

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

**Tuesday, November 27, 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, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

**MEMBERS ABSENT –** None

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Sharma added “Information Item B: CSSA Student Travel” and “Information Item C: Combining DAC and EFAC Funding Councils.” **Motion to approve the 11/27/18 meeting agenda as amended (Sharma/Francia) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/30/18 and 11/6/18 regular meetings. **Motion to approve minutes of the 10/30/18 and 11/6/18 regular meetings, as presented (Francia/Becerra-Silva) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Everyone wished Krater and Morgan Rackley a happy belated birthday.
- V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.
- VI. **BUSINESS**
  - A. Information Item: Senator for the College of BSS Update – Akinwande shared that due to the campus closure interviews have been rescheduled for this Friday during Student Academic Senate from 2 – 3:30 p.m.
  - B. Information Item B: CSSA Student Travel – Sharma, Guthrie and Akinwande discussed having two people attend CSSA instead of three. CSSA has one voting member. This would save student dollars and trips within driving distance could still be opened up for others to attend. Discussion was held and most felt that it was a good idea. Krater appreciates the effort to hold a CSSA forum to increase student representation. Krater shared that the Duties for the Director of University Affairs would need to be changed. The change is being proposed for the next group of elected officers. If approved, the Director of University Affairs would not be advertised as a traveling position. The changes will be an information item next week.
  - C. Information Item: Combining DAC and EFAC Funding Councils – Sharma shared the idea of combining the funding councils into one ‘super’ funding council under the Student Organizations and Programs (SOAP) position. Since Diversity Affairs currently puts on MAC Night and International Festival, they have a lot on their agenda and could spend more time working on diversity efforts across campus. With SOAP not having a focus outside of funding events, they would be trained to fund both general events and diverse events. Sharma suggested that there be split of \$35,000 for multicultural related events and \$35,000 for all other events. Williams suggested the Diversity Affairs chair sitting as a non-voting member on EFAC. Francia felt that it would not be a huge transition to separate the two. Discussion was held regarding the student appointments to the funding council. Krater will pull the commissioner duties and make suggestions. The hope is that the new officer selected to replace Mulengwa will be appointed at GAC on December 11.
  - D. Discussion Item: CSSA San Luis Obispo and CSU Executive Salary Compensation Debrief – Sharma sat on the University Affairs Committee and proposed moving the vote for the Resolution to an Information Item instead of voting on it that day. She also proposed having a working group from now to January to watch what’s happening at the Board of Trustees to see what a new Resolution could look like. Geiser asked what changes were made and Sharma shared that due to it being moved to an information item it was not thoroughly discussed.
  - E. Discussion Item: GAC Outreach Event – December 5 was the planned date for this event. Discussion was held on how to best move forward. Becerra-Silva said most students have already checked out for the semester and questioned what student turnout would look like. Akinwande said that any event should be

geared toward uplifting student spirits. The group discussed having GAC representing themselves as fellow students instead of officers and pairing with other programs on campus. Krater suggested getting in touch with Brooke McCall since the WREC does De-Stress for students. Student Academic Senate passively provides pencils and Scantrons to students during finals week so there could be an opportunity to connect in that situation. Wallmark shared that the CARE Team will be tabling at different locations on campus. The group shared their visions for the desired outcome of this event and how being there for students is key. Slaughter suggested looking at the Zen Den as a space. Williams will reach out to Brooke McCall to see how they may be able to work together. A sub-committee will be created and Williams, Becerra-Silva, Akinwande and Sharma will sit on it.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Williams:** The Follett bookstore scholarships are now being used to support students who were impacted by the Camp Fire. Students will go into the Wildcat Store once the list of affected students has been finalized and they should be able to receive around \$200 to help replace lost books and supplies. There will be no repercussion for rented books that were lost in the fire. Williams stated that the campus had a great response to the last few weeks and thanked all the staff who have helped. **Francia:** MAC Night was cancelled and will be rescheduled for Thursday, February 21. Stewart sent out an email asking everyone to pick up posters. **Becerra-Silva:** The Safety Walk was cancelled as well as Coffee with the Cops. Chief Reid shared that rescheduling the event for this semester may not be appropriate with all resources being focused on those impacted by the Camp Fire. Coffee with the Cops could be held the week of December 10. Chief Reid is seeking input on having firefighters join in as well to connect students to First Responders. The Real ID Act takes effect in 2020 which prevents undocumented individuals from being able to fly in the United States. She asked how this might impact officers that would need to travel. This will be discussed further at the next GAC meeting. Akinwande mentioned undocumented students needing to be taken into consideration as a whole. Sharma then discussed what students at large need to do if they wish to attend a CSSA plenary meeting. **Ruiz:** SFAC was cancelled and will be rescheduled. **Guthrie:** UCSA came and gave a presentation on offering a Summer Cal Grant and sponsoring AB 5153 for students to be able to graduate on time. They also voted in support of the Help Students Vote Act. He got a tour of the San Luis Obispo Government Affairs office and attended one of their BOD meetings. **Sharma:** One-on-one meetings with President Hutchinson and Milton Lang are coming up. Went to the Wildcat Rise Resource Center where there are lots of people who care and are offering support. The banner for First Responders that Anna Paladini created will be in the atrium all day if anyone would like to sign it. Clyde, Slaughter, Wallmark, Krater and Tom Rider have been doing a lot to help out and she shared her appreciation for all of the staff during this time. She asked everyone to let her know if faculty aren't being reasonable with students as Provost Larson has asked them all to be compassionate with students. Akinwande shared that the resources formerly in the BMU auditorium have been moved to Kendall 214 for anyone who still needs them.

**VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark:** The staff who worked to keep the building and operations going during the closure were fantastic. She went to Sacramento and attended the CSU Student Activities meeting. Our campus has been the model for how we handle student finances for club accounts. Student Life and Leadership had to cancel an Adulting 101 class and are now trying to pull together a presentation on sorrow. **Friedman:** \$414,000 has been raised for the Wildcats Rise Recovery Fund and funds have already been distributed to over 180 people. There is a collaborative event happening in San Francisco tonight and another happening in New York to continue raising money. **Slaughter:** The 15 question Arête had been submitted by all of the AS Programs and he will be pulling that information together to present to this group. During the closure, the Associated Students came together to make sure that we did our part to support everyone during the fire. Everyone will be getting paid on time thanks to the efforts of the AS Financial Services Office. There was a request by the Paradise School District to hold space on the third floor. The BMU and Sutter hosted Thanksgiving meals for evacuees and first responders. The Today Show broadcast from Sutter Dining as they provided meals to first responders and families who lost their homes. In response to Wallmark's comments on student banking, Slaughter shared that the AS funds \$12,000 to support this effort. **Krater:** Those who were not affected by the Camp Fire will be dealing with this for a long time and she asked everyone to be mindful of staff and students who may currently be dealing with the loss of their homes and being displaced. She will be out of the office Thursday and Friday for AOA. Interviews will be held for Mulengwa's replacement during the first week of December.

**IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT –** The CSSA Sustainability representative invited him to speak at a conference at Humboldt State two weeks ago, and it went very well. He invited students from Humboldt to attend the This Way to Sustainability Conference in March. There is a Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) House in Humboldt where students can explore engineering and technology practices.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Williams shared a link promoting World Central Kitchen if anyone wants to help volunteer. Geiser will share information from the Friends of Butte Creek. Krater asked everyone to connect with Adriana Sikiric to get some outreach going for the rest of the semester. Krater shared that CSU, Fresno would like to

come up and volunteer in the community on December 19 and 20. She will work with this team and others to connect CSU, Fresno with the most up to date information and where they can help.

**XI. PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

**XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Krater gave a shout out to Wallmark for being a rock star during the Camp Fire. Sharma gave a shout out to Chico State and this community for all efforts that have been done.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.