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

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

2:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT- Breanna Holbert, Ella Snyder, Anthony Ruiz, Nick Blackwell, Kiley Kirkpatrick, Logan Lee, Edgar Hernandez, Mary Wallmark

MEMBERS ABSENT – Jay Friedman

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Hugh Hammond, Austin Lopic, Keith Crawford

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Vice Chair, Holbert, called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.
- II. MECCHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion to approve the 1/27/2021 regular meeting agenda (Lee/Hernandez) 6-0-0 MSC.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 12/2/2020 regular meeting. Motion to approve minutes of the 12/2/2020 regular meeting, as presented (Kirkpatrick/Blackwell) 6-0-0 MSC.
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Holbert said Anthony's birthday is soon. Blackwell hopes everyone is making it through their first week. Hernandez reminded the group that he needs student members for the Events and Diversity Programming Allocation Council (EDPAC) if they know anyone that would be interested.
- 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 the Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2020-21. Motion to approve the Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the Spring Semester of Academic Year 2020-21, as presented (Snyder/Lee) 6-0-0 MSC.
 - B. Discussion Item: 11/30/20 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter said the end of November benchmark is just shy of 42%. Our income is at 61% and all expense areas are below the benchmark. We are at 25% spent because contract program expenses have not come in yet, and we are trending well coming in under budget.
 - C. Discussion Item: 12/31/20 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter said we have budgeted for \$25,000 and haven't done anything with it. He doesn't anticipate we'll be doing any capital expenditures until we are back in person. This is another savings we will see in this fiscal year.
 - D. Discussion Item: Associated Students Leadership During the COVID-19 Pandemic – Holbert asked everyone to share ideas of what the current Officers can do to create a workgroup for fall 2021 Officers that would focus around COVID-19 safety efforts with the hope that there will be some in-person interaction. Wallmark said February 6 is when the decision has to be made for what classes will look like in the fall. When they get more federal grant money, the goal is to get more testing and vaccine administration on campus. Wallmark confirmed that the vaccine cannot be required to come on campus. Holbert said this will be on the next agenda so they can discuss how Government Affairs can encourage the responsible behavior and actions around COVID-19.

VIII.REPORTS: OFFICERS – Lee: He said he’s currently working with Peterson on International Festival and highlighting students for Black History month. He is also considering doing Pride month which isn’t during the academic year if anyone has ideas to make that happen. March is Women’s History Month if anyone also has suggestions for that since the Women Like You Leadership Symposium won’t be occurring this year. **Snyder:** She said Student Academic Senate (SAS) is this Friday from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. if anyone would like to attend. The Educational Policies and Programs Committee (EPPC) and the Facilities and Student Policies Committee (FASP) are tomorrow. These two meetings switch off with Academic Senate. She reminded the group to make sure they figure out their weekly schedules and email office hours to Fenton. **Blackwell:** He said he is working on the Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC) meeting time and day for spring. He is also still looking for student voting members. Cheri Chastain will be at the next Government Affairs Committee (GAC) meeting regarding whether GAC endorses the Climate Action Resilience Plan, or not. **Kirkpatrick:** She said she is also looking for Community Affairs Council (CAC) student voting members. Her meetings will be every other Tuesday from 1 – 2 p.m. and she is reaching out to Anna Paladini for promotional help. She and Wallmark are meeting with the Public Safety Board at 4 p.m. today to talk about the Safety Walk. They anticipate to have the date, time and plan for this event by the next GAC meeting. **Ruiz:** He said Chico State is getting more money from the Government. The California State Student Association (CSSA) plenary meeting was last weekend. There was a speaker at CSSA who shared that they’re increasing financial aid distribution by lowering the income threshold for this upcoming year due to COVID-19. During CSSA they also reviewed new legislation. AB245 stood out to him which is ‘Educational Equity with Student Records, Name and Gender Changes’. If CSSA adopts it, this bill would allow students to have their chosen name printed on their college diplomas. The California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) will be free for attendees this year but there may be a limit as to how many participants can attend per campus. He is figuring out the Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) day and time for spring and also recruiting student voting members.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson: She said it is spring virtual Welcome Week. If anyone would like to have 1:1 meetings with her they can reach out to get those set up. She asked everyone to double check their access to Box in case it was disconnected. Lots of Council and Committee positions are open if anyone wants to create videos or make announcements in their classes. Soon there will be an Associated Students (AS) ambassador program where students will help with outreach, support, culture, and other tasks throughout the organization.

X. REPORT: PRESIDENT – Holbert said everyone is doing amazing work and making moves to support students. She and Snyder have been splitting the Executive Vice President duties to cover all aspects of that vacant position. The Book in Common for next year needs a focus group to read multiple contender books and reflect on them to decide which book will be chosen. If anyone knows someone who likes to read please send them her way.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Lopic said the Wildcat scholarship has been extended to February 22 and he recommends anyone to apply for the opportunity.

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

XIII.FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Holbert said happy Wednesday.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice Chair, Holbert, adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.