

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

Monday, September 11, 2017

4 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Dylan Gray, Alisha Sharma, Karla Camacho, Brina Covarrubias, Zuri O'Balles, CC Carter

MEMBERS ABSENT – Susan Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Taylor Rogers, Zach Scott, Nan Timmons

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 9/18/17 regular meeting agenda (O’Balles/Camacho). 4-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 8/21/17 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 8/21/17 regular meeting, as presented (Camacho/Gray) 4-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- V. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Code. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Code, as presented (Camacho/ Covarrubias) 4-0-0 (MSC).**
 - B. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Agriculture Senator. **Action Requested: Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Agriculture Senator, as presented (attached). (Gray/O’Balles) 4-0-0 MSC**
 - C. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Senator. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Senator, as presented (Covarrubias /O’Balles) 4-0-0 (MSC).**
 - D. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Business Senator. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Business Senator, as presented (O’Balles/Camacho) 4-0-0 (MSC).**
 - E. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Communication and Education Senator. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Communication and Education Senator, as presented (Camacho/ Covarrubias) 4-0-0 (MSC).**
 - F. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management Senator. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management Senator, as presented (Gray/Camacho) 4-0-0 (MSC).**
 - G. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts Senator. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts Senator, as presented (Camacho/Gray) 4-0-0 (MSC).**
 - H. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Natural Sciences Senator. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for the College of Natural Sciences Senator, as presented (Camacho/Covarrubias) 4-0-0 (MSC).**

- I. Discussion Item: DACA Update: Discussion was held regarding the current status of DACA and what we can do in response to the possibility of it being taken away. Scott recommended coming up with fact sheets to inform students about what DACA is all about. They are trying to determine how to make a fact sheet and disperse it around campus so that students can have a firm understanding about what this issue is and how it affects everyone. Scott believes they need to come out with a statement from GAC to ensure they are for DACA and support it completely. Sharma states that she had a meeting yesterday with various organizations to discuss DACA and another meeting will be held tomorrow. Carter hopes that at the Dream Center Advisory meeting they can centralize all the issues and start pushing information out. Camacho states that at the Student Academic Senate meeting, they found a resolution. They want to look over it and see if any changes need to be made Carter states resolutions are great but they are not action oriented, part of the challenge is how to create action and connection in ways people know beyond a document that GAC is here to support and stands for DACA. Sharma asked if through social media or the Orion that they can have the whole team create a photo campaign. Gray states that the action taken from this resolution is confusing. O'Balles states that her and Gray talked about how other campuses are funding free applications for DACA renewals and asked if they can fundraise money. Camacho states Mary Wallmark has been actively working on that and they are taking donations from faculty, staff and the community. Carter states there is a group fundraising, and they have almost gotten \$2500 in donations and are still accepting money. Camacho states it would be good if they can have a formal statement that they send out to acknowledge they formally stand for DACA. A taskforce will work on next steps – Camacho, Scott, Covarrubias and O'Balles volunteered. Sharma will move forward to get this meeting together. Slaughter states that they use the information fact sheet given out from CSSA and build upon it.
- J. Discussion Item: Halloween Weekend Programming. In the last few years, the GAC has been part of alternate programming for students to give them options on high risk weekends. Krater states the original call to action was led by students. We do not have the BMU auditorium this year. AS Productions planned Silent Disco in October which could be used for the Halloween weekend on October 28th. Krater states that she could look at the cost of a large outdoor tent if they choose Silent Disco. Discussion was held regarding the purpose and goal of everyone being out there as a team. Covarrubias states that she thinks it is very important for them to be there and show to the student body they can still have fun without drinking. Scott states it is important for them to be out there. Sharma states that there will be two shifts for this event. Carter states everyone needs to be fully immersed into this if they want good results. Gray states that they should do this event and wants to have a pancake feed.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Camacho: Attended the Academic Senate retreat which included discussion about the Academic Senate Resolution, brainstorming and student membership on the Senate where they discussed two more seats for representatives. They reviewed committee membership, recruitment and a revision of university committees because many no longer meet. EPPC on Thursday discussed a name change for the Recreational Management majors. Student Academic Senate brainstormed ideas on how to support DACA. The ECC interviews are this Friday. **Gray:** He is the representative to the University Foundation and Research Foundation governing boards. He went to the Alumni Association meeting last week to discuss the Wildcat Statue. Discussion was had regarding additional funds needed for landscaping around statue. He has a meeting with President Hutchinson tomorrow regarding DACA. Went to the L.E.A.D. meeting last week and their concern is that ICE will be doing a huge raid. Reaching out to attorneys on campus whom are immigration law attorneys. **Covarrubias:** Met with students and still is in the process of working on the first workshop that will be focused on intersections. Betsy Devos is officially in the process to appeal everything Obama put forth on Sexual Assault handling on campuses. **O'Balles:** Met with Katie Peterson to discuss her forum idea. Instead of doing a forum she may do a focus group instead as it would be a more informal setting. Met with Sarah Cooper and had a conversation about the MCGS survey. Was asked to sit on the Curriculum Advisory Board and help MCGS with a Woman's Conference by connecting Panhellenic sororities. Met with Gray about MAC night and met with the Indian Student Association about choosing the date for the Festival of Navratri. **Scott:** Things are moving forward with BMUC including the new furniture being ordered for the 2nd floor lounge. The electronic bulletin boards should be installed this semester. He wants them to be all over campus but they are starting them in the BMU. **Rogers:** ASBC has not met but they will recommend appointments. They are looking to partner with groups for the Wildcat Store scholarships.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Carter: None **Slaughter:** None **Krater:** We will be holding the Community Affairs and Sustainability Affairs Commissioner interviews this week and next week. The GSEC is holding their LGBTQ+ Welcome Reception this week.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Sharma said they just filled their Legislative Affairs position yesterday. The selected candidate, Dani O'Donnell, is invited to be at next week's GAC meeting. Sharma was

gone last week for the VPSA search committee for the university. We still need applicants for councils and committees so she hopes everyone is pushing to fill them up. Starting next week they will have their AS programs come in for brief presentations in hopes to establish a lasting connection between the officers and the programs. There are essays being written for WASC purposes. The new Social Media & Outreach Coordinator was hired and is Adriana Sikiric. She thanks everyone for showing support for DACA students.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sharma will send out a list of the Welcome Receptions in case anyone can attend.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 5:29 PM