

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

Monday, February 10, 2020

1 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Anthony Ruiz, Trevor Guthrie, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, Breanna Holbert, Emonnie Jones, Sydney Puccetti, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – Allyah Perez, Jared Geiser (both excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Karen Bang (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Kaylee Biedermann, Lance Win Huber, Liz McOmber, Simone Bordelon, Alex Smith, Malcolm McLemore, Robin Miki

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Ruiz, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

II. AGENDA – **Motion to approve the 2/10/20 regular meeting agenda (Guthrie/Alfaro Ramirez) 5-0-0 MSC.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/3/20 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 2/3/20 regular meeting, as presented (Puccetti/Guthrie) 5-0-0 MSC.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. 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.

2019-20 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Viluth Phimmasouk

-Executive Vice President Appointment: Mireya Garcia

Approval of Consent Agenda: (Holbert/Puccetti) 5-0-0 MSC.

- B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation by EFAC allocation for \$4,000 for the ‘Undocuweek’ event by Leaders Educating for the Advancement of Dreamers (L.E.A.D.) to be held 2/24/20 to 2/28/20 in various rooms at various times in the BMU. Motion to approve DAC allocation by EFAC allocation for \$4,000 for the ‘Undocuweek’ event by Leaders Educating for the Advancement of Dreamers (L.E.A.D.) to be held 2/24/20 to 2/28/20 in various rooms at various times in the BMU, as presented (Alfaro Ramirez/Puccetti) Puccetti reviewed the event with the committee 5-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of \$755 for the ‘19th Annual English Graduate Student Council Symposium’ event by the English Graduate Student Council (E.G.S.C.) to be held 3/5/20 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in various rooms in ARTS and Zingg Recital Hall. The committee was advised that due to misunderstanding of a printing quote, the amount is now \$880. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amended amount of \$880 for the ‘19th Annual English Graduate Student Council Symposium’ event by the English Graduate Student Council (E.G.S.C.) to be held 3/5/20 from 5: 30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in various rooms in ARTS and Zingg Recital Hall, as presented (Puccetti/Guthrie) 5-0-0 MSC. Approval of amended proposal in the amount of \$880 (Guthrie/Puccetti) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- D. Information Item: Program Presentation: STAR Center** – Malcolm McLemore, the Interim Associate Director of the Student Transition and Retention Center, presented. He noted that the center is located in MLIB 161 and officially opened on September 4, 2019 although they have been in the space since March of 2019. He reviewed the Mission Statement and said although all students are welcome, they mainly work with underserved students (racial minorities, PELL eligible/low income, and First Gen students). He said there are

four professional positions and 8 Para-Professionals. They are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Sundays from 5 p.m. to midnight. McLemore explained the various programs they run and noted the two Academic Retention Programs they are running through the center are Women of Excellence (28 enrolled) and Men of Chico (36 enrolled). He explained that they have been collaborating with Chico Unified School District (CUSD) to provide mentorship for young students. Total Center Usage at 1,708 students. McLemore said for this semester they would continue to collaborate with CUSD, set up office hours for faculty, hire a Program Coordinator, as well as continue to outreach and solidify their programming.

- E. Information Item: Program Presentation: Community Legal Information Clinic (CLIC) – Liz McOmber and Simone Bordelon, Administrative Directors for CLIC, presented. McOmber said CLIC is located at 25 Main Street and is a legal information clinic run by faculty of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice and students, specifically in the Legal Studies Program. The 11 programs were reviewed. For last fiscal year, there were 11,163 client contacts and 253 Camp Fire survivors were assisted. Bordelon said there were 208 interns and approximately 28,440 intern hours. She next reviewed the types of experience that students receive by interning at CLIC through hands-on paralegal internships. It was also noted that CLIC would be celebrating their 50th anniversary next year. The committee was advised that their budget/funding sources are via fundraisers, grants and AS funding.
- F. Discussion Item: Geography 440 Advisory Measure – Tabled.
- G. Discussion Item: Resolution Denouncing War with Iran Update – Alfaro Ramirez said he and Smith met with staff and students from the Office of Veterans Affairs regarding this resolution and based on discussion with them, they are changing a lot of language in the Resolution. In addition, the title will be changed to Resolution Denouncing Potential War with Iran. Smith said they learned a lot from talking with the staff/students from the Office of Veterans Affairs and encouraged everyone to go and talk with them regarding the things they face and how they are treated.
- H. Discussion Item: Increasing Senator Scholarship – Alfaro Ramirez said he didn't realize senators only make \$3,863 per year, as compared to \$6,438 for Commissioners. He said it was brought to his attention by some of the senators that they compared codes and duties between senators and commissioners, and it appears they have the same tasks, office hours and training as commissioners and they feel their duties are comparable. He said they would like to make as much as commissioners. Guthrie questioned who would approve changes in scholarship amounts and Slaughter said because this comes out of Activity Fee, it would need to be approved by GAC. Puccetti said as a commissioner, she chairs a council, and also is a member of GAC. Senators only sit on Student Academic Senate, and don't run councils. Guthrie said senators are also to be chairing a University council. He said commissioners are paid almost double what senators are, and if we are expecting the same amount of work from senators, they should be paid the same as commissioners. Slaughter said this would impact the budget by \$18,000+ because there are seven senators, noting that there are more senators than commissioners. Holbert said more discussion needs to be held on this topic, and that by paying them more, it would hopefully heighten the expectation that they would be more accountable to councils/committees. Slaughter provided background regarding how they came up with various levels of compensation for our 17 elected positions. He said two to three years ago, the challenge GAC had, then BOD, when the amounts for the positions stayed static, when it was time for an increase due to cost of living, or because they hadn't had an increase in awhile, it was this group voting on their own raise, which was a little awkward. He said they went to a situation that other campuses use, where they do a percentage in cost of attendance at the University, which self-adjusts based on the cost of attendance at the University. Slaughter said the President is 60% of that cost, the VP's are 52½%, directors are 40%, commissioners are 25% and senators are 15%. He said any changes would impact senators for FY 2020-21. Wallmark asked if they ever compare percentages with hourly positions and Slaughter said they are non-hourly compensated, so they do not compare percentages. Jones said senators don't seem to have clear responsibilities. Holbert suggested that if this is brought back as an information item, that they should talk about all pay, not just senators. Clyde said be careful when looking at hours because it's very important to note that they know that they are not employees. She explained that when we think about what positions are tied to, we cannot list the number of hours that they work. Peterson reminded that it is about positions, not people, and suggested looking at the budget impact and how we are using student resources. She noted that there are still some disparities between the senators' duties and said that that each college is treating them differently. Smith said speaking as a senator, that right now what they're doing as senators are looking back at their roles to cement some of the responsibilities that they have. He said it's important to look at what is actually being done and what responsibilities are being put on them in regards to pay for each position. Alfaro Ramirez said they would talk about this at SAS Wednesday as well.
- I. Information Item: 2019-2020 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations

Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

-Executive Vice President Appointment: Michael Brown

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Guthrie: Going to CSSA this weekend. He is also involved with CSU student trustee interviews. **Alfaro Ramirez:** SQE meetings are Fridays at 3 p.m. in ARTS 112. He distributed a Chico Copwatch Incident Report Form which he said can be used to note details if seeing someone potentially being arrested. He noted a student was recently arrested for riding his bike on campus and he is trying to reach out to the student to see if he can be of help. **Holbert:** Cocoa Mix and Politics will be held on Tuesday from 12 to 2 p.m. LAC is meeting this evening and a Watch Party will be held on March 3 at the WREC. Cast your vote and Pet a Goat event is also being held.

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Clyde said the photo for the Women Like You event isn't out yet but Holbert looks awesome and fierce in it. The event is March 6. Peterson said election packets are out. She noted a new event happening this year with elections, on Election Day, which will include a dunking event for outgoing officers.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

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

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.