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

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

2:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Kiley Kirkpatrick (excused/unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Leta Stock, Eliza Miller

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Vice Chair, Holbert, 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** – Holbert amended the agenda by adding Discussion Item E: API Discrimination and Response to Violence (Hernandez/Snyder), adding Discussion Item F: Graduation Commencement (Snyder/Hernandez), and removing Discussion Item D: Hospitality Policy for the Associated Students (AS) (Ruiz/Blackwell). **Motion to approve the revised 3/24/2021 regular meeting agenda (Blackwell/Ruiz) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 3/10/2021 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 3/10/2021 regular meeting, as presented (Blackwell/Ruiz) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Blackwell said the This Way to Sustainability conference starts tomorrow.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None.
- VII. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion Item: South West Asia and North Africa (SWANA) Resolution – Holbert said this was passed by the California State Student Association (CSSA) in support of SWANA students to identify their ethnicity correctly instead of having to identify as White or Caucasian. The SWANA resolution adds to 'Cal State Apply' which is the platform that each student uses to apply to Chico State. Holbert wants to write a letter of support that would come from the Associated Students (AS).
 - B. Discussion Item: Caste Anti-Discrimination Resolution – Holbert said this resolution also came from CSSA. The Indian culture has a hierarchy, where folks who are from a higher Caste are seen as privileged and folks from a lower Caste have a lot of discrimination that occurs. This resolution prevents discrimination from the different levels of Caste for students that are part of the Indian culture. Friedman pointed out that if we keep adding cultures that can't be discriminated against, we need to find a way to cover all cultures because then it would appear that the un-included cultures can be discriminated against.
 - C. Discussion Item: Menstrual Products Legislation – Holbert shared the recommended Position of Support letter from CSSA. The group discussed different ideas for providing menstrual products on campus. They will connect with a few campus contacts to see what options are available.
 - D. ~~Discussion Item: Hospitality Policy for the Associated Students (AS)~~ – Removed from the agenda.
 - E. Discussion Item: API Discrimination and Response to Violence – The group discussed what kind of a response they'd like to create for the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community after recent events. The group will discuss this further at the next Government Affairs Committee (GAC) meeting.
 - F. Discussion Item: Graduation Commencement – Wallmark said there will be multiple things happening for graduating seniors toward the last week of April. All information went out in an email to graduating seniors. It

was confirmed that Commencement will be virtual. Friedman said there will be a one stop shop website to show everything the university is doing to celebrate Commencement. The senior t-shirt was voted on by 1,300 students.

VIII.REPORTS: OFFICERS – Hernandez: He said the Time Capsule will be in the Bookstore for students to drop off items until April 27. The event itself will only have about eight people present but will be live-streamed for everyone to watch. **Blackwell:** He said he has two new student voting members on the Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC).

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson: She said 'Meet the Candidates' is today at 4:30 p.m. She shared photos of the reimagined Government Affairs office space. The grand opening is anticipated to happen in fall 2021. (Quorum was lost at 4:02 p.m.)