

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

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

**8 a.m.**

**BMU 205**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT –** None.

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Adela Gutierrez, Robin Miki, Elybeth Alcantar

- I. CALL TO ORDER -** The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.
- II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 10/16/18 regular meeting agenda as amended** Addition of ‘Public Opinion’ to the beginning of the agenda and addition of ‘Discussion Item D: GAC Outreach Event’. Committee approved the revised meeting agenda. **(Sharma/Ruiz) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** Minutes of the 10/9/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 10/9/18 regular meeting, as presented (Ruiz/Becerra-Silva) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. Public Opinion –** Gutierrez heard there would be a Coffee with the Cops event and feels that student opinion should be considered. She would like law enforcement to listen more and have conversation with students. Sharma said Chief Reid would be the best to contact regarding the matter.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** None.

**VI. BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion Item: Halloween –Pancake at the Disco is set for October 27. We are partnering with AS Productions. The sign-up sheet will go out later this week or next. There must be six designated people to check headphones in and out, students needed for wristbands and checking ID at the door. Sharma went over the order of shifts and how officers will be chosen for who works when. Housing will have a Flapjack event at the HUB during the same time. Fraternity Sorority Affairs will be handing out water on Saturday.
- B. Discussion Item: CSSA Fresno – Geiser brought up topics for the CSSA Fresno agenda this weekend. Discussion was had regarding topics for the three areas covered by our attendees. Some of the items discussed were Justice for Josiah and the campus reaction to the event, eliminating student debt, executive salary compensation, the importance of Basic Needs, and climate change. Sharma reached out to a student that posted about Justice for Josiah on the Marketplace steps in chalk. Wallmark shared that Milton Lang has been clear on Student Affairs being the first response to anything like this. Overall, student input is being sought for all issues that impact our campus. Guthrie asked if more trustees can be a part of campus visits. Geiser shared that 45-50% of students are food insecure and housing insecure. Sharma shared that GAC has to formally vote on something in order for it to be the opinion of the committee. Sharma shared that if the Governor doesn’t full fund the CSU, then the Board of Trustees and the campuses will have to revise their budget. Ruiz asked what other areas will be getting increased besides the President of the CSUC. Geiser shared that climate change is another area on the CSSA agenda and that fossil fuels, climate change and global warming are three huge areas of concern. Ruiz shared that if people don’t think it’s going to affect them, it’s going to affect their kids. Becerra-Silva suggested an event for Basic Needs Day on campus and Geiser shared that last week there was a Cal Fresh day. Sharma shared that Lang wants to create more touch-points on campus for students and is currently working on that.
- C. Discussion Item: MAC Night Update – Francia shared that applications are now live on Wildcat Sync and they will close on October 22. The event date is Tuesday November 13. Krater will send an Outlook reminder for calendars. Guthrie suggested asking professors to offer extra credit as an incentive for students to attend is a good idea for additional turnout.
- D. Discussion Item: GAC Outreach Event – Geiser discussed having ‘Good Morning with GAC’ or tabling to have conversation with constituents. The senators are doing ‘S’more time with the Senators’ in the next few weeks. The group discussed planning timelines and what dates and weeks will work better than others. Krater shared

that Anna Paladini has asked everyone to give three weeks' notice for print jobs. Wallmark shared that Tuesdays and Thursdays are the busiest days on campus for event planning. Sharma shared that weather is a factor but it would be better to be outside than inside.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Akinwande:** Student Academic Senate discussed how they can support distance learners. He received an email about the Learning Solution which meets Monday from 1 – 2pm and encouraged all to attend. **Guthrie:** He was officially appointed last Wednesday for Director of Legislative Affairs. He started handing out Voter Registration forms to different departments on campus. CSSA Fresno is this weekend. He reached out to Students for Quality Education and requested a meeting with them before CSSA. He reached out to the Dean for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences informing him of the senator vacancy and has also received interest from students who want to apply. There is a civic competition in which two CSUs partner up to gain points for increasing Civic Engagement. He is currently trying to contact President Hutchinson to post a photo on Instagram for points. **Harley:** Reached out to all of the Multicultural Greek Councils for vacancies on his council. He's also looking at times to do class talks. **Francia:** Last Wednesday the Diversity Affairs Council had its first training. She currently has six members. Tomorrow is the first official meeting and they are hearing two proposals. She really appreciates the AS Government Affairs Instagram and suggested adding a direct link to Wildcat Sync for student to apply. **Becerra-Silva:** She is working on marketing for the Safety Walk on November 8 and planning Coffee with the Cops. **Ruiz:** She moved Sustainability Affairs Council to Wednesdays at 2pm which allowed her to add three students to her council and she still needs a staff member. **Sharma:** ASBC is continuing the branded concept discussion regarding Panera. BMUC voted on the five year facility plan last year. Students on this year's committee are looking at what to do next. Lang will be facilitating the University Diversity Committee. She is on the Strategic Planning Council as a student representative. The last candidate meeting for the Vice President of Business and Finance is next week. Sharma will send a link to everyone where they can make comments and a suggestion to President Hutchinson.

**VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark:** She pulled up the GAC code to better understand her role. Krater mentioned that we are working on the other staff appointments. Last night was the Wildcats Vote! Event and Wallmark said the GAC table looked great. **Krater:** Interviews are this afternoon for the Minute Taker position. The senator for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences application will be open this Thursday. Everyone did a great job at Wildcats Vote! KCSC has an event tomorrow night called Don't Forget the Lyrics in BMU 008.

**IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT –** Today is Campus Sustainability Day. He will have Voter Registration forms with him and encourage students to apply for councils and committees at the same time. Free popcorn and coffee will be given out.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** None.

**XI. PUBLIC OPINION –** The Justice for Josiah documentary will be Thursday, October 18 in ARTS 112 and discussion will follow.

**XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –** Sharma said Wildcats Vote! was great and gave a shout-out to Becca Solis, who is our new senator for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, for coming last night. Sharma said everyone is great and good luck with midterms. She gave a shout-out to Adriana Sikiric for pulling together filming for the voter promotion event. Krater shared that a group photo will be rescheduled.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.