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

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

2:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jennifer Mendoza, Breanna Holbert, Ella Snyder, Anthony Ruiz, Kiley Kirkpatrick, Logan Lee, Edgar Hernandez, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – Nick Blackwell (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Hugh Hammond, Jamie Clyde, Eliza Miller, Sharleen Krater, Alexander Smith

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Mendoza, called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion to approve the 11/4/2020 regular meeting agenda (Lee/Kirkpatrick) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/21/2020 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 10/21/2020 regular meeting, as presented (Snyder/Hernandez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- 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 appointment to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Ariana Powell

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (Ruiz/Lee) 6-0-0 MSC.

- B. Information Item: 2021 Election Procedures – Slaughter shared the purpose of this document and why the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) approves it each year. The current plan is to complete the 2021 Associated Students (AS) Elections virtually with the potential of providing paper ballots for those who may not have computer access.
- C. Information Item: Increasing Scholarship for Elected Senator Positions by 2.5% for Four Consecutive Years Effective with the 2021-22 Academic Year – Mendoza explained that Student Academic Senate (SAS) brought this forward as they are required to do the same amount of work as Commissioners. Slaughter shared that bringing Senators from 15% of the cost of attendance to 25% would be roughly an additional \$16,000 coming out of Activity Fee for Government Affairs. The group discussed different possibilities for this proposal and what would be the best route.
- D. Discussion Item: 9/30/20 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter shared that this is the quarterly report for Activity Fee. Anything above 25% in income is great, and anything below 25% in expenses is awesome. We're currently sitting well for the first quarter.

- E. Discussion Item: 9/30/20 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter shared how the capital expenditure works. We have the ability to spend \$25,000 annually for anything that we need to capitalize on. So far none of that budgeted money has been spent this year.
- F. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit for Quarter Ending 9/30/20 – Slaughter shared that GAC is reflected in the Activity Fee bracket. He explained where Government Affairs is for the beginning and end of the quarter, what the average daily investment is, interest earned, annualized return on investments, and the investment balance at the end of the quarter.
- G. Information Item: 2019-2020 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)
 - Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointments: Joseph Ezeli, Daniel Speak
 - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Aiyana Diya Singh

VIII.REPORTS: OFFICERS – Hernandez: He said he is establishing a subcommittee for his role and will email out availability requests for this Friday to talk about a plan. **Kirkpatrick:** She met with the Chief of Police and there will be a safety advisor meeting next week about public safety issues. They will also be planning the Safety Walk at this meeting. The Community Affairs Council (CAC) is still not up and running just yet. Last week she got to make Thanksgiving cards with CAVE for elderly folks. **Ruiz:** Tomorrow the Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) is attending the event called Unpacking the Election from 1 – 2 p.m. He's expecting a good turnout and said students need a space like this. **Snyder:** The Student Academic Senate (SAS) Forum is November 12 in the evening. This Friday is a SAS R&R meeting. Academic Senate is this Thursday. **Holbert:** She said she has been working on modifying different Officer positions within Government Affairs. Modifications to the positions of Director of Legislative Affairs and the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs will be presented at the next Government Affairs Committee (GAC) meeting. She is also looking at the By-Laws to add representation on GAC. Additionally, she is working on Town Hall which will take place on December 2 from 6 – 8 p.m. and is figuring out who will be presenting and moderating.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson: She said she's happy to help out with any upcoming events that Officers or Senators need assistance with and encouraged them to start thinking about spring events which will be virtual. She reminded the group that this is a hard time for a lot of people and encouraged to get support where they can. Midterms and finals are coming up and taking care of mental health is important. **Wallmark:** She said everyone lives in a place where they can find people to support them and told the group that no matter what happens, their vote matters. Chico State students had the highest turnout of voters in the history of Chico State at number one per capita. She reminded everyone to take the time if they need it, but make sure to get back up and move forward and she looks forward to whatever comes next.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Mendoza said she likes to be there for others and understands that going into this week, everyone takes the Elections differently. She has been helping Hernandez with his Student Organizations and Resources position. On November 14, GSEC is having a Women's Conference that she'll be a panelist for. She's attending the CCLC debriefing event tomorrow and is trying to figure out a way to outreach to students better and easier before next semester.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Smith said he is working on a parallel resolution for what was passed in Academic Senate a few weeks ago condemning violence against black folks as he feels that there was a lack of student input and potential actionable items. If anyone would like to help him in the process he'd appreciate it.

XIII.FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Mendoza said to rest this week and reminded the group that Thanksgiving break is coming up.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Mendoza, adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.