

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

Monday, September 18, 2017

4 p.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Taylor Rogers, Zach Scott, Nan Timmons, Rebekah Carlson, Dallas Gardner, Nadine Salas, Christian Solis

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
RECESS – The Chair, Sharma, called a recess (Camacho/O'Balles) at 4:07 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/18/17 regular meeting agenda (Camacho/Covarrubias). 4-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/11/17 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 9/11/17 regular meetings as presented (Camacho/Gray) 4-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – WLI reported that they have an 'Employers Panel' on Wednesday from 3-4PM in BMU 220G. Gallo Wines, Northwestern Mutual and other companies will be there that were at the Career Fair. Their first speaker, Kristin Norris, is going to talk about being a civically engaged university next Thursday in Colusa 100A.

V. 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.

2017-18 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointment to Associated Students Business Committee (ASBC)

-Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Isaiah Thurman

Confirmation of appointment to University Technology Advisory Committee (UTAC)

-Director of University Affairs Appointment: Shady Makar

Confirmation of appointment to University Foundation Board of Governors

-AS President Appointment: Dylan Gray

Approval of Consent Agenda: (Camacho/Covarrubias) 4-0-0 MSC.

- B. Information Item: Halloween Weekend Programming – Krater is going to reach out to the WREC to see if it is available the Saturday evening before Halloween since we do not have the auditorium this year. Halloween will be further discussed next week.
- C. Information Item: DACA Task Force – Covarrubias reported that the Task Force meeting came up with two primary goals: A press conference as soon as possible and creating a video to send out to Chico State students letting them know that we support DACA in both a professional and personal approach. Press Conference would be dealt with by Gray. The video would show different GAC members with everyone in groups of 1 or 2 saying 'one-liners' ended by everyone in the video and other people in the WLI and elsewhere saying "We support undocumented students" into the camera. One thing that stuck out to them was not directing the Task Force only toward students since it's affecting more than just students; using the word "Wildcats" would be better directed. As far as the video, it needs to be put out by October 5 and needs more planning and logistics. Krater received an email from San Jose that went out to all campuses wanting to

know what we are doing in terms of our resources. They shared their ideas and current approach to DACA support. All 23 campuses are taking part in this. Camacho would like the press conference to be held within the next week or so because the deadline for applications is fast approaching so we need to highlight their resources as soon as possible and get the statement out now. It was encouraged for all officers to be there and be wearing their GAC polos to show that we care regardless of who is reading the statement. Krater asked if this topic was going to BOD this week and was on the agenda; Gray confirmed that DACA was on the BOD agenda. Camacho mentioned reaching out to the Outreach and Marketing Coordinator by tonight to see if she is available either before or after GAC next week to go over DACA advertisement and post the statement as well. Carter mentioned a rally that is taking place on Thursday so it may be a good idea to have the press conference on Friday since there are only 9 school days left and it adds value to the process. Gray agreed Friday is great but also suggested Monday, noting that waiting until Monday should not slow the momentum. Camacho suggested keeping Friday as the best day because that gives students two additional days over the weekend to prepare their applications and get them turned in and seek opportunities. SAS discussed a more informal statement coming from them which would be more of a conversational piece. Sharma called for members from the task force that are able to jump in and edit the statement beginning tomorrow and Camacho will head a meeting to start drafting a statement to be ready by Friday. Krater mentioned to all to contribute if they are behind it all the way and make sure that everyone is working together as a team. Camacho clarified what time and where this will happen on Friday so that she can start sending messages out to people. 11 a.m. was concluded to be the pending time for the DACA press conference at this point in time. It was discussed that Thursday there will be an event on Trinity Commons from noon to 1:30 p.m. called "Show of Solidarity" (hashtag SOS) as well as storytelling. Students who are undocumented can come forward and tell their stories at this event or have someone else read their stories. There will be facts and resources put up on lawn stakes. Sharma met with the marketing and outreach coordinator to discuss how we can get the word out. It was asked of everyone to share the event on their social media and reach out. CCLC has lawn stakes that can be used for facts and resources on each side. Dream Center students were sharing that they didn't want it to be a onetime reach-out with momentum in the beginning and then it not be talked about again. Carter mentioned to all present who are in fraternities it would be a great crowd and different community to have there as well if they can come to support. The Orion will be contacted as well. Timmons reminded everyone about how civic engagement can relate to the planning of this event.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Camacho: DACA and the Dream Act were huge topics at CSSA this past weekend. CSSA is choosing to stand behind the Dream Act which made everyone think that it actually has a chance. The Dream Act is a lot of what DACA is now but is 8 years instead of 2 years and offers a path to citizenship which is key. One of the main issues brought up at the University Affairs Committee was the protection of privacy and legal services as well as ways that we can encourage our students to raise their voice. Financial aid, campus jobs, expressive support, civil rights and safety (which CCLC and the Dream Center are doing great informing students of), dialogue and debate were also brought up as huge issues with DACA. It was asked "what can we do as a whole CSU?" At Legislative Affairs Committee it was brought up to encourage everyone to urge Congress to pursue the Dream Act. After the October CSSA there's a chance that Congress will bring it up to vote upon, as well as acts to vote upon. They want to wait until the next plenary meeting so that there can be plenty of discussion and thought by the CSU's. The write/call/text/fax event should be only about two or three hours to get Congress to 'stop working' because then they will be forced to listen to us. Doing district office visits were also encouraged. Our main focus is the rally going on this Thursday but will still be reaching out to the chair strongly about the matter and get the point across to congress. She has received contact information for all of the CSU's to reach out and let them know of our plan so that they can implement it on their campus as well without breaking their own policies or rules. Camacho is also working with Marcos who is the Legislative Affairs Chair for CSSA who will be helping her come up with one day that works for all campuses so that the significance of all campuses coming together on one day is great. For the Dream Act, there is a list of Congress men and women that aren't voting yes or no yet and need that extra push in order to get them to vote yes. Fresno has 3 of the people on that list. With the next CSSA being a driving plenary, there is opportunity for an additional officer or senator to attend and show that this is a Chico State movement. Had conversation about Civic Engagement because voting in mid-term elections are below their age group. Selected the new Senator for the College of ECC and at Student Academic Senate they ratified a lot of the actions that summer Academic Senate (the Academic Committee) took over this summer in regards to a lot of Executive Orders that either came out at the beginning of the year or later in the summer. **Gray:** AB54 just passed on Saturday in California saying that our state now has sanctuary status which limits states and local law enforcement communication to federal authority and prevents officers from questioning and holding people on immigration violations. AB134, which is the budget bill, has \$30 million to go toward these types of efforts, \$10 million to go to the CSU community college and UC system, and \$20 million going to non-profits. Pizza with the President is being planned with Gayle Hutchinson. A Doodle Poll is being created to get the dates out for when everyone is available during the two dates listed. Wildcat Food Pantry is in the Chico ER, \$600 or \$700 was just given to the pantry and a press release was done on it. **Covarrubias:** Put on a money suit last week saying "Be a voice for your student dollars"

and had a very large number of students inquire about councils and committees and is going to do it again sometime this week for more direct contact with the students. **O'Balles:** Last week had a couple of meetings with Krystle Tonga and discussed MAC night, and a focus group and is going to brainstorm with her about questions she has. Is going to meet with Rachel Ward to discuss the same thing. Met with a LEAD student today discussing "Dreaming without Boundaries" annual conference that they have, but had to inform her that we don't have a DAC council ready yet. Going to be working on emailing students who have chosen DAC as their first choice for councils or committees so that we can get DAC filled by the second week in October. Carter mentioned that students who are ready to go with their events may be able to be heard by GAC until DAC and EFAC are filled and is hoping to find out if that is something we can do, or use an Executive Order until then. Krater said that it is not a goal for GAC to be a funding board but to have an alternate if the committee isn't ready. **Scott:** This week Thang Ho is going to bring to BOD information for the electronic bulletin boards. Talking with Jamie Clyde for the remodel of the second floor and what color furniture that will be there as well as the interior design. A student inquired with him and O'Balles last week about artwork on the pillars on the first floor of the BMU. That student wanted each pillar to represent a different diverse population on Chico State's campus, symbolic of holding up the Union. Krater asked about the BMU 220D TV being hung on the wall and if Scott can inquire about it getting done. **Rogers:** Thanked everyone for him and Scott's joint appointment of Isaiah Thurman. First ASBC meeting will be on Monday, September 25, right before the GAC meeting.

- VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson:** Wildcat Statue Landscape Design Plan meeting this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in BMU 220D. She wants to do a big story on it in the Fall and is going to send a photographer to the place in Oklahoma that the statue is being made at. An extra \$5,000 has been added to the funding by the Alumni Board due to the infrastructure and concrete seating wall complications. Asked if any student officers can make it to the meeting and encouraged everyone to come. **Carter:** VPSA search is going on. Requested that if everyone can get a chance to get an eye on the candidates and give him feedback that would be great. **Krater:** Hugh Hammond is serving the interim role as Program Coordinator for AS Productions. Gave shout-outs to the WLI team for their work since Jen Halford has been gone. Last AS Productions moonlight movie was last Saturday. Shout-out was made to O'Balles for representing this group serving on a campus committee. Shout-out to Covarrubias for putting the money suit on and getting out there for what we really need. Timmons is helping her with Choose Chico day and everyone is doing a great job.
- VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT –** Sharma said the VPSA search committee was a great time and has been talking to Lori Miller about the VPSA interviews. GAC has an opportunity to interview each of the candidates. She will be sending out an email to get feedback on the interview questions that will be asked during the interviews to find out what we want to ask from the student perspective. Covarrubias and O'Balles received an email from her about the big push to reach out to get their councils filled. Plans moving forward are brainstorming a list of items and plans for the next group of incoming officers to get students to apply for councils and committees more easily. A make-up training will happen for the three new officers. Wants feedback for things that officers can give regarding the two week training that they went through at the beginning of the year so that she can leave feedback for the next EVP. September 30 is the CCLC 10th anniversary gala and O'Balles said that everyone's "+1" is also free in addition to themselves. Tonight, CCLC is gathering folks for DACA to call representatives at 6:00 p.m.
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** None.
- X. PUBLIC OPINION –** Carlson said that the WLI staff is curious on everyone's thoughts regarding the new furniture going into the new area. Krater mentioned that she spoke with David Buckley about using current furniture and then living in it to see what they may need. Carter suggested WLI schedule their own meeting with Buckley to have a direct conversation regarding the furniture. Covarrubias brought up a concern with the library hours and how she would go about making a difference with their hours of operation. Camacho said that she would be happy to take any concerns to the Student Academic Senate.
- XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –** Camacho gave a shot-out to CCLC, LEAD, MEChA, and all on-campus organizations that have been spear-heading the DACA movement in ensuring that it doesn't go unheard. Carter gave a shout-out to everyone at GAC for how engaged everyone is with actually taking action and not just talking about the matter and that he is very proud of everyone. Gray shared that it is Hispanic Heritage Month and there are events happening and one is happening in the Marketplace. Office of Diversity and inclusion has sent out an email with all events and dates. Scott gave a shout-out to Krater for always being all over the place but not seeming stressed out.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 5:27p.m.