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

Wednesday, February 10, 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, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – None.

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Vice Chair, Holbert, 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 2/10/2021 regular meeting agenda (Ruiz/Snyder) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 1/27/2021 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 1/27/2021 regular meeting, as presented (Ruiz/Snyder) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Ruiz shared that Wildcat scholarships are due soon and he encouraged everyone to apply and spread the word. Holbert asked everyone to please share the survey that she put in the group chat.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Mendoza said hello to the group.

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 Events and Diversity Programming Allocation Council (EDPAC)

-Commissioner of SOAR Appointments: Allison Harvey, Mario Talamantez and Jennifer Mendoza

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Madison Latham

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Thomas Hubbard

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

- B. Discussion Item: 12/31/20 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter shared the benchmark is 50% as we are half way through the academic year. All expenses are below the benchmark, reflecting 23% as of the end of December.
- C. Discussion Item: Climate Action Resilience Plan – Blackwell shared that Cheri Chastain presented this at Board of Directors (BOD) last week. He said Chico State is the first campus in California to do something like this and encouraged the group to read through it. The group discussed their thoughts. BOD will be voting on this next week so that it can be noted that the Associated Students (AS) endorses it, if it passes.
- D. Discussion Item: Spring 2021 Associated Students Community Town Hall – Holbert asked the group to share their thoughts on having another Town Hall. Members discussed their concerns about the last Town Hall and

what they would need to plan for and anticipate if there is another one. Holbert is in hopes that the AS and Cross Cultural Leadership Center (CCLC) can work together.

- E. Discussion Item: Presidential Task Force on Campus Policing Student Updates – Holbert said there are only four students on the Presidential Task Force for campus policing and seven subcommittees, so student representation is spread short. It is her goal to figure out how to get information about the Task Force out to students because of this. The group discussed their thoughts on campus policing.
- F. Discussion Item: Associated Students Leadership During the COVID-19 Pandemic – Hernandez shared that there is a lack of transparency and communication between the AS and students. He suggested creating a statement that would educate students about how the AS is ran. Kirkpatrick said students don't understand why their tuition isn't dropping while campus is virtual, and providing a breakdown of where their money is going would help resolve that. Clyde discussed why gyms around town are open but the WREC remains restricted.

VIII.REPORTS: OFFICERS – Kirkpatrick: She said the Safety Walk is March 10 at 5:30 p.m. with groups of two to three people to keep it small. She asked the group to spread the word about her Community Affairs Council (CAC) having vacant seats. **Snyder:** She said she is looking for one more student to sit on the Faculty and Student Policies (FASP) Committee which is held on Thursdays from 2:30 – 5 p.m. At the Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB) meeting on Monday, she made a motion to have three students sit on Committee. **Hernandez:** He said he had a very exciting meeting about the time capsule today. He shared a photo of the new proposed layout which will hold an additional 50 spaces for future time capsules.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark: She shared the Fall 2021 Planning Updates promotion and what it entails. She is working on a COVID-19 promotion task force that will have a design-thinking template applied. Her goal is to provide vaccine information and make sure as many students as possible get the vaccine. She said they will be pushing the envelope to do every in person opportunity that they can within the boundaries that they are given.

X. REPORT: PRESIDENT – Holbert said she, Kaylee Biedermann and two other students sit on the Presidential Task Force and are now discussing student perspective. She's talking to the California State Student Association (CSSA) Legislative Affairs Officer on Friday about the Snap program and eligibility for new students. She's holding a seat for the State of the Campus on February 25 and 28 if anyone in the group would like her to share something.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Bonifacio-Jerez thanked the group for the survey that is going around. She hopes that the AS will hold another Town Hall in the future so students have space to talk about campus policing training and issues.

XIII.FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Holbert said happy Wednesday. Ruiz said you can download the Dutch Bros app and get a free drink. Kirkpatrick said she is driving nine hours next week to get her COVID-19 vaccine. Hernandez said he got accepted to the Fraternal Government Relations Coalition which is a group who sends Greek Life students to Washington D.C. to advocate on behalf of single-sex organizations and anti-hazing policies on Capitol Hill. The event will be virtual this year and will last for three days. Kirkpatrick and Holbert explained why the Officers and Senators are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Clyde followed up by explaining the process of how student employees were selected to receive the vaccine. Holbert said she was accepted into grad school and is in hopes of getting into the credential program.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice Chair, Holbert, adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.