

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

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

**8:30 a.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Jared Geiser, Alisha Sharma, Trevor Guthrie, Samuel Akinwande, Tania Ruiz, Alejandra Becerra-Silva, Prairie Francia, Anthony Ruiz, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

**MEMBERS ABSENT –** None.

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Michael Curry, Eliza Miller, Mark Stemen, Marco Rivera, Alejandro Alfaro, Jamie Clyde, Elybeth Alcantar

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Sharma amended the agenda by changing Action Items E and F to Information Items. **Motion to approve the amended 2/13/19 regular meeting agenda (Akinwande/Francia)** Sharma doesn't feel that the funding part of DAC should be removed from that position due to the lack of a specific alternate plan for that council. **7-0-0 MSC.** Francia added Information Item N. GAC Election Outreach Event. **Motion to approve the revised 2/13/19 regular meeting agenda (Guthrie/A. Ruiz) 7-0-0 MSC. 7-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 1/30/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 1/30/19 regular meeting, as presented (Becerra-Silva/Francia) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Curry stated that the AS has already allocated money for elected officer positions to attend CSSA. He feels it is unfair to pay for additional students to attend CSSA to spread their own political message and that student attendees should be going on their own dollar. He asked the group if they would send a conservative student to CSSA which may represent a marginalized opinion.
- VI. **BUSINESS**

A. Consent Agenda

*All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are enacted by one motion without discussion. A member of the committee who desires a separate discussion of any item may pull that item from the Consent Agenda.*

**2018-19 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC)

- Director of Legislative Affairs Appointments: Austin Lopic and Alexander Smith
- Director of University Affairs Appointment: Paul Shafer
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Stepheni Dougan

Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council (CAC)

- Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointments: Adam Fasbender and Erika Guerra

Confirmation of appointment to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)

- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Maggie Scarpa

Confirmation of appointments to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)

- Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources Appointment: Dollie Partida
- Executive Vice President Appointments: Alexander Smith and Hailey Barrera

**Approval of Consent Agenda: (Sharma/A Ruiz.) 7-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation by DAC for \$1,789 for 'The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NSSLHA Spring Conference' event by NSSLHA to be held 3/9/19 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. in Colusa Hall. **Motion to approve EFAC allocation by DAC for \$1,789 for 'The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NSSLHA Spring Conference' event by**

**NSSLHA to be held 3/9/19 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. in Colusa Hall.** This group has a wonderful speaker coming to talk about language technology for the hearing impaired and many different majors can benefit from attending. **(Guthrie/Akinwande) 7-0-0 MSC.**

- C. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation by DAC for \$3,165 for the 'Biz Talks' event by Delta Sigma Pi to be held 3/6/19 from 5 – 7 p.m. in PAC 144 with a Reception at 6 p.m. in BMU 203. **Motion to approve EFAC allocation by DAC for \$3,165 for the 'Biz Talks' event by Delta Sigma Pi to be held 3/6/19 from 5 - 7 p.m. in PAC 144 with a Reception at 6 p.m. in BMU 203.** Delta Sigma Pi is modeling the event after 'Ted Talks' in terms of style. The majority of the speakers are Chico State graduates who will be talking about their field experiences. **(Becerra-Silva/T. Ruiz) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- D. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation amended to \$2,444 for the 'Cruzando Fronteras' event by Central Americans for Empowerment to be held 2/28/19 or 3/7/19 from 6 – 10 p.m. in Selvester's Café room 110. **Motion to approve DAC allocation for \$2,444 for the 'Cruzando Fronteras' event by Central Americans for Empowerment to be held 2/28/19 or 3/7/19 in Selvester's Café room 110** This is the first event as a recognized organization on campus. Students with roots in Central America will be coming to share their stories. **(Akinwande/Sharma) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- E. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Diversity Affairs Council Code – Sharma shared the brief language changes which will be voted on at the next GAC meeting.
- F. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Event Funding Allocation Council Code – Sharma shared the brief language changes which will be voted on at the next GAC meeting.
- G. Action Item: Approval of the Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the spring semester of 2019. **Motion to approve the Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the spring semester of 2019 (Guthrie/Sharma) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- H. Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 12/31/18 – Geiser shared that this is money that is more accessible to us than our other investments.
- I. Information Item: 12-31-18 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – KCSC purchased an iPad and Square credit card reader. CAVE installed a SSD for Ann Schwab's PC.
- J. Information Item: Declaration of Climate Emergency – T. Ruiz shared that the Sustainability Affairs Council has been making edits to a document that was created by Geography 506S. She shared that a new normal will arise for future generations when it comes to climate change. Geiser showed the group a website called Cal-Adapt.Org which allows you to map climate for different aspects such as heat, water, fire, etc. Oakland, Hayward, Santa Cruz, Berkeley and other cities have already implemented this.
- K. Information Item: Ballot Initiative from Geography 440 – The Climate Change Course Curriculum was chosen to be the ballot initiative for the AS General Election this year. Geiser shared the proposed language that will be placed on the ballot and asked for feedback. Williams suggested following the Title IX example for mandatory training in the meantime until this takes place. The group discussed requirements and steps that need to be taken in order for this to happen. Becerra-Silva asked if this would be added as an option or requirement for students and Geiser stated that the consensus was to have it be implemented into each major so that everyone is learning about the climate change crisis. Guthrie pointed out that GAC's role is to review language that goes on the ballot but then the students vote.
- L. Discussion Item: Election Etiquette – Sharma would like to postpone this discussion for a later time.
- M. Discussion Item: Funding for students at large to travel to CSSA – Geiser stated the suggestion for students at large to attend CSSA would not mean that Government Affairs would book travel for students, but would reimburse them for expenses. T. Ruiz asked if this would be open to any student. The group discussed different conditions that would need to be considered such as how many times a student could attend and what the process would be to apply. The group then talked about their thoughts on whether CSSA or the AS should pay for students at large to attend. Alfaro mentioned that after talking to Carolyn Tinoco from CSSA, adjustments may be made in the future. Guthrie suggested asking CSSA to amend their agenda to discuss this at the plenary meeting this weekend. The group talked about general cost for each CSSA depending on how many attend, the location, etc. Clyde asked how many students at large attended CSSA Chico and it was guessed to be around 15. Slaughter shared that the structure of this idea really is what depends on if the AS

can front the money for students at large to attend or not. Francia mentioned that it's GAC's responsibility as student representatives to bring this to CSSA's attention. Sharma suggested seeing what other campuses are doing to get an idea for comparison. Alfaro shared that San Francisco has funding set aside for students at large to attend these meetings. Krater mentioned that when the \$2 SIRF fee was implemented, there was discussion about CSSA having a greater role in funding CSSA travel. Live streaming every CSSA meeting would help make them more available to students at large. While it would not allow them to make public comment, they could at least hear the discussion. Guthrie suggested that we both explore the liability of this as well as adding this information as a ballot initiative to see how students would really react to it and feel about using their student fees for this. Curry mentioned that elected student representatives attending these meetings are accountable to their constituents whereas sending a student at large does not have a vetting process for any accountability.

- N. Discussion Item: GAC Outreach Event – Francia received a quote from Conference Services for over \$1,200. Pros and cons of spending that amount on a tabling event were discussed. A few members felt that an event like this should cost a few hundred dollars. Krater offered to pull previous catering bills to see what has been spent in the past. Wallmark shared that the 'Adulting 101' classes cost about \$1,000 per event in food and she feels that it was worth it for what the students who attended took away. Williams suggested doing a Pho event and having the Hmong Student Association assist. A. Ruiz suggested mimicking AS Dining by using a prize wheel and social media as a tactic for getting students to stop by. Krater mentioned that the group should put together a subcommittee to talk about this more in depth.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Becerra-Silva:** She has seven confirmed sites for Cats in the Community. One will be providing care packages to Camp Fire victims. Her council members will be site leads but she needs more. Ann Schwab needs another GAC officer to review applications to give out the CARA Award. **Sharma:** She asked everyone who has not yet done so to complete the spreadsheet for classroom GAC talks. Volunteers are still needed for the 'Women Like You' Symposium. She's going to send out an email today regarding an event for the end of the year. **A. Ruiz:** Two EFAC appointments were made last semester and only one is able to continue this semester. He now has four council members. He will be attending CSSA in San Francisco this weekend. **Akinwande:** SAS is hosting 'Spend S'more time with your Senators' on February 21 at the HUB. Jason Nice gave a presentation about the GE Update at Academic Senate and he will be presenting it at the next SAS meeting as well. Sharma reminded everyone that they have two more days to share anything that they would like to have discussed at CSSA.

**VIII. REPORTS: STAFF** – None.

**IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – Two proposals were discussed at BOD last week to help support basic needs for students. The two ideas were renting out laptops to students unable to afford them, and scholarships for PATH Scholars. This Sunday there is a film being made about the Camp Fire, climate change, and Paradise, California. There will be a big banner drop for the event which will conclude with music and poetry.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Slaughter announced that Krater has been appointed as Associate Director of the Union.

**XI. PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

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

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.