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

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:30 p.m. Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT- Breanna Holbert, Anthony Ruiz, Nick Blackwell, Kiley Kirkpatrick, Logan Lee, Edgar Hernandez, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – Ella Snyder (unexcused), Mary Wallmark

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Hugh Hammond, Cole Cassidy, Ember Funk, Sharleen Krater, Austin Lapic, Jamie Clyde, Eliza Miller, Carissa Hernandez

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 – Motion to approve the revised 4/7/2021 regular meeting agenda (Lee/Ruiz) 5-0-0 MSC.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 3/24/2021 regular meeting. Motion to approve minutes of the 3/24/2021 regular meeting, as presented (Ruiz/Lee) 5-0-0 MSC.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Hernandez said Holbert is a great role model for the University.

VI. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None.

VII. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Activity Fee Fund Overview, estimated results 2020-21 and proposed budget 2021-22 – Slaughter provided a PowerPoint presentation. He said for the 2020-21 budget, we are adding $643,262 to our reserves. He reviewed and explained all areas of the budget and compared where each will fall compared to the original budget which was approved last spring. He then shared information regarding the 2021-22 proposed budget, explaining that it is anticipated for $150,840 of excess reserves to be used. He reviewed and explained all areas of the proposed budget and how these numbers were gathered.

B. Information Item: Activity Fee Administration Budget, estimated results 2020-21 and proposed budget 2021-22 – See Information Item VII.A.

C. Information Item: Activity Fee Capital Expenditures Budget, estimated results 2020-21 and proposed budget 2021-22 – See Information Item VII.A.

D. Information Item: Government Affairs Office Budget, estimated results 2020-21 and proposed budget 2021-22 – See Information Item VII.A.

E. Information Item: Elections Budget, estimated results 2020-21 and proposed budget 2021-22 – See Information Item VII.A.

F. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Student Academic Senate Code, effective beginning the 2021-22 elected Officer term – Ruiz shared the changes that were made to the Code. Holbert provided some clarity of the new membership placement. The group shared their thoughts and decided to connect with Snyder prior to the next Government Affairs Committee (GAC) meeting about suggested revisions.

G. Discussion Item: 2/28/21 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter shared all expense areas for the Activity Fee for the month of February.
H. Discussion Item: Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Discrimination and Response to Violence Resolution – Holbert read the Resolution to the group. The group discussed how they’d like to approve this for which body it would be coming from.

I. Discussion Item: South West Asia and North Africa (SWANA) Resolution – Holbert read part of the Resolution to the group. This will go to the next Board of Directors (BOD) meeting as an Information Item, then as an Action Item at the meeting after that.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Kirkpatrick: She said she sent out emails earlier this week about the Public Safety Committee who is creating an event for the end of the month focused around policing on campus and would allow students to ask the University Police Department (UPD) questions. UPD will announce their new non-lethal launcher at this event as well. Ruiz: He said the Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) didn’t make quorum today. California State Student Association (CSSA) is this weekend and the group is invited to attend. CSSA also still has open Executive positions. He noticed that a lot of California State University (CSU) schools have Associated Students (AS) Elections around the same time, and instead of doing write-ins some do appointments which he encourages further exploration on. Lee: International Festival is happening on April 16 at 5 p.m.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson: She said AS Elections end at 8 a.m. tomorrow. She is proud of everyone going through this process. The incoming Officers and Senators will receive information about passing the gavel at final Council and Committee meetings. She asked everyone to make sure their Box information is up to date if they’d like to leave items for the incoming student for their role.

X. REPORT: PRESIDENT – Holbert said the University Policing Task Force will be doing a live-stream next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. to discuss with students how they feel about University police. She’s helping with the Book in Common. She got into the Credential Program.

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 – Holbert said happy Wednesday.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice Chair, Holbert, adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.