

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

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Via Zoom**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT –** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT –** Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Hugh Hammond, Jamie Clyde, Eliza Miller, Melys Bonifacio-Jerez, Alexander Smith

- 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** – Mendoza amended the agenda by adding Discussion Item K: Accountability Statement on Behalf of Jennifer Mendoza and Discussion Item L: San Francisco State University Police Department Statement. **(Holbert/Lee). Motion to approve the revised 9/23/2020 regular meeting agenda (Lee/Ruiz) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mendoza amended the 8/26/2020 minutes by changing “Ruiz called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.” to “Mendoza called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.” **(Kirkpatrick/Snyder). Motion to approve the revised minutes of the 8/26/2020 regular meeting, as presented (Ruiz/Lee) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Holbert shared that Joseph Castro is the new CSU Chancellor.
- 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.*

**2019-20 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

Confirmation of appointment to Bell Memorial Union Committee (BMUC)

-Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Ronin Beck

Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC)

-Director of University Affairs Appointment: Mia Shew-Smith

-Executive Vice President Appointment: Anastasia Schmeeckle

Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointments: Aidan Turner, Bryzette Perez-Bram

Confirmation of appointment to Community Affairs Council (CAC)

-Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Christina Hoze

Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointments: Daniel Speak, Anna Marquez

**Approval of Consent Agenda: (Kirkpatrick/Holbert) 6-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Student Academic Senate Code – Snyder shared that the proposed revisions came from the 2019/2020 Senators. These changes originated

from the compensation that Senators currently receive and reflect how the previous Code didn't outline some things that they already do. They also added new requirements.

- C. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Agriculture Senator – Snyder shared that the proposed revisions for all Duties came from the 2019/2020 Senators. These changes originated from the compensation that Senators currently receive and reflect how the previous Duties didn't include some things that they already do.
- D. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Senator – See Item VII.C.
- E. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Business Senator – See Item VII.C.
- F. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Communication and Education Senator – See Item VII.C.
- G. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management Senator – See Item VII.C.
- H. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts Senator – See Item VII.C.
- I. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Natural Sciences Senator – See Item VII.C.
- J. Discussion Item: Subcommittee for Student Organizations and Resources Vacant Officer Position – Mendoza shared that the extended deadline for the vacant Officer and Senator positions is tomorrow at noon. Ruiz shared that the Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources (SOAR) Officer position is going to be discussed and more defined because the duties for the position have been divided. The group discussed their opinions on what this Officer position should look like. Ruiz said the goal is to work on this position this year so that it is defined prior to AS Elections in 2021.
- K. Discussion Item: Accountability Statement on Behalf of Jennifer Mendoza – Mendoza shared a statement that she wrote regarding accountability between students and Administration. A few members feel that this Statement may be good to bring forth as an Action Item in the future and Holbert stated that Mendoza should take initiative on this if she wishes to as she created it.
- L. Discussion Item: San Francisco State University Police Department Statement – Mendoza said that the purpose of sharing this is to make everyone aware of what San Francisco State is moving toward with their University Police Department (UPD). The group discussed their feelings on what they would like to do between working toward the same movement, or first creating communication between UPD and students to work from the inside out. Holbert recognized that students are going to have different opinions on the matter and including them is key. Mendoza would like to reach out to those who have tried to get a resolution on the table to build upon that with them.

**VIII.REPORTS: OFFICERS – Kirkpatrick:** She met with Paul Bailey today about personal experiences with the university and UPD. She meets with UPD tomorrow to talk about questions and concerns from students. She has been touching base with groups on campus on social media. **Ruiz:** The Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) had their third meeting today. He'll be designating chairs for different internal positions which are lobbying, external affairs, and voter registration. The California State Student Association (CSSA) is holding a non-official meeting for Officers in his position to see what they can do with the upcoming United States Election. **Snyder:** She made an application for students to apply for University Committees and will send the link to Mendoza to share with the group. **Lee:** He is doing Hispanic Heritage Month outreach with students. He has been thinking about MAC Night and if it's still possible or can be done virtually. He's had fruitful conversations with students about the Academic Senate resolution. **Holbert:** She's working on the Government Affairs Town Hall and is looking for ways to reach out to clubs on campus for feedback and attendance. She's volunteering with EdX Chico to present the faculty's research project. She is facilitating the Q&A at the Sustainability Conference. **Blackwell:** October 20 – 22 is the Sustainability in Higher Education Global conference and it is free to register. His first Campus Sustainability meeting is this Friday. If anyone knows someone interested in sitting on the Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC) please reach out to him.

**IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson:** She gave kudos to everyone for having these challenging conversations and said she's always there to support. The 21 day challenge is approaching starting in October. The goal is to get 1,000 people for 21 days to focus on racism, inequality, diversity and inclusion. There is a collaborative art piece in the bookstore for students to be able to share and reflect on their time while being virtual. She is looking forward to the Government Affairs Town Hall happening on Monday, September 28 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. and asked everyone to tag @aschicostate on their social media. If anyone has additions to her Monday memos, please send them to her by the prior Friday. **Wallmark:** Chico State is currently 3<sup>rd</sup> in the California Ballot Bowl and right on the heels of Sacramento State who is currently in second place. Fullerton is in first place. There will be a ballot drop out front of the Bell Memorial Union (BMU).

**X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT –** Mendoza gave a shout-out to everyone for getting the ballot box to be stationed outside of the BMU. She has been having conversations about what goals they want to pursue for the fall semester. She reminded the group that mental health is important.

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** None.

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

**XIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –** Ruiz said we're half way through the week. Holbert said she's happy we had this discussion today.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair, Mendoza, adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.