

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

Thursday, September 5, 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 – Jamie Clyde, Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Chris Taverite, Kaylee Biedermann, Mikie Weidman, Melissa Jerez, Robin Miki, Anna Paladini

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Ruiz, called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Ruiz moved to change Information Item H to Discussion Item H: Allocating Budget for Councils and Committees Training. He also moved to move Discussion Item D. up to B. (Ruiz/Guthrie) 7-0-0 MSC. Geiser moved to create an Emergency Action Item due to time sensitivity which is now Action Item B: Approval of Support for Student Social Action in Climate Strike. (Geiser/Alejandro-Alfaro) 7-0-0 MSC. **Motion to approve the 9/5/19 amended meeting agenda (Guthrie/Geiser) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 5/1/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 5/1/19 regular meeting, as presented (Guthrie/Holbert) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Ruiz asked the group to introduce themselves and their positions. Ruiz would like to have public opinion listed at the beginning of the agendas in the future as well as at the end.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2019-20. **Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2019-20, as presented (Guthrie/Geiser)** Guthrie mentioned that GAC met weekly in the past and he feels it is important to do so moving forward. Slaughter suggested investigating that BMU 205 would be available on the weeks we currently don't have booked and that everyone's schedule allows this change. **Motion to amend Action Item A from GAC meeting bi-weekly, to meeting weekly (Geiser/Guthrie) 7-0-0 MSC.**

Vote to approve amended Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meeting for the academic year 2019-20 **7-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Emergency Action Item: Approval of Support for Student Social Action in Climate Strike. Geiser shared that students will be striking from September 20 – 27 from work and school due to the climate crisis threatening our future as a species on this planet. The three pillars that the Government Affairs Committee would be supporting if this passes is supporting the social action students who will be engaging in it, requesting that Academic Senate notify faculty members about it in support of students participating, and requesting that the Board of Directors seek protection of student employees who partake without any job repercussions.

Motion to change Emergency Action Item B to a Discussion Item (Guthrie/Santana) Guthrie stated that it is important to discuss this with all stakeholders and AS employees to discuss the outcomes instead of making the decision for them. Taverite mentioned the fiscal repercussion this could have on AS Dining and other areas if students don't show up to work to keep those businesses running. Geiser's opinion was that the 20th is the most important date to strike.

Guthrie retracted his motion to change Action Item B to a Discussion Item.

Motion to amend the 'Statement on Climate Strike' document to only stating September 20 for the strike date in the entire statement, and eliminating the third bullet point. (Geiser/Guthrie).

Motion to amend the amendment by taking out "Not significantly impacting course grades for absences this week" from the second bullet point in the 'Statement on Climate Strike' document. (Holbert/Perez) 4-3-0 MSC.

Vote to approve Geiser's amendment with Holbert's amendment 7-0-0 MSC.

Vote to approve Support for Student Social Action in Climate Strike with all amendments as approved 7-0-0 MSC.

- C. Discussion Item: Streamlining AS Marketing – Paladini gave a presentation on AS Marketing, providing an overview of what her team does. She went over the consolidated marketing system that Sacramento State and CSU, Fullerton currently use which acts as a one stop shop for all social media posting. Risk management is reduced by this because of copyright and posting issues that can get the corporation in trouble. Due to there currently being so many hands in the pot for posting here on the CSU, Chico campus, students don't always get the full understanding of the AS umbrella or story. Benefits would include risk management, quality control and brand awareness across the board. The group discussed many pros and cons for switching to this type of system. Holbert thanked Paladini for bringing this to the table and doing all the hard work to get information for everyone to discuss. Geiser said that lack of appropriate training seems to have been the issue in the past for inappropriate things that have been posted. Paladini closed the presentation by sharing that the general goal is for the AS story to be told in its entirety.
- D. Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 6/30/19 – Slaughter shared that this is a quarterly report for the last quarter of last year. He gave a brief overview of the numbers that were reported and explained what they mean.
- E. Information Item: 6/30/19 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter shared that every year we start out with \$25,000 for capital expenditure purchases. A true capital expenditure is something purchased that has more than a one year life in which you are able to capitalize on. He concluded by giving a few examples of what the group can expect to see on upcoming quarterly reports.
- F. Discussion Item: CSU Fourth Year Quantitative Reasoning Proposal – Guthrie shared that the CSU Board of Trustees is considering implementing a Fourth Year Quantitative Reasoning Proposal which would add an additional required year of a quantitative reasoning course in high school in order to get into any CSU campus. He said he emailed the information to everyone and needs their feedback in order to be as effective as possible. He also reminded everyone that they need to be checking their officer emails daily to ensure that all important information is accounted for. The proposal, if passed, would begin in 2026 and impose additional barriers to students. Guthrie said there seems to be an already excessive amount of qualifications for students to get through for graduation. He implored everyone to read over what he sent to them and think critically about the information that the Board of Trustees has presented to them as he believes the group should prevent or stop it at all costs. Biedermann stated that finding teachers to complete this job for every high school would also be an issue. Guthrie said he will create a subcommittee, do tabling, and complete class talks to address this issue. Biedermann suggested making a video of the group going to K-12 schools and getting feedback from students who are in high school right now.
- G. Discussion Item: Resolution Condemning White Supremacy – Guthrie shared that he talked about this during his campaign and is now following through. He said students are increasingly feeling unsafe and this would be a way for this group to stand with them. He said the students would see this and understand that they are living with the AS values. Alfaro-Ramirez shared that it is important for the group to follow through if they choose to do this. A subcommittee will be formed to take action on this and be part of the process.
- H. Information Item: Professional Development – Peterson shared that fieldtrips were discussed for connection opportunities. One opportunity coming up is October 10 at 12:30 p.m. to go visit the Bike Cart and gain knowledge of their inner workings. Another opportunity is October 9 at 4:30 p.m. to visit Adventure Outings. There is also an option to read to children at the CDL and everyone can contact her or Ruiz for details. She would like to coordinate visiting Tribal Relations to get a tour of their space. Make a Difference Day is October 26 and GAC can register as a group. Biedermann has participated the last two years and shared examples of things that they have done in the past. This year they will be doing projects in Paradise. Wallmark helped develop this event. It's unique because the group can pick their project and complete it. Those interested raised their hands to participate.
- I. Information Item: Councils and Committees – Discussion Item: Allocating Budget for Councils and Committees Training – Peterson shared that a council and committee training hasn't been done in the past so there currently isn't a budget for it. She said it seems unfair for the funding chairs to utilize their budgets to pay for their training since that money is used for student leaders engaging in councils and committees and funding groups. The goal is to look at budgets for the future to see where budgets can be altered to assist in

providing adequate training for our council and committee members. There will be roughly 48 students in attendance for training on September 21. Taverite gave examples of what AS Catering would roughly cost. The group will discuss this further at the next GAC meeting where a proposed budget will be reviewed.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Biedermann: ASBC appointments have been made and the ASBC/BMUC joint appointment is Austin Lopic. **Santana:** The Diversity Fair is September 24 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Trinity Commons. **Taverite:** He has eaten at the Marketplace for the last four days to support the bottom line. **Geiser:** The Emergency Action Item that was added to today's agenda will be sent out to everyone after BOD next week if it is approved.

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark: Clubtacular is tomorrow.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Ruiz will email his report to everyone.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Peterson reminded everyone that council and committee applications are closing at noon tomorrow. There is a final working whiteboard in the office for everyone to place their selected picks on, and the front desk has a process in place to onboard new members as they come in to sign paperwork.

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

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Miki shared the importance of the Emergency Action Item that Geiser brought forward.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.