

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

**Monday, April 2, 2018**

**4 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Alisha Sharma, Karla Camacho, Danie O'Donnell, Nadine Salas, Margaret Scarpa, Zuri O'Balles, Brina Covarrubias, Kimberly Scott

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Susan Anderson

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Taylor Rogers, Adriana Sikric, Alejandro Alfaro

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

**II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 4/2/18 regular meeting agenda** Action Item A. for the EFAC allocation approval of the 'NexGen Wildcats' was removed and moved to the 4/9 GAC agenda. **(O'Donnell/Camacho) 4-0-0 MSC.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 3/26/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 3/26/18 regular meeting, as presented (O'Balles/Camacho) 4-0-0 MSC.**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

**V. BUSINESS**

- A. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of \$2,000 for the 'Spring Lecture Series: Impeachment, Politics, and the Constitution' event by Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Honor Society to be held 4/17/18 in PAC 134 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of \$2,000 for the 'Spring Lecture Series: Impeachment, Politics, and the Constitution' event by Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Honor Society to be held 4/17/18 in PAC 134 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., as presented.** Krater explained that this is the same group that puts on Constitution Day in the fall. Even though the proposal did not meet the process to go before the Board of Directors ten days in advance of the event, the committee had a conversation and decided to hear the proposal and support the event based upon the topic. **(Camacho/O'Donnell) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Information Item: Activity Fee Fund Overview, estimated results 2017-18 and proposed budget 2018-19 – Krater covered all Information Items regarding the budget as one conversation. An overview was given of what Jon Slaughter shared last week during his PowerPoint presentation and let the group know that they still had another week for questions. O'Donnell asked for clarification on the increase in the proposed budget for 18-19 and Krater reminded the group that the rise in healthcare costs, the Child Development Lab losing one of its funding sources and the increase in a shared cost for our Information Technology Department all impacted the proposed budget. Scott shared that we estimate low on enrollment which helps in being conservative. Discussion was held on the Initial Review Committee and how Capital Expenditures will start with this group. Sharma reminded the group to bring their budget books to the next few meetings and encouraged everyone to come with any questions that they may have.
- C. Information Item: Activity Fee Administration Budget, estimated results 2017-18 and proposed budget 2018-19 – Discussed under Item V. B.
- D. Information Item: Activity Fee Capital Expenditures Budget, estimated results 2017-18 and proposed budget 2018-19 – Discussed under Item V. B.
- E. Information Item: Government Affairs Office Budget, estimated results 2017-18 and proposed budget 2018-19 – Discussed under Item V. B.
- F. Information Item: Elections Budget, estimated results 2017-18 and proposed budget 2018-19 – Discussed under Item V. B.
- G. Information Item: Adjustment to Campus-Based Student Fees (Referendum) – Sharma explained that Sikiric has been advertising for the two forums happening tomorrow and Wednesday. The vote is set for April 25 and

Sharma will meet with President Hutchinson tomorrow to discuss updates. CFAC is looking for recommendations to place informational pamphlets on the proposed fee adjustments. The committee recommended the library, Marketplace as well as using the BMU Marquee. The website will provide the same information as the pamphlets. Salas asked Sharma to ask President Hutchinson about the video which was discussed at previous GAC meetings. O'Donnell asked if there will be something at the end of the AS Elections ballot as a reminder about the proposed fee adjustments. Covarrubias asked if we will get a summary of the feedback after the vote. Sharma shared that this body should receive a report and will also be discussed during GAC.

H. Information Item: 2/28/18 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – We're doing awesome with our revenues. This month our benchmark is almost 67%. All areas show favorable and total expenses are at 50%.

I. Discussion Item: Officer and Senator Transition Period – As of right now there are no changes. Dates are all the same and the Induction Ceremony is on everyone's calendars. Scarpa asked if we know who is running for each position. A sample ballot will be posted in the Government Affairs Office tomorrow. Krater asked everyone to start saving important information to the drive for the new officers. Stewart and she will provide a cheat sheet soon to help navigate the drive. Sharma reminded everyone that anything that is shared with one candidate should be available and shared with any student running for a position. Krater reminded everyone that all AS areas are neutral zones during AS Elections.

**VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Camacho:** Student Academic Senate did not meet on March 30 but will be meeting on Friday. Plans for the Shared Governance Reception on April 13 are underway and all officers are invited. The awardees will be notified that they have received an award on behalf of Student Academic Senate. Covarrubias asked for information about the reception. Camacho said that business casual is appropriate and it is a celebration of shared governance awards given out to students, staff, faculty, and administrators. EPPC met last Thursday and they voted on items such as approving the re-classification of Multicultural Gender Studies from a program to a department. Discussion was held regarding the proposal for a language GE requirement. This did not pass but please come see her if you are interested in more information. The group felt that the proposal could have been stronger. She is going to Sacramento to the budget sub-committee hearing tomorrow and CSSA is paying for her travel. She will attend CSSA in Long Beach this weekend. The CSSA agenda is out if anyone wants to see it. She is running for the position of CSSA Vice President of Legislative Affairs. Those positions will be revealed in May. The CSSA University Affairs Committee is working on a student Bill of Rights with Michael Pratt. She suggested that everyone read it on the homepage of [calstatestudents.org](http://calstatestudents.org) website. **O'Donnell:** She is not going to CSSA this weekend because of CLIC director interviews. She was in New York last week for Model UN and the Chico State team got 44% of the awards including Outstanding Delegation. **Scarpa:** She is involved in Earth Month and there was a nature mandala event this morning. She was asked to speak at the March for Science on April 14 and her presentation for Sustainability throughout the CSU system went really well. SFAC projects are due on April 6 and on April 13 they will meet to discuss them. CLIC interviews are this weekend. Earth Day is April 20. She and her interns are putting on a workshop for how to advocate for the environment. **Salas:** This past Friday was the CATS in the Community event. Special shout out to O'Balles, Camacho, Krater, Sharma and Covarrubias for all of their help. It went very well and was rewarding talking to the students about their experience. The Bus schedules continued to be an issue. The mural was completed by Chico State Muralist and a picture is on our Facebook page in case anyone didn't get to see it. The sites were happy with the students and at our downtown location 200 pounds of litter was diverted from the gutters. It was estimated that between 160 and 180 people helped with the event. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to download with the Site Leads. We will review the challenges and work on any suggestions for next year. **O'Balles:** She is working on International Festival and getting all applications in today. She is emailing organizations for follow-up presentations for DAC funded events. Krater is helping with language stating that future DAC funding is contingent on them coming back in for a follow-up presentation. They are still trying to find a performer for International Festival and she will send out a calendar reminder to everyone for the event date. Covarrubias asked if there's a budget for the performer and Krater clarified that AS Productions usually pays for the band. **Covarrubias:** Time Capsule submissions are out and April 19 will be the last day to submit items. Tabling in the Gauntlet will be taking place for 'My favorite Chico Memory is...' The EFAC funded event 'Biz Talks' is happening on Wednesday and it is like a TedX Talk. Thursday at 5:30 p.m. will be an Event Funding Information night if anyone has friends seeking more information on how the funding councils work. Sikric will be advertising for the time capsule. **Rogers:** Clinique has been removed from the Wildcat Store. The freezer in the convenience store section has been broken and they will be getting a new one. Choose Chico is this weekend and there will be a huge cupcake display. The Dining Director search is still underway and a few applicants will be coming to campus. April 23 is when Chico State will officially go 'Straw-less' and metal straws will be for sale. The Pepsi party went well and he will get a full debrief report next week. We hope to plan another event for next year as well. Scarpa requested additional information regarding agenda items that went to the Board of Directors. Sharma explained that the items have been moved and invited anyone to come to the next BOD meeting **Sharma:** Please

sign up to work at Choose Chico for at least one hour. This Wednesday is the Career Fair and those who volunteer get a free lunch. Marcos Montez from CSSA reached out to her regarding an event that's happening in July for the Advocacy Training Day. She asked if anyone at the table is joining SQE in Sacramento this Wednesday. The Director of Leadership Development interviews are on-going with the potential for candidates to come to campus. April 13 she will be attending SFAC to present on a B-Line proposal and applications are due on April 6. The Wildcat Statue is arriving soon and the unveiling will be on April 19. There's a variety of marketing tools that they are using and the speaker list was finalized this morning. She pitched an idea for the Trinity Bell tower to do a Wildcat roar every hour that day instead of the bell recording. **Sikiric:** She has been working with the AS Elections Assistant and AS IT to make videos to prompt people to vote and emphasizing the importance of utilizing Revenue Sharing.

**VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Scott:** April 19 is officially the dedication for the Wildcat statue. There was a healthy recruitment for the Fraternity and Sorority Advisor position which was Malcolm McLemore's position. The selection committee anticipates getting the large number of applicants narrowed down and bringing a few candidates to campus for interviews. **Krater:** Choose Chico is Saturday and if it rains all Trinity tabling will be moved indoors.

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

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.**

**X. PUBLIC OPINION – Alfaro** shared that the president of MEChA wanted to come and thank this group for respectfully celebrating the Cesar Chavez holiday.

**XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None.**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice Chair, Sharma,** adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.