

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

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

8 a.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Kimberly Scott

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

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

II. AGENDA – **Motion to approve the 9/4/18 regular meeting agenda (Akinwande/Becerra-Silva) 5-0-0 MSC.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 8/28/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 8/28/18 regular meeting, as presented (Akinwande/Sharma) 5-0-0 MSC.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Ruiz shared that a lot of people have been asking about applications. Williams said Bidwell Bash was fun and good job everyone. Geiser shared that Clubtacular is happening this Friday.

V. BUSINESS

- A. Information Item: Council and Committee Updates – Geiser has done class talks for councils and committees applicants. Krater shared that bookmarks will be ready for Clubtacular and encouraged everyone to share the social media posts. DAC and EFAC members need to be trained if we could get 20 applicants by next week. Sharma shared the priority and importance of filling these spots and asked everyone to come up with three ways they will promote the opportunity. Adriana Sikiric was asked to do a video with Mulengwa and Francia to attract applicants to their funding committees. BMUC and ASBC are still looking for their meeting times.
- B. Information Item: CA Students Vote Project – Krater met with Susan Roll, Debra Barger, Mary Wallmark and Gina Tigri. They are recreating the voter registration event that was successful in 2016. The auditorium is unavailable for the October 15 date and other spaces are being considered. The goal is for students to vote and get educated. This will be a volunteer opportunity for anyone who wants to help. September 17 is the Civic Engagement & League of Women Voters candidate forum and September 25 is National Voter Registration Day. Krater will send more information out to the group.
- C. Discussion Item: CSSA Chico – Sub-committees were formed to help with this event. Sharma shared that the committees for dinner, welcome, and swag should meet this week. AS Programs will be invited to join the lunch during CSSA. Slaughter suggested having the director for each program attend to make it simpler. Clyde asked to join the dinner sub-committee. Geiser has met with Tom Rider to look at meal options. It was encouraged for all officers to be a part of this event. CSSA will provide the agenda in the next few weeks.
- D. Discussion Item: Bidwell Bash Debrief – Williams observed that there were more people attending this event when it was held at the WREC and this could be due to convenience such as location and air conditioning. Krater stated that Circque de UV could have impacted attendance. She thanked Geiser for staying behind to sort plastic and compost after the event. Krater shared the importance of promoting events now and throughout the year. Francia suggested having flyers to pass out. Clyde suggested talking to Thang Ho about helping share information via the app. We currently use campus announcements, Four Winds at Sutter and the WREC, social media, etc.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS – **Sharma:** Clubtacular is this Friday and she sent out an email with sign-up times. The President's Welcome Reception is Friday at 6 p.m. RSVP's have already been sent in and it's a business casual event. She asked everyone to have their three council and committee outreach attempts done by next week. Please introduce yourself to fellow student leaders over in the Student Life and Leadership side of the Wildcat Leadership Center. Meeting requests for CSSA Chico sub-committees will be sent out this week. Please send your office hours to Stewart. Sharma said she meets with Dr. Lang every other week and can take or discuss anything that anyone in GAC may want her to express to him. **Williams:** Still waiting on information for ASBC to set a day and time. Her officer email account is not currently working but she will be getting it fixed today.

Mulengwa: He shared that a few students had difficulty with the link to apply for a council or committee. Krater showed everyone how to locate the application on the AS website. Paper applications were later suggested as an alternative to Wildcat Sync. He mentioned that some students didn't know what Wildcat Sync was. Sharma later suggested the importance of getting them used to Wildcat Sync because it also holds all of our student organizations on campus and is a great resource. Students can sit on more than one council or committee, but it is our job to make sure everyone has been considered and chosen before picking the same person twice. Slaughter suggested having a bank of laptops set up at Clubtacular if the Wi-Fi is good so that students can sign up right then for a council or committee. Ruiz suggested everyone get familiar with Wildcat Sync themselves so that they can help students out. **Becerra-Silva:** Tray Robinson sent her the advertisement for the Police Community Advisory Board meeting on September 17 at 4 p.m. in BMU 203. She will forward the advertisement to everyone's email asking them to help her promote it. **Ruiz:** She asked if she would be able to sit on the Title IX committee should Akinwande not be able to make it. Sharma shared that their current constitution doesn't have two AS representatives. She could still attend but wouldn't be voting as her designee. **Akinwande:** No report. **Francia:** She and Mulengwa were contacted by Kelly Scott from AS Sustainability. The idea is to make DAC and EFAC events as sustainable as possible. Discussion was held on the different ways this could be accomplished. Sharma suggested adding a signature line stating "Met with AS Sustainability" to the checklist of items. Krater then asked what it would look like if the club met with AS Sustainability but still chose not to go 'green.' Slaughter shared that Green Events could notify the funding councils of the ways that they encouraged sustainability for the event.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Slaughter: None. **Krater:** Student Academic Senate met last week and went over Senate Policies, University committees for them to sit on and ways to reach out to the departments Deans. The chair of each University committee is going to be the easiest way for them to find out when the meetings take place. They also talked about ways to get their councils up and running. Wildcats Can! is on Thursday at 12 p.m. and if anyone is able to speak at the event that would be great. If anyone can table with Chico Hillel on Wednesday please let her know. Sharma shared that tabling counts for office hours. **Clyde:** She, Sharma and Slaughter had a great meeting about a possible event.

VIII.REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – It would be beneficial for the CSSA sub-committee groups to meet if GAC adjourns early today. Please reach out to anyone else on your sub-committee that isn't here if decisions are made. Sharma shared that everyone's calendars should be up to date so scheduling things should be easy for her and Geiser.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sharma reminded the BOD members of the special meeting tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. CFAC begins this Friday and is every other Friday from 1 – 2 p.m. IRA will start meeting next week.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Sharma thanked everyone who participated in Bidwell Bash and wished everyone a great second week of school.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.