

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

**Thursday, October 3, 2019**

**5 p.m.**

**Trinity Commons**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Sydney Puccetti (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Chris Taverite, Kaylee Biedermann, Jamie Clyde, Anna Paladini, Eliza Miller, Angie Alamilla, Sofia Rupert, Melissa Jerez, Ashley Clay, Ryann Vierra, Dollie Partida, Jennifer Kremer, Ember Funk, Jackie Hansen, Robin Miki, Peter Corosu IV, Emily Bruns, Devya Bharti, Gwyneth Huie, Jesus Garcia, Yuval Friedman, Sara Bilotta, Caylee Hermanson, Megan Oliver, Kendall Hoffman, Lucio Acosta, Cassandra Arechiga, Janet Enriquez, Alexander Smith, Mattea Bertain

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Ruiz, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

II. **AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 10/3/19 regular meeting agenda (Guthrie/Geiser) 6-0-0 MSC.**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/26/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 9/26/19 regular meeting, as presented (Holbert/Guthrie) 6-0-0 MSC.**

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

**VI. BUSINESS**

- A. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation for \$4,000 for the '16<sup>th</sup> Chico Forensic Conference' event by the Anthropology Graduate Student Association to be held 11/9/19 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium and 11/10/19 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Anthropology Lab in Plumas Hall. **Motion to approve EFAC allocation for \$4,000 for the '16<sup>th</sup> Chico Forensic Conference' event by the Anthropology Graduate Student Association to be held 11/9/19 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium and 11/10/19 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Anthropology Lab in Plumas Hall, as presented (Guthrie/Perez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation for \$4,000 for the 'Diwali Cultural Night' event by the Indian Student Association to be held 10/25/19 from 6 - 9 p.m. in Selvester's Cafe. **Motion to approve DAC allocation for \$4,000 for the 'Diwali Cultural Night' event by the Indian Student Association to be held 10/25/19 from 6 - 9 p.m. in Selvester's Cafe, as presented.** Santana gave a brief description of the event. The group will have a photo booth and henna and is the start of the Hindu New Year **(Geiser/Holbert) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Approval of 2020 Election Procedures. **Motion to approve the 2020 Election Procedures, as presented (Geiser/Guthrie)** The group discussed the pros and cons of having the AS Election day fall on April 1, 2020 as well as what it would look like to have it around Census and Voter Registration. Holbert stated that she and Wallmark can logistically figure out how to make this successful. Biedermann stated that having AS Elections the day after a holiday with no school would be awkward because campaigning is key the day prior. Peterson shared that the concept of having the capacity to train the student elected positions' leadership ahead of time and sooner would be beneficial in passing the torch. Santana shared that April 1 would also be good for the educational part of being right after Cesar Chavez Day.

**Alfaro-Ramirez motioned to suspend the rules and have public comment from the gallery. (Alfaro-Ramirez/Geiser)** Guthrie said this topic isn't pressing enough to have public comment and they, as elected officers, should make the decision on their own. **2-2-2 MSC.** Ruiz voted 'opposed' in the event of this tie making the final vote **2-3-2 MSC.**

**Guthrie motioned to approve the 2020 Election Procedures with the AS Election voting day of April 1, 2020 (Guthrie/Perez) 6-0-0 MSC.**

- D. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Diversity Affairs Council Code – Santana shared that the staff advisor appointment on the Diversity Affairs Council is changing from 'Student Life and Leadership' to the 'Cross Cultural Leadership Center.' She said this makes more sense for the council to have a diverse-related staff advisor.
- E. Information Item: Resolution Supporting Civil Disobedience and Social Action at All CSUs – Alfaro-Ramirez gave a brief description of what this resolution is and what it stands for. He then read the 'Whereas' statements on the resolution and what they hope to resolve.

**Guthrie motioned to suspend the rules to allow (Guthrie/Geiser) 6-0-0 MSC.**

Santana shared that the Diversity Affairs Council is moving in the direction of being more justice-based and what that will look like. Guthrie suggested tailoring this resolution to better fit our campus. He asked anyone with a suggestion to come to him after the meeting. Alfaro-Ramirez mentioned that this resolution was created after an incident that happened at CSU, Fullerton where a speaker came to campus. Bilotta asked what jurisdiction Administration will have over this. Wallmark reminded everyone of the free speech importance with this matter. Alfaro-Ramirez asked anyone who wants to be on the subcommittee to see him. Kremer reminded the group that student voice was denied when the vote for fee increases was voted on. Holbert shared that keeping fighting for shared governance is key.

- F. Information Item: Wildcat Leadership Institute (WLI) Program Presentation and Reports on Potential Collaboration – Kremer gave a brief background of her experience on campus and with the Wildcat Leadership Institute. She discussed the three parts within the program that students have the opportunity to get involved with. Certificates are available to all students. She concluded her presentation by sharing that the Women Like You Leadership Symposium will be held next semester.
- G. Information Item: Gender & Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC) Program Presentation and Reports on Potential Collaboration – Miki is an intern in the Trans program at the Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition. GSEC is a resource center for queer students. They are looking for collaborators from the Cross Cultural Leadership Center and Dream Center and a drag show is scheduled for next week at this time of day. Tickets can be purchased in their office.
- H. Information Item: Community Legal Information Clinic (CLIC) Program Presentation and Reports on Potential Collaboration – Sofia Rupert and Angie Alamilla shared the involvement that the Community Legal Information Clinic has with campus. They work close with Title 9 and Safe Place. They appreciate getting the chance to work with the Government Affairs Committee and hope to continue working closely. They want to get the word out about their programs and are here for students and the community and their location on campus is at 25 Main Street.
- I. Information Item: US Border Patrol and Customs Incident Subcommittee Update – Ruiz shared that a subcommittee was formed last week. Guthrie reassured the students that dialogue is being created around campus on this. Academic Senate discussed the matter and how they can move forward. Holbert stated that the subcommittee is now going to be called STAND which stands for Students Taking Action against Negligence and Discrimination. Tomorrow from 4:15 to 6 p.m. in BMU 220 they will be discussing actionable things to help the issue so future similar instances don't occur. If anyone is interested in being part of the task force, please attend. The goal of the subcommittee is looking to achieve more communication in the future.
- J. Discussion Item: Care Committee – Guthrie shared that amplifying the culture of caring was part of his campaign. He wants to create a Care Committee but will have to change the name of it because there is already a campus Care Committee. The committee would be doing acts of kindness throughout the year such as goody bags for classes and making yard stakes with uplifting messages. He asked the group and gallery to contact him if they would like to join this committee. Wallmark can donate Kind bars. The primary organizer of the campus Care Committee was Megan Odom from the Career Center.
- K. Information Item: 2019-2020 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)
  - Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Susan Bravo
  - Executive Vice President Appointment: Deanna Hill

Santana shared when her council meets and encouraged students to apply to sit on her council.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Guthrie:** The task force that he is creating for the Four Year Quantitative Reasoning Proposal created a resolution of opposition and he said he's excited to see what faculty think of it. He is going to the Diversity Summit this weekend. **Holbert:** She is looking into how her Legislative Affairs Committee can partner with Student Life and Leadership and the office of Civic Engagement, and how they can get involved with Census and voter registration. **Geiser:** Last Saturday was the Behavioral and Social Sciences event where Naomi Klein made an appearance during her book tour. She is an author and activist and talked about the climate and economic crisis. She also discussed the capitalism displayed in our area after the Camp Fire. The first Sustainability Affairs Council meeting was Tuesday of this week and he said he's excited to see where they go this year. **Alfaro-Ramirez:** He and Santana are working on resolution regarding white supremacy and hate speech on campus. A few weeks ago at the El Rey Theatre there was a documentary about Mark Thompson. He is now working with AS Productions and Egypt Howard to screen the documentary on campus. **Biedermann:** She is the chair of the Bell Memorial Union Committee which meets every other Thursday from 12:30 – 2 p.m. in BMU 205. There is currently an open seat for a student if anyone is interested. Next week there will be discussion on how the Student Union fee is used. The WREC will hold their 10-year celebration on October 10 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. After the flood in April of this year, the gym floors were ruined and had to be replaced. After being removed from the gym, the pieces from the old floor were made into corn hole boards and will be used as part of an attempted Guinness world record. **Santana:** Applications are live for her position for the spring semester as she is graduating in December. Students who are interested can pick up an application in the Government Affairs Office in BMU 220 or the table just off the stage. There will soon be buttons at the Government Affairs Office front desk that state, "I Stand With You" for LGBTQ students to give to their allies. **Taverrite:** He is the chair of the Associated Students Businesses Committee which meets every other Monday from 9 – 10:30 a.m. in BMU 205. This committee discusses the financials of the Associated Students corporation which is a \$22 million corporation. He said it is important to have students at large attend this meeting to voice their opinions. **Perez:** She is the chair of the Community Affairs Council. The Safety Walk will be on November 7 from 5 – 8 p.m. which will involve a safety walk and discussion about safety concerns on campus. The University Police Department, Chico Police Department and President Gayle Hutchinson will also be there. She is also planning an event called 'Coffee with the Cops.'

**VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – None.**

- IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT –** Ruiz and Guthrie have been in contact with IRA and appointed two students at large. The Diversity Affairs Council chair is vacant and he encouraged students to apply. The winter retreat is being planned.
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Geiser shared that there will be an open conversation on diversity and inclusion in Selverster's café on Monday, October 7. Alfaro-Ramirez shared that Academic Senate discussed that Oracle now allows students to change their gender identity and pronouns.
- XI. PUBLIC OPINION –** Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Partida shared that Byron Hurt is coming to talk about toxic masculinity on October 17. Jerez said that students should have been consulted about when AS Elections will be and it was a mistake not to include them. She suggested that a public forum would have been effective. Jones shared that she served as a Student Academic Senator last year. She stated that AS Elections being a little earlier is a good idea because there will be opportunity for the outgoing officer or senator to train the new student coming in. Jerez shared that Coffee with the Cops triggered her after Border Patrol was just on campus.
- XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –** Holbert shared that Little Miss Sunshine has places to go and needs to be given out weekly. Fenton currently has her.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.