

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

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

**5 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Anthony Ruiz, Trevor Guthrie, Alejandro Alfaro-Ramirez, Breanna Holbert, Allyah Perez, Jared Geiser, Lupe Santana, Sydney Puccetti, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – None.

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Chris Taverite, Kaylee Biedermann, Jamie Clyde, Melys Jerez, Chief John Reid, Emonnie Jones, Andrew Gonzalez, Alex Smith

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Ruiz, called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Ruiz moved to amend the revised agenda by adding Information Item H: Possibility of Holding GAC at a Different Time. **Motion to approve the amended 9/12/19 revised meeting agenda (Ruiz/Perez) 5-0-1 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/5/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 9/5/19 regular meeting, as presented (Holbert/Perez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Biedermann suggested that everyone come get cheese fries from the Alpha Delta Pi house today from 6 – 8 p.m. (Geiser joined the meeting at 5:01 p.m.)
- V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Chief John Reid introduced himself to the group and gave an overview of the UPD's relationship with Government Affairs and a few events that they will be assisting with this semester.

**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 University Committee Appointments**

Confirmation of appointment to Campus Fee Advisory Committee

-AS President Appointment: Duncan Young

**2019-20 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC)

- Executive Vice President Appointment: Damian Arceo
- Director of Legislative Affairs Appointments: Michelle Borges and Tatiana Ybarra
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Logan Lee
- Director of University Affairs Appointment: Michelle Davis
- Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Taryn Burns

Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council (CAC)

- Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointments: Madisyn Gutierrez-Urban, and Gandeep Singh
- ~~-Executive Vice President Appointment: Devin Jatke~~
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Tyler Jenkins

Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointments: Kirshna Labayna, Michal Hanson, Alyssa Myers, Leilani Alva, Amanda Widgay, and Jamie Kolnes

Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

-Executive Vice President Appointments: Emonnie Jones and Deanna Hill

Confirmation of appointments to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)

-Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources Appointment: Thomas Pursell

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Ruiz amended the consent agenda by removing Devin Jatko as the Executive Vice President appointment from the Community Affairs Council **(Geiser/Perez) 7-0-0 MSC.**  
**Motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda (Guthrie/Alfaro-Ramirez) 7-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Information Item: Quantitative Reasoning Proposal Update – Guthrie said he has a phone meeting with the student trustee next Tuesday and is meeting with the Chico representative of the Academic Senate of CSU on Monday to dissect this. The subcommittee is having their first meeting tomorrow.
- C. Information Item: Councils and Committees Training Budget – Peterson shared that she doesn't see the needed budget exceeding \$800 for the council and committee training. This dollar amount would include food and swag/merchandise. Merchandise ideas were discussed for onboarding council and committee members. The group talked about using their officer budgets to pay for shirts per their council or committee that they chair. Geiser suggested doing some research on where additional budget funds can be pulled from to do a retreat or other activities for each council or committee.
- D. Discussion Item: Draft Resolution Condemning White Supremacy – Santana shared that this isn't something that the subcommittee wants to rush into. She said they have articles to support their argument and are continuously making progress. They would like to present the final draft at next week's meeting. She said they want to have the resolution be a clear stance and ask President Hutchinson to take a stance on it as well. Wallmark said she has the most recent Free Speech and Time, Place and Manner worksheet and can help in any way. Alfaro-Ramirez asked the table and the gallery to share any suggestions that they have or would like included in the resolution. The group discussed what they would like to get out of this and different ways that they can get people's attention on the matter. Jones said that stating what the university does and doesn't condone is far more powerful than what individuals do and don't condone. Gonzalez shared that emails don't always work and suggested doing an open statement because the impact is more meaningful in that form of communication.
- E. Discussion Item: Funding Liz Sanchez to Campus – Liz Sanchez did a presentation at the officer training in August. Alfaro-Ramirez brought this up to try and have them come to campus and do an event for all students. The group discussed the barriers that they would have to figure out as Liz Sanchez is not a business which means that they cannot compensate them. Peterson suggested reserving a room in the BMU and having the presentation live-streamed. Clyde mentioned that in the past there has been travel assistance but not payment assistance. Taverrite suggested asking students if this is something that they are interested in seeing before providing possible travel costs to get them here, which would come from student dollars. Ruiz shared Peterson's idea of seeing if a student organization on campus would be interested in presenting this event to the Diversity Affairs Council or the Event Funding Allocation Council for funding to make it a larger-scaled event. Peterson reminded everyone to consider the precedent of doing this because it is a reflection on the Government Affairs Committee and their stance.
- F. Discussion Item: CSSA Travel for Officers – Ruiz shared that the Director of University Affairs previously attended CSSA but last year's Government Affairs Committee voted to have that position no longer attend starting with the 2019/2020 team. He then shared some context on why the position used to travel and doesn't anymore. Clyde shared that the group should be cognizant of overturning elected officers' previous decisions and not to take that lightly. Guthrie shared why it makes sense for the Director of Legislative Affairs to attend but not the Director of University Affairs because of the representation that they already have at each CSSA and other universities also only sending two representatives. Holbert mentioned having students at large attend and Guthrie responded, reminding the group that students voted to have them as representation at these meetings.
- G. Discussion Item: Distribution of GAC's Statement on Climate Strike – Geiser asked the group to discuss how they would like to distribute the statement now that it has gone through the Board of Directors. Ideas were given such as putting the information on screens at the WREC, screens on the BMU 1<sup>st</sup> floor and emailing the information out. Geiser suggested getting the Student Academic Senate on board for getting the information to each college. Wallmark suggested going out in Trinity Commons and reading it out loud which Geiser is willing to do. He will email everyone his speech prior to next week's meeting for review as it will be discussed at the next meeting as a representation of the Government Affairs Committee. Jerez shared a few suggestions for the event to reflect the true message of the strike. The group discussed where banners could be hung for visual representation of this event. Ruiz suggested tabling to get the word out and asked anyone who is interested in helping out to reach out to Geiser.

H. Information Item: Possibility of Holding GAC at a Different Time – Guthrie stated that the Government Affairs Committee was revised and approved last week to meet weekly with the notion that it could be revisited in the near future if that didn't work. Ruiz found a few alternative days and times during the week that the meetings could be held and asked for feedback from the group. The group gave their opinions on the pros and cons for each alternative day and time. Taverite shared that professional staff being here after 5 p.m. is something to take into consideration. Peterson mentioned that changing meeting times back and forth can be tricky for professional staff because of personal life matters that are planned around. She suggested getting through September with how it is and addressing it at that time. The group agreed.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Biedermann:** BMUC is full. **Perez:** Safety Walk is set for November 7 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. **Alfaro-Ramirez:** Come to Student Academic Senate Fridays at 3 p.m. in BMU 209. **Santana:** The Diversity Fair is September 24 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Trinity Commons. **Taverite:** ASBC is full.

**VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark:** Halloween is coming and falls on a Thursday this year. She asked the group what they think will be the most high risk date and stated a few events that will be happening. Guthrie stated that Halloween in Chico is always so big because of people from out of town and not our own students. **Peterson:** She sent everyone an email about the Councils and Committees training next Saturday, September 21. She asked everyone to look at it since each chair will be creating the agenda for their specific area. She asked everyone to send the agendas to her by next Tuesday. She is available for help or support that anyone may need.

**IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – The Grand GAC is October 3 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Commons.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Biedermann shared that it is Thursday night Football.

**XI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Jerez shared that it would be beneficial for UPD to practice and provide survivor or sexual violence sensitivity training.

**XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Taverite wished everyone a happy Thursday.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.