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

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

2:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Jennifer Mendoza, Breanna Holbert, Anthony Ruiz, Nick Blackwell, Kiley Kirkpatrick, Logan Lee, Edgar Hernandez, Jay Friedman

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Ella Snyder (unexcused), Mary Wallmark

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Hugh Hammond, Eliza Miller, Karen Bang

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Mendoza, called the meeting to order at 2:32 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 12/2/2020 regular meeting agenda (Holbert/Hernandez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 11/4/2020 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 11/4/2020 regular meeting, as presented (Lee/Blackwell) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mendoza shared that the Associated Students (AS) Community Town Hall is tonight from 6 – 8 p.m. Holbert gave a shout-out to all staff that helped coordinate the event.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None.

**VII. BUSINESS**

- A. Action Item: Approval of 2021 Election Procedures. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 2021 Election Procedures, as presented (Ruiz/Blackwell) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Approval of Increasing Scholarship for Elected Senator Positions by 2.5% for Four Consecutive Years Effective with the 2021/22 Academic Year. **Motion to approve Increasing Scholarship for Elected Senator Positions by 2.5% for Four Consecutive Years Effective with the 2021/22 Academic Year, as presented (Lee/Hernandez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes:
  - Duties for the Director of Legislative Affairs, including title change to Duties for the Commissioner of Legislative Affairs, effective beginning the 2021-22 elected Officer term
  - Duties for the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs, including title change to Duties for the Director of Social Justice and Equity, effective beginning the 2021-22 elected Officer term
  - Legislative Affairs Committee Code, including title change to Legislative Affairs Council Code, effective beginning the 2021-22 elected Officer term
  - Diversity Affairs Council Code, including title change to Social Justice and Equity Committee Code, effective beginning the 2021-22 elected Officer term
  - Government Affairs Committee Code, effective beginning the 2021-22 elected Officer term
  - Duties for the Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources, including title change to Duties for Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy, effective beginning the 2021-22 elected Officer term
  - Events and Diversity Programming Allocation Council Code, including title change to Campus Engagement Council Code, effective beginning the 2021-22 elected Officer term

**Motion to suspend the rules to make Information Item C. one Action Item (Ruiz/Blackwell) 6-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes, as presented (Ruiz/Lee) 6-0-0 MSC.**

- D. Discussion Item: 10/31/20 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter shared that the October benchmark is 33% and we are performing incredibly well in all areas. Total expenses are just shy of 19%. Big savings areas right now are student wages due to students not currently being employed.
- E. Information Item: 2019-2020 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations Resignation from Associated Students Businesses Committee (ASBC). It was explained that Mattea Bertain's appointment to ASBC was changed to be the Executives' Appointee.  
-Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Mattea Bertain

**VIII.REPORTS: OFFICERS – Kirkpatrick:** She said the Safety Walk was supposed to be tomorrow but was cancelled due to being back in the purple tier with COVID-19. The hope is for this event to now happen in the Spring semester. She was reached out to by another student at another university about providing women's period products for free at their campus. Since there are already some places on our campus that provide them, this gave her the idea to provide them even more places such as the WREC. **Blackwell:** He shared that this Friday is the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) meeting and they will be voting on lots of proposals. He is having trouble with quorum for the Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC) and is trying to recruit more student voting members. **Hernandez:** He let the group know that if anyone thinks of questions or comments about the new Student Organizations and Resources (SOAR) position to please let him know as it will be developed along the way. **Lee:** He said that he is still working on obtaining quorum as well for the Diversity Affairs Council (DAC).

**IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson:** She congratulated everyone as today is monumental of hard work and tough conversations. She asked the group to please email their class schedules to Fenton so we can begin to plan and update items on our end. Be on the lookout on Friday for de-stress packages that will be delivered to your front door if you are in Chico.

**X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – Mendoza said she has been working on position work and the Associated Students Community Town Hall. She's also been working on goals for next semester and focusing on finals.

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Ruiz said for his graduate position he is recruiting students for next semester who are either LatinX, low income or a first generation student. The program is like a pipeline to go to graduate school and allows students to meet with a peer mentor every two weeks and attend helpful workshops. There are currently about 90 students in the program.

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

**XIII.FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Mendoza said to stay safe and not get COVID-19. Peterson said Vitamin C helps.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Mendoza, adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.