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

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

2:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jennifer Mendoza, Ella Snyder, Anthony Ruiz, Nick Blackwell, Kiley Kirkpatrick, Logan Lee, Mary Wallmark

MEMBERS ABSENT – Breanna Holbert (excused), Jay Friedman

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Hugh Hammond, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Leah Railey, Karen Bang

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Mendoza, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mendoza amended the agenda by switching Discussion Item E with Discussion Item F (Ruiz/Lee). **Motion to approve the revised 10/7/2020 regular meeting agenda (Ruiz/Kirkpatrick) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/23/2020 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 9/23/2020 regular meeting, as presented (Ruiz/Lee) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Wallmark said Friday is the Wildcat Voter Recognition Walkabout. This event is not to discuss candidates or propositions, but rather to provide information on the voting process. She has care packages for each of the Officers and Senators and Snyder offered to deliver the items to everyone.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.
- VII. **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 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointments: Alexis Manzo, Nina Cardinale

Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes:

1. Revisions to Student Academic Senate Code
2. Revisions to Duties for the College of Agriculture Senator
3. Revisions to Duties for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Senator
4. Revisions to Duties for the College of Business Senator
5. Revisions to Duties for the College of Communication and Education Senator
6. Revisions to Duties for the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management Senator
7. Revisions to Duties for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts Senator
8. Revisions to Duties for the College of Natural Sciences Senator

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

- B. Discussion Item: 6/30/20 and 7/31/20 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter shared the purpose of these reports and what each of them reflect.
- C. Discussion Item: California State Student Association Resolution for Supporting Civil Disobedience and Social Action at All California State Universities – Mendoza said this was passed at the California State Student Association (CSSA) and is being brought forth to see if the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) would additionally like to pass it, or adapt it to CSU, Chico's campus. Ruiz said some Associated Students in the CSU system have adopted it already. The group shared their opinions on the matter. Lee and Wallmark echoed the point that GAC can pass resolutions at any time, but it's action being taken with it that matters.
- D. Discussion Item: California State University, Los Angeles Resolution on Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Transparency and Mental Health Service Standards – Mendoza shared that she'd like to compare this to what can be provided on the CSU, Chico campus. Kirkpatrick mentioned that students often want to use mental health services but have to wait or have difficulty getting an appointment. Clyde reminded the group that a Wellness Center was approved by the Bell Memorial Union Committee last year, but the plan was halted due to the uncertainty of everything going on with Covid-19.
- E. Discussion Item: Town Hall Recap Regarding Wellbeing during Virtual Learning – (See Item VII.D.)
- F. Discussion Item: Resolution Condemning White Supremacy and Hate Speech at California State University, Chico – Mendoza mentioned that GAC passed this resolution but it never went to the Board of Directors so that it could be said that the Associated Students passed it as a whole. Wallmark proposed an idea to have Officers and Senators get trained in advocacy, on-site de-escalation and free speech as this would be a movement to the action.
- G. Discussion Item: Brainstorm Regarding Communicating Student Needs with the University Police Department on Behalf of the Commissioner of Community Affairs – Kirkpatrick met with Commander Nicodemus to answer questions together that came through the AS Instagram. One of the big concerns was asking how police plan to protect students of color. She said Nicodemus is looking into further training and wants to help the students. She gave further information on the discussions that she had with Nicodemus and will report further information at the next GAC.

VIII.REPORTS: OFFICERS – None.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – None.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Peterson shared that Adulthood 101 next Wednesday will go over voting like your life depends on it. Couch performances are coming up which partner with other campuses to showcase Chico talent. Space will be held to maintain relationships with controversial conversations.

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

XIII.FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Mendoza, adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.