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

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

2:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jennifer Mendoza, Breanna Holbert, Ella Snyder, Anthony Ruiz, Nick Blackwell, Kiley Kirkpatrick, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – Logan Lee (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Hugh Hammond, Austin Lopic, Karen Bang, Sharleen Krater, Alexander Smith, Marvin Herrera, Robin Miki, Alejandro Alfaró Ramirez, Maryann Estrada Gutierrez, Melys Bonifacio-Jerez,

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Mendoza, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Mendoza amended the agenda by removing Linda Safer as a student appointment to CAC and adding Nirvana Almada as Lee's appointment to DAC (Ruiz/Snyder). **Motion to approve the revised 8/26/2020 regular meeting agenda (Holbert/Snyder) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 4/20/2020 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 4/20/2020 regular meeting, as presented (Snyder/Ruiz) 5-0-0 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.

2020-21 University Committee Appointments

Confirmation of appointment to Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC)

-AS President Appointment: Duncan Young

2020-21 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointment to Associated Students Businesses Committee (ASBC)

-Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Mattea Bertain

Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC)

-Director of Legislative Affairs Appointments: Jacqueline Alvarez, Chase McDaniel

-Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Tatiana Ybarra

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Michelle Davis

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Kendall Block

Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council (CAC)

-Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointments: Grace Hastings, ~~Linda Safer~~, Tyrell Simmons

Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointments: Leilani Alva

Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointments: Mireya Garcia, Joseph Ezeli, Nirvana Almada

- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Stephanie Cruz Ortiz
- Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Aiyana Diya Singh

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (Ruiz/Holbert) 5-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2020-21. **Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2020-21, as presented (Ruiz/Kirkpatrick) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 6/30/20 – Slaughter shared the purpose of this report to the group. This report is April to June of 2020 showing the results of the end of the fiscal year. Activity Fee is what will be discussed at GAC. Clyde said there was a 1.35% return on investments for the year.
- D. Information Item: 6/30/20 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter shared the purpose of this report to the group. It is the performance of the Activity Fee fund. He stated the original budget for Capital Expenditure purchases versus what was spent.
- E. Information Item: Mechoopda Land Recognition – Holbert shared a resolution on Mechoopda Land Recognition and Acknowledgement and what the true meaning behind it is. She also clarified that it would be for all Associated Students (AS) councils and committees to say the original approved language at the beginning of meetings and would need to go through Board of Directors (BOD) for approval. This will be an action item at the next Government Affairs Committee (GAC) meeting. Slaughter shared that Rachel McBride from Tribal Relations had vetted the language with those who have direct impact or interest, and the language was then approved.
- F. Discussion Item: Juneteenth Paid Holiday – Mendoza gave an overview of the resolution that Holbert wrote with other students from CSSA. This document was presented in August CSSA but it needs to be adapted for Chico State. She feels that the black community is being greatly represented by adding this as a paid holiday.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Ruiz: He recently had a meeting with north region CSSA members. Someone from San Diego was elected to the Vice President of Legislative Affairs position. The Ballot Bowl is put on by the Secretary of State, Alex Padilla. Ruiz and Ann Schulte have been talking and they're ready to hit the ground running with Census and Voter Registration. **Holbert:** She and Snyder have been working with Academic Senate to get student representation on various university committees as it's been challenging to fill student positions in the past. She re-iterated a message she sent out today about COVID-19 and parties around campus, reminding the group that everyone took the COVID-19 training and by signing at the end, they said they won't partake in events or activities that could provoke that. If they choose to ignore this, it can be taken to BOD for removal from their position. Wallmark shared that there will be organizational and/or individual sanctions for unsafe COVID-19 behavior by students. She said the message is that this is a great opportunity to lead right now, this is a social justice issue, and action will be swift and decisive. There are students counting on them to do the right thing and the COVID-19 hotline has had many reports which they follow up on. **Snyder:** She finished half of her one-on-ones with the Senators to talk about their goals and make sure they have support to connect with those in their colleges. She, Holbert and Betsy Boyd are consistently meeting on Mondays to talk about university committee student appointments. Academic Senate, Faculty and Student Policies Committee (FASP) and Educational Policies and Programs Committee (EPPC) need student appointments. Student Academic Senate (SAS) will vote and appoint students this Friday for all three of these committees which meet on Thursdays from 2:30 – 5 p.m. **Blackwell:** He is still looking for members to sit on the Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC) which will meet Tuesdays from 4 – 5 p.m. **Kirkpatrick:** She is searching for Community Affairs Council (CAC) members and asked the group to encourage students to apply if they know anyone trying to get involved. This week she'll be sending emails to groups on campus to recruit and will be making e-flyers.

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Clyde: She is looking forward to an exciting year. **Peterson:** She wished everyone a happy first week. During the summer, strategic priorities were discussed with students and staff within the AS. One was that the website and resources are available in Spanish and Hmong and the software is now here for conversion. **Slaughter:** He appreciates Mendoza's engagement and passion. **Wallmark:** This Friday is Wildcat Welcome Walkabout. She gave kudos to everyone at the meeting.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Mendoza has been trying to find previous resolutions from past meetings to add to equity and diversity and is looking forward to this semester. She said with challenges comes great strength.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

XI. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Bonifacio-Jerez asked for clarification on what is labeled as ‘unsafe conditions’ for the anti-COVID-19 events. Wallmark said to avoid the unsafe conditions, don’t gather in large groups, wear masks if less than six feet apart, wash your hands, don’t share cups, don’t attend large social gatherings, etc.

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Mendoza reminded everyone to not get COVID-19.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Mendoza, adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.