

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

**Thursday, November 14, 2019**

**5 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Trevor Guthrie, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, Breanna Holbert, Allyah Perez, Jared Geiser, Sydney Puccetti, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Anthony Ruiz (excused), Lupe Santana (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Chris Taverite, Kaylee Biedermann, Ella Snyder, Jamie Kolnes, Robin Miki, Melys Jerez, Adriana Macias, Uriel Flores, Sharleen Krater, Hailey Barrera, Adela Gutierrez-Diaz, Lizzy Terpening, Dick Jones, Kimberly Morales

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Vice Chair, Guthrie, called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Alfaro Ramirez amended the agenda by adding Information Item: Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy and Hate Speech at CSU, Chico. **(Alfaro Ramirez/Geiser) 5-0-0 MSC.** He also moved to add Discussion Item J: Debrief on Town Hall with Neil Lazarus Event. **(Alfaro Ramirez) 4-1-0 MSC. Motion to approve the revised 11/14/19 regular meeting agenda (Geiser/Puccetti) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/31/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 10/31/19 regular meeting, as presented (Perez/Geiser) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Snyder loves everyone.
- 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.*  
  
**2019-20 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**  
  
Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)  
-Executive Vice President Appointment: Michael Brown  
  
**Approval of Consent Agenda: (Geiser/Puccetti) 5-0-0 MSC.**
  - B. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Diversity Affairs Council Code. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Diversity Affairs Council Code, as presented (Holbert/Perez) 5-0-0 MSC.**
  - C. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Event Funding Allocation Council Code, including title change to Events and Diversity Programming Allocation Council Code. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Event Funding Allocation Code, including title change to Events and Diversity Programming Allocation Council Code, as presented (Alfaro Ramirez/Puccetti) 5-0-0 MSC.**
  - D. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources, as presented (Alfaro Ramirez/Holbert) 5-0-0 MSC.**
  - E. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation for \$2,168 for the ‘11<sup>th</sup> Annual NSSLHA Conference’ event by the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association to be held 2/19/20 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Colusa 100B. **Motion to approve EFAC allocation for \$2,168 for the ‘11<sup>th</sup> Annual NSSLHA Conference’**

**event by the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association to be held 2/29/20 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Colusa 100B, as presented (Perez/Geiser) 5-0-0 MSC.**

- F. Information Item: 9/30/19 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter shared that this represents the first quarter of our budget. This year we also planned for IT upgrades in the bull-pen of the office. This document helps us keep track of the equipment that we buy for each of our programs.
- G. Information Item: 2019-2020 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations Resignation from Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)  
-Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources Appointment: Thomas Pursell
- H. Discussion Item: Establishing the Vice President of Business and Finance and the Vice President of Facilities and Services as voting members – Biedermann shared that she and Taverrite are wanting more context on why their positions are not voting members for the Government Affairs Committee. Geiser mentioned that the two VPs chair standing committees and having them vote at the Government Affairs Committee could be problematic because quorum for the Board of Directors would be present. Slaughter reached out to our attorney and major concern was expressed that two meetings would essentially be happening at once with having quorum of the Board of Directors present. It was suggested that just one of the VPs be a voting member for the Government Affairs Committee. Slaughter will look further into the reports from the attorney and will get back to them on what could potentially be done.
- I. Information Item: Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy and Hate Speech at CSU, Chico – Alfaro Ramirez shared that he, Santana and students from Long Beach are co-authors of this resolution. It was created in response to a lot of the situations that happened last semester. Students with marginalized backgrounds felt that Administration's response was sub-par. He said it has been realized that resolutions which are passed usually sit and the resolves and demands aren't met. He and the co-authors want a statement from student government denouncing white supremacy and to send out a timely campus announcement about it. Guthrie asked everyone to direct any questions to Alfaro Ramirez and Santana.
- J. Discussion Item: Debrief on Town Hall with Neil Lazarus Event – Alfaro Ramirez was present at the event and shared that it did not represent a Town Hall setting as presented to the Diversity Affairs Council and Government Affairs Committee. The information being shared came across very one-sided and their speaker didn't want questions asked that weren't related to his 20 minute presentation. The sign in sheet also acted as a waiver for being videoed inside the event but not everyone noticed or saw that. A few members in the gallery shared their experiences from the event and how the speaker made them feel overall. Holbert suggested really evaluating student groups that want to get funding and have them tell the Government Affairs Committee about the event in depth. Wallmark gave some background on the time, place and manner document and its importance.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Biedermann:** She shared that next week Love Your Melon is hosting a swab drive. Being swabbed puts you on the registry for someone who is an exact match with you that needs your stem cells. The Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee meeting is tomorrow from 2 – 5 p.m. in BMU 205 and there are eight projects being proposed. **Perez:** The Moonlit Safety Walk went great and 42 people attended. The Community Affairs Council will be debriefing the event on Monday. **Santana:** Peterson, on behalf of Santana, shared that MAC Night is tonight so please go support the event and Santana by attending. **Puccetti:** At the end of this semester she will be resigning and applications for her position will be going out tomorrow at noon. **Alfaro Ramirez:** He sent out a calendar request for an anti-racism social justice workshop that the California Faculty Association is putting on next Monday from 12 – 1 p.m. Student Academic Senate is cancelled for tomorrow and there will be a special meeting on Tuesday at 8 a.m. **Guthrie:** He is sitting on the search committee for the Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management Services. He and Holbert are attending CSSA Northridge tomorrow through Sunday and the agenda is online if anyone wants to look at it. They are taking up to two officers to CSSA East Bay in January and applications to attend are still open.

**VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Clyde:** She and Holbert are sitting on the interview committee for the Vice President of Student Affairs and they are hopeful to fill the position by graduation. **Peterson:** Sent out an email about the end of the semester potluck on December 6 at 5:30 p.m. and the location is to be announced. There will also be a white elephant game and secret snowball planned. **Wallmark:** She noticed that there are a lot of events happening but none are being added to Wildcat Sync. There are two more controversial events happening this semester and she'd love to have more people trained in the First Amendment area.

**IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Absent.**

- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Clyde shared that Perez was great at the Safety Walk and showed excellent leadership. There has been talk that it was the best one yet. AS Dining did a brand new program today where students donated student Sutter swipes for students at the Wildcat Food Pantry. Peterson said that there has been a lot of movement on AS Elections and she suggested that everyone start talking to students about it and get them informed. Neutrality and equal opportunity is key. Alfaro Ramirez thanked everyone for being open about the discussion item.
- XI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Krater shared that AS Productions is having a huge video game night tomorrow. The Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition is doing its 21<sup>st</sup> Women's conference On Saturday.
- XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – The group gave Perez a shout-out.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Vice Chair, Guthrie, adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.