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

Wednesday, February 24, 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, Karen Bang, Eliza Miller, Sharleen Krater

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Vice Chair, Holbert, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting was started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Kirkpatrick moved to amend the agenda by adding Discussion Item I: University Police Department (UPD) Incident (Kirkpatrick/Snyder). **Motion to approve the revised 2/24/2021 regular meeting agenda (Snyder/Blackwell) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2/10/2021 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 2/10/2021 regular meeting, as presented (Kirkpatrick/Lee) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Blackwell said the This Way to Sustainability Conference registration is now open. Snyder said Intent to File packets are due March 3 at 12 p.m. and encouraged the group to continue spreading the word.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – 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 Events and Diversity Programming Allocation Council (EDPAC)

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Allesandro Delpiano

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (Snyder/Lee) 5-0-0 MSC.

- B. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Deletion of Diversity Affairs Council Event Funding Policy – Peterson said the Diversity Affairs Council (DAC) isn't a funding council anymore so it is being removed.
- C. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Diversity Affairs Council Code – Lee shared that DAC has had trouble obtaining quorum in the past. He would like to reduce the amount of student voting members to six, which would make it easier to hold meetings.
- D. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Social Justice and Equity Committee Code – Lee shared that due to the timeline of getting this approved through the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) and Board of Directors (BOD), there won't be much time to meet with his Council. Because of this he is encouraging his Council members to run for office and get involved.

- E. Discussion Item: Local Agency Investment Fund Certificates of Deposit for Quarter Ending 12/31/20 – Slaughter said this report is for October to December. Looking at the Activity Fee line for Government Affairs, we had about \$3.8 million at the end of the quarter and about \$6,000 in interest earned.
- F. Discussion Item: 1/31/21 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter said the benchmark for the end of January is just above 58%. He shared where we are compared to the benchmark for revenue, expenses, Government Affairs, campus programs, community expenses and total expenses.
- G. Discussion Item: Freshman Leadership Opportunity Name Change to 'First-Year Leadership Opportunity' – Peterson said the leadership within the Freshman Leadership Opportunity (FLO) program had in-depth conversation on making the name more inclusive. The acronym will still remain FLO as it is known campus-wide. She clarified for the group that the Launch Experience for Transfer Success (LETS) program is getting reimaged with a new philosophy and mission to still be affiliated with FLO but maintain its independence.
- H. Discussion Item: 2019-2020 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations
Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)
-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Stephanie Cruz Ortiz
Resignation from Sustainability Affairs Council (CAC)
-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Carl Nelson
- I. Discussion Item: University Police Department (UPD) Incident – Kirkpatrick said a UPD officer had a Battery incident with a hotel employee in Santa Cruz last year. She emailed Commander Chris Nicodemus to get the story so that everyone has the same understanding. (Hernandez joined the meeting at 3:17 p.m.) Nicodemus said the Sergeant in question was automatically removed from patrol and put on paid leave until the matter is resolved. The investigation in Santa Cruz must first be completed before any kind of internal investigation can take place at UPD. Kirkpatrick will keep the group updated on any new information she receives.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Hernandez: He said the Events and Diversity Programming Allocation Council (EDPAC)'s first meeting is tomorrow from 2 – 3 p.m. **Blackwell:** He said the Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)'s first meeting is Monday from 4 – 5 p.m. He is currently looking for additional student voting members. **Snyder:** She said she had a meeting with Holbert and Patrick Newell from the Library today. There will be an amendment to the Student Academic Senate (SAS) agenda this week. University committee meetings have gone well. Academic Senate was cancelled last week. The Education Policies and Programs Committee (EPPC) and the Faculty and Student Policies (FASP) Committee are this week if anyone would like to attend. **Ruiz:** The California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) is March 7 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and attendee names are due today by 5 p.m. Normally it is a two day event in Sacramento, but this year it is one day virtually with a week of advocating. All of the Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) members will be attending and meeting with representatives. LAC met earlier today. He is recruiting for student voting members. The California State Student Association (CSSA) is in two weeks, on March 6.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson: She said some folks are having trouble with Zoom and breakout rooms but she thinks she may have fixed the problem. She shared that before COVID-19, she was working with the General Manager of KCSC Radio about the need for industry specific support within the station. Conversations began about what they would need to have proper infrastructure. It is hopeful to keep the station open but have it run as a Contract Program to get more support. **Wallmark:** She said the Warren Center tent is open from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for students and power strips are provided. Thursday is the State of the Campus webinar which they are pushing out for new and returning students. There was a roommate mixer last night and 84 people attended. We have met two of the three criteria to move into the red tier which will open up more opportunity for students and on-campus resources. She and her team are still working on making COVID-19 information easily accessible to all students. There will be a testing center at Shurmer Gym this semester.

X. REPORT: PRESIDENT – Holbert said she is looking for some folks to be part of the Book in Common Committee. They need students who like to read to meet up, read a few contenders and reflect on which would be the best option as the next Book in Common. She's currently working with the Presidential Task Force on campus policing. They will meet again next week if anyone would like to attend or has anything they'd like her to relay. There will be a virtual suggestion box for students, Faculty and staff. During Cesar Chavez week there will be a film about food chains and who Cesar Chavez advocated for and with followed by a panel with Scott Yoder, Kelsey Simpson, Serafina Eagleton and Shar Krater for students to discuss their own experiences. She said she is proud of GAC for everything they've talked about this semester.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Snyder said Intent to File packets are due March 3 at 12 p.m. Meetings must be scheduled with Miller prior to the deadline. Miller said to reach out to her if anyone has questions or they're ready

to review their Intent to File packet. She said the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) proposals are currently open. Students can apply for up to \$5,000 for their proposed projects. Peterson said the CSU Unplugged Couch Concert is today at 5 p.m. Tomorrow is Adulting 101 at 1 p.m. and further information is posted on Wildcat Sync.

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

XIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Ruiz thanked the AS for allowing them to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Holbert said happy Wednesday.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice Chair, Holbert, adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.