was the Police Advisory meeting and it was very successful with a full room of people. She met with Ann Schwab and Susan Roll regarding expanding workshops which cannot be opened up to all of campus, but can be opened up to those who are a part of the AS.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater: She and Clyde returned from the AS/SU/RE meeting held at the Cal Poly Pomona campus. She will send a report out to everyone with discussion items. GAC members get priority registration for next semester. Please do your best to maintain meeting times set for this semester.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Sharma gave a shout-out to Paladini and her students for creating the CSSA Welcome Packet and to Chris Taverite for committing to spin class. Krater gave a shout-out to Trevor Guthrie for sending out an email to his entire college with information on councils and committees. Sharma gave a shout-out to Morgan Rackley for doing the same thing. She also gave shout-outs to Mary Wallmark for joining GAC and Nan Timmons for her retirement.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.