

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

Thursday, September 26, 2019

5 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Anthony Ruiz, Trevor Guthrie, Alejandro Alfaro-Ramirez, Breanna Holbert, Allyah Perez, Jared Geiser, Lupe Santana, Mary Wallmark

MEMBERS ABSENT – Sydney Puccetti (excused), Jay Friedman

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Chris Taverite, Kaylee Biedermann, Leslie Martinez, Amanda Widgay, Eliza Miller, Ella Snyder, Emily Bruns, Sara Bilotta, Megan Watson, Karina Mauricio, Teresita Curiel, Ashley Gebb, Angelina Mendez, Jose (Pepe) Villasenor, Christina Magee, Andrew Gonzalez, Chiara Ferrari, Robin Miki, Maryann Estrada, Jose Mendoza, Melissa Jerez, Barbara Sue, Susan Frawley, Janeth Rodriguez, Tim Sistrunk, Jamie Kolnes, Mattea Bertain, Megan Odom, Sandy Parsons, Elizabeth Alaniz, Dollie Partida, Saul Reyes, Erika Lopez, Alex Smith, Raul Medel Zendejas

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Ruiz, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Ruiz amended the agenda by adding Information Item E: Presence of US Border Patrol at the Career Fair on 9/25/19. **Motion to approve the revised 9/26/19 regular meeting agenda (Holbert/Perez)** Guthrie amended the amended agenda by moving Information Item E to Information Item C. **Motion to approve the amendment to the amended agenda (Holbert/Guthrie) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/19/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 9/19/19 regular meeting, as presented (Guthrie/Perez) 5-0-1 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Ruiz shared why he added Information Item C to the agenda and reminded the gallery that they can speak during the public opinion and the beginning and end of this meeting.
- V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.
- VI. **BUSINESS**
 - A. **Information Item: 7/31/19 and 8/31/19 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual** – Slaughter shared that these reports will be provided monthly. The percentage start for august is 16.67%. Anything over or under that percentage in expenses is a good thing.
 - B. **Information Item: 2020 Election Procedures** – Ruiz went over the different timelines available for having the AS elections this upcoming year which prompted everyone to discuss the pros and cons of why each timeline would or wouldn't be a good idea. The group would like to see what it looks like to have the elections on April 7 – 8 which Slaughter mentioned wasn't looked at because it's too close to what our current dates already are. Ruiz shared the changes in wording that were applied to the 2020 Election Procedures and the group shared their opinions on why those changes are going to be effective moving forward. Slaughter shared an additional wording change that should be added for clarification on how many semesters each student running for office has left. Geiser suggested having a few proposals at the next meeting for finalized potential election timeline dates. Slaughter will have those ready by the next meeting.
 - C. **Presence of Border Patrol at the Career Fair on 9/25/19** – Ruiz shared that this topic was additionally discussed at the Board of Directors this morning which Odom also attended on behalf of the Career Center.
Geiser motioned to suspend the rules to have the gallery able to join in on this discussion (Geiser/Holbert) 6-0-0 MSC.

Guthrie reminded everyone that this was done and everyone should focus on how to best move forward. Odom clarified that there is nothing the Career Center could have done to prevent US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from having a place at the Career Fair because they cannot deny access to any Federal agency due to the Solomon Amendment. The Career Center reached out to the Dream Center and Counseling Center immediately after seeing that CBP would be attending, but most students felt that they weren't given enough notice even at that time. Guthrie mentioned that this is where free speech is important

because students could have countered CBP's ideology during the event. Clarification on the process for signing up was discussed by Odom and how they use Hand Shake. The general sense of urgency from the students is that they should have been notified much sooner of CBP being at the Career Fair, or on campus in general because it was triggering to students whether they were documented or not. Guthrie stated that this body could pass a resolution outlining strategies to take for future instances like this. It was suggested that if CBP can't be prevented from coming to the Career Fair, they could at least be required to not dress in uniform. Wallmark shared the importance of the Time, Place and Manner document which outlines what they can and cannot do with free speech on campus. The group collaborated on how to best move forward and came up with making a subcommittee, creating a proclamation and looking up the Solomon Amendment to find out exactly what it states. Guthrie shared that future steps to be taken will involve stakeholders helping them with critical thinking and dialogue to mitigate risk and support the students. He said he can push a resolution to CSSA and get it on an agenda. Any action that is taken would go to the CSSA Board of Directors and anything passed there goes to the State Legislature and Board of Trustees. The Queer Program Coordinator from the Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition stated that students deserve a formal apology from the Career Center.

Guthrie moved to table Information Item D and Discussion Item E to next week's meeting (Guthrie/Perez) 6-0-0 MSC.

D. Information Item: Resolution Supporting Civil Disobedience and Social Action at All CSUs – Tabled.

E. Discussion Item: Care Committee – Tabled.

- VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Guthrie:** One major goal of his term is to get information out to our students. Conversation Couch with the President and the Grand GAC are two events that will do this. He is also working on the Four Year Quantitative Reasoning proposal. **Geiser:** Last Friday was the Global Climate Strike and it was great.
- VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson:** The Grand GAC is the representation of the group and is an example of everyone's goal. She asked everyone to recognize that the success of this event depends on their outreach and having student voice. **Wallmark:** Student Life and Leadership is involved in the Voting and Census Move and suggested that everyone take that into consideration when choosing the AS Election dates. She plans to create a protest playbook that will be available online as a resource to promote free speech.
- IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – The Grand GAC is next week and everyone should come and bring friends. If anyone would like to join the subcommittee regarding what happened at the Career Fair, please sign up after the meeting.
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- XI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Gonzalez shared that the Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition is preparing an open letter to protest the actions that happened at the Career Fair and it will be publically released. Miki shared that getting in contact with SQE is a must for future instances like this.
- XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Santana thanked everyone for sharing their story and how they were affected from Customs and Border Patrol being at the Career Fair and said that she will be proactive. Peterson recognized that October is coming which is a stressful time and reminded everyone to practice self-care especially with advocacy work.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.