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

Wednesday, April 3, 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 (recorder), Alex Williams, Zach Scott, Elybeth Alcantar, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, Robin Miki

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. **AGENDA** – Motion to approve the 4/3/19 regular meeting agenda (Akinwande/Guthrie) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 3/13/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 3/13/19 regular meeting, as presented (Francia/Akinwande) 6-0-0 MSC.**

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None

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 joint appointment to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC) and Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)  
   -Joint Student Appointment by Commissioner of Diversity Affairs and Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources: Freya Laguna

   **Approval of Consent Agenda: (T. Ruiz/Francia) 6-0-0 MSC.**

   (Gesier joined the meeting at 8:43 a.m.)

B. Action Item: Approval of a $1,000 increase to the current $5,000 DAC allocation to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to support Cultural Graduation Celebrations at CSU, Chico. **Motion to approve a $1,000 increase to the current $5,000 DAC allocation to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to support Cultural Graduation Celebrations at CSU, Chico, as presented**. Slaughter explained that the current MOU to support the ceremonies expires at the end of this year and this amended amount is need to support the addition of the Native American Ceremony. **(Sharma/Guthrie) 7-0-0 MSC.**

C. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation for $891 for the ‘Chico State Chess Club Tournament’ event by the Chico State Chess Club to be held 4/28/19 from 12 – 5 p.m. in BMU 203. **Motion to approve EFAC allocation for $891 for the ‘Chico State Chess Club Tournament’ event by the Chico State Chess Club to be held 4/28/19 from 12 - 5 p.m. in BMU 203, as presented.** A. Ruiz shared that the Chess Club is happy to be back on campus and will be hosting this tournament hoping to get more students interested in playing the game. **(Guthrie/T. Ruiz) 7-0-0 MSC.**

D. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation for $1,215 for the ‘S.O.C.S. Spring Celebration’ event by the Students of Communication Studies club to be held 4/26/19 from 3 – 5 p.m. in Colusa Hall A & B. **Motion to approve EFAC allocation for $1,215 for the ‘S.O.C.S. Spring Celebration’ event by the Students of Communication Studies club to be held 4/26/19 from 3 – 5 p.m. in Colusa Hall A & B, as presented.** A.
Ruiz shared that this event will be open to all students and they hope to have a good turnout considering the majority of students remember being in the large communications class that is required for graduation.  

\textit{(Guthrie/Francia) 7-0-0 MSC.}

E. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation for $2,000 for the ‘Spring Speaker Series’ event by Pi Sigma Alpha to be held 4/25/19 from 4 – 6 p.m. in PAC 144. \textit{Motion to approve EFAC allocation for $2,000 for the ‘Spring Speaker Series’ event by Pi Sigma Alpha to be held 4/25/19 from 4 - 6 p.m. in PAC 144, as presented.} A. Ruiz shared that this is the same group that presented for Constitution Day in the fall. The speaker will focus on the literal interpretation of the US constitution and many of the other costs to put on this event are being funded by the department. \textit{(Francia/T. Ruiz) 7-0-0 MSC.}

F. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation by DAC for $618 for the ‘Green Machine Bike Ride’ event by the Green Machine club to be held 4/19/19 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. beginning at the Wildcat statue and ending at the University Farm. \textit{Motion to approve EFAC allocation by DAC for $618 for the ‘Green Machine Bike Ride’ event by the Green Machine club to be held 4/19/19 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. beginning at the Wildcat statue and ending at the University Farm, as presented.} (Guthrie stepped out of the meeting). Francia shared that DAC heard this event due to timing. The group plans to use the funding to purchase bike lights, locks and Sierra Nevada donated some tire repair kits. The group hopes to encourage students to ride their bike as a form of alternative transportation and health. \textit{(Sharma/Francia) 6-0-0 MSC.}

G. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution for the Declaration of Climate Emergency. \textit{Motion to approve the Resolution for the Declaration of Climate Emergency, as presented.} (Guthrie returned to the meeting). Sharma stated that she is very much in support of this item but that the current language still states that this is being supported by the Associated Students. \textit{(Sharma/T. Ruiz) 7-0-0 MSC. Amended language.} Discussion was had regarding changing the language to show that the Government Affairs Committee supports this and then presenting it to the Board of Directors to encourage their support as well. \textit{(Sharma/A. Ruiz) 7-0-0 MSC.}

H. Information Item: Statewide SQE “No Harm, Disarm” campaign – Geiser asked Alcantar to speak to this item. SQE has a website that gives more details but one of the main goals is to hire more mental health counselors, per SB 660, focus on more safe zones for LGBTQ students and implement restorative justice practices.

I. Information Item: 2018-2019 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)  
-Executive Vice President Appointment: Freya Laguna

J. Information Item: Activity Fee Fund Overview, estimated results 2018-19 and proposed budget 2019-20 – Slaughter went over the power point for the budget with explanation for each section. He encouraged everyone to come forward with questions in the next week and let the group know that we are scheduled to approve the budget at the next GAC meeting on April 17. Geiser asked the group if a special meeting should be convened but the group did not feel that was necessary.

K. Information Item: Activity Fee Administration Budget, estimated results 2018-19 and proposed budget 2019-20 – Discussed under Item VI J.

L. Information Item: Activity Fee Capital Expenditures Budget, estimated results 2018-19 and proposed budget 2019-20 – Discussed under Item VI J.

M. Information Item: Government Affairs Office Budget, estimated results 2018-19 and proposed budget 2019-20 – Discussed under Item VI J.

N. Information Item: Elections Budget, estimated results 2018-19 and proposed budget 2019-20 – Discussed under Item VI J.

O. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Activity Fee Net Assets Reserve Policy – Slaughter explained that there was a slight change to the wording between “working capital” and operating the reserves.

P. Information Item: 2/28/19 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Geiser reviewed the report with the benchmark being around 66%.
VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Sharma: She asked that the officers plan to meet with their successors at least one time between elections and the May event. Akinwande: SAS is discussing SB24 again at their next meeting. The bill would continuously fund student health care clinics.

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark: There is a Student Safety Summit on Friday at 1 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium followed by the Campus Safety Summit on April 19. On April 11 campus will be hosting the Student Leadership Awards reception.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – The This Way to Sustainability Conference was great and he was happy to present several times. The Chico City Council meeting included information regarding climate change.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – There will be Executive Director candidates on campus April 9 and April 11.

XI. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None.

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Choose Chico is this upcoming weekend.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.