

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

Monday, October 2, 2017

4 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Dylan Gray, Alisha Sharma, Karla Camacho, Danie O'Donnell, Nadine Salas, Zuri O'Balles, Brina Covarrubias, Susan Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT – Maggie Scarpa, CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Nan Timmons, Rebekah Carlson, Dallas Gardner, Serenity Gregerson, Peter Angelonides

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

II. **AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 10/2/17 regular meeting agenda (Camacho/O'Balles) 6-0-0 MSC.**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/18/17 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 9/18/17 regular meeting, as presented (O'Balles/O'Donnell) 6-0-0 MSC.**

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Carlson reported that she is working with Susan Roll to develop a curriculum for the Certificate of Civic Engagement, which will be launching next semester in the WLI.

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 appointments to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointments: Kelley Lee, Ann Shelnut, Nicholas Gonzalez, and Olivia Thomas
- Executive Vice President Appointments: Sara Bilotta and Jennifer Rodrigues
- Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Natalie Ordaz

Confirmation of appointments to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)

- Executive Vice President Appointments: Olivia Ross, Jennifer Rodrigues, and Kelley Lee
- Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs Appointment: Alfonso Caldera
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs and Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs Joint Appointment: Natalie Ordaz

Approval of Consent Agenda: (Camacho/O'Donnell) 6-0-0 MSC.

B. Information Item: Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual for August 2017. – The benchmark for the end of August this fiscal year is at 17%. This means that when we have revenues or areas greater than that benchmark it is excellent, and when they are lower, it is favorable. Revenues are high at 48.99% and expenses are low at 5.91%. Activity Fee Operational expenses are low at 9.94% as well as Government Affairs which is at 12.13%. Campus programs are upward of the benchmark with a 20.28% and community programs are low at 13.78%.

C. ~~Information Item: AS Child Development Lab Program Presentation.~~ – Rescheduled.

D. Information Item: KCSC Program Presentation. – Serenity Gregerson and Peter Angelonides presented on behalf of KCSC. They gave a brief history on the program including the year of KCSC's grand opening in 1951, shared their music philosophy, as well as artists that they can and cannot play while being live on air. They try not to play just one type of music and instead play a wide variety of all types of music. They gave brief descriptions of what their first semester interns are assigned to, and the job duties of each position

including promotional staff, library staff, music staff, and production staff. They concluded their presentation with the benefits of being a part of KCSC and shared their goals for the future such as having more live shows and game nights.

- E. Information Item: DACA Task Force. – The task force met earlier in the afternoon. A shared document will be distributed to everyone on Tuesday to gather input and get ideas about a video since it is hopeful for filming to start within the next week. If there is a legislative decision made anytime, a press conference will be held and they plan to have a script ready beforehand in case that action is taken. In the meeting earlier today the task force discussed what they would do or what they would say for either outcome. The CSU system wide call of action will be Monday, 10-23-17, which will be the day that the press conference is to be held. This decision was made in conjunction with CSSA because that date had the most tallies among the CSUs. Camacho sent out a template last night for a few people to review and send back no later than Wednesday since that is when they are meeting next. In addition, there is a list that they have made to ensure that they are completing all steps necessary for the press conference. A lot of the language used will depend on if CSSA does take a stance on the Dream Act or not because that will determine how much they can be used for help and involvement. Slaughter mentioned that with 23 campuses in California, everyone could do a “23 on 23” type of theme. Covarrubias stated that for the video, all officers will be in pairs with one-liners saying a more personal version of the email that the Associated Students recently sent out but making it more of a friendlier and lighter note including resources and support in all different spaces on campuses to let the undocumented community know that “this place is a place for you.” At the end of the video, they will get as many people as possible to go into the BMU and shoot a video of everyone from the highest angle possible all saying a concluding statement such as “We support our undocumented community.” Sharma discussed the DACA Doodle Poll for all campuses to see if there was a day and time that they all could participate and clarified with Camacho whether or not that meant that all 23 campuses were participating. Camacho stated that a few campuses didn’t participate only because they just want to know when it’s happening. It was foreseen that Maritime might not participate because they may have an issue with it. At 1 p.m. tomorrow, members from MEChA, SQE, LEAD, and other groups are meeting in the CCLC to meet with a DACA Task Force that is external to the Associated Students and discuss it further. She also mentioned to keep an eye out for Covarrubias’s Google document that will be getting sent out to everyone for feedback as well as Adriana reaching out via email for the video to get it started.
- F. Information Item: Halloween updates. – Krater said that she and Covarrubias spoke with Brooke McCall at the WREC and her understanding was that the WREC was not something that is ‘on the table’ to use for the Halloween event. Housing is also doing something on their own so there is the possibility of joining forces with them. Covarrubias talked about doing an “escape room” which is a game where individuals or groups will go from space to space to solve puzzles and riddles. She also brought up having everyone dressed up to add the effect, having different candy in every space that the groups go to, and in the final room there would be the ‘bigger food’ such as pizza or pancakes. The “escape room” maze could be timed to see who does it the quickest and possibly have prizes for first, second and third places. It was discussed that this event could really create good space for students that do not want to go out and drink on the holiday, but instead want to have fun, which might bring out the people who do love a challenge. It is her understanding that a lot of people do usually come out and help with this event so if Housing is on board to work together, it would be great to get a collaborative effort with people from Housing, CADEC, and our office. She looked on Google and already found many ideas to use for these “escape rooms” that are specific to the riddles and games. Salas has been to a few “escape rooms” in the past and is in favor of doing the theme. She gave a few examples of the ones that she has been to and gave feedback on some of the ideas that she has seen as well as the estimated cost. O’Donnell mentioned a “tetris” type of game and asked what the time frame for the Halloween event usually is. Krater confirmed that it usually begins at 9 or 10 p.m. and goes until 1 a.m. O’Donnell also suggested a haunted house. Camacho suggested a “black mirror” type of theme. O’Balles suggested a simple theme such as a costume party or carnival. O’Donnell mentioned having a Halloween themed scavenger hunt as a possibility in different buildings or outside. Sharma re-iterated the goal of having alternative programming for our students, and that it is also to feed people. She would like us to connect with Denise Crosswhite in Housing, and is creating a ‘Halloween Programming Task Force’ which will include Covarrubias, Salas, O’Donnell, and herself. Krater shared that Fullerton is doing “Scarry-oki” for their Halloween event. Salas mentioned having a group Halloween costume contest instead of individual to get a better turnout for a category such as the funniest, most creative, etc. and marketing that toward a prize to make it more incentive.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Gray: University Advancement is doing a ‘giving day’ which is an entire campaign for philanthropy. He is in a video representing the AS for it, which will be released soon. Pizza with the President Doodle Poll results will be sent to Kathleen Hassig later today. He will be meeting with the Communication Animation Game Design team tomorrow to address some of the issues that occurred last year

and how they would like to move forward with their department. This week, the University Foundation Welcome Reception is on Wednesday at which time he and Sharma will head over to President Hutchinson's home for the event. He will be heading down to Long Beach next Wednesday and Thursday for the Grad Initiative 2025 at the Chancellor's office. **Camacho:** EPPC meeting last week voted in favor of discontinuation of the MA in Geography. The minor in IT was also voted in favor of discontinuation. There was a lot of discussion regarding the constitution of Academic Senate. They adjusted a few shared governance concerns. In addition, SAS was asked to consult on a few matters on the University. Dr. Nichols and a few others gave a presentation regarding a proposal that they brought forth at EPPC about foreign languages being a GE requirement for students. Met with Pi Sigma Alpha who had Camacho as a guest speaker to talk about University politics and how ideas go to Academic Senate. She realized that she has gained a lot of experience in her two elected positions with the AS. It was interesting for her to get the EPPC points of view. Had a phone conversation with someone earlier today who she sent her work to with the 23 campuses for review to make sure that it looks good. She will not be here tomorrow. **O'Donnell:** She will have her seven committee meeting members on next week's GAC agenda for LAC. She reached out to the President's office today in hopes of meeting with her to discuss policy information, which they briefly discussed in the Chancellor's meeting earlier in the day. She will be booking the BMU auditorium for the October 23 event. **Salas:** She mentioned that she met with a student who brought up media literacy. They then read a research letter by Harvard which stated that the highest demographic of people that consume media is between the ages of 15 and 18 and when they go to vote at 18, the only information that they have is what they've seen on social media which are mostly paid by really biased companies. She stressed the topic of media illiteracy in our youth and wants to start a pilot program with middle schools or the 'Boys and Girls Club' to show that what you read on Instagram or social media is not real. An example that she gave was she was never taught about politics, once she turned 18 and was able to vote the only things that she could remember was bad propaganda which was always negative. **Scarpa:** Absent. **O'Balles:** Is in touch with Krystal Tonga regarding possible DAC training on either Saturday or Sunday. The goal is to go over brief sample proposals with the members so that they have a better knowledge of what to expect once they are in meetings and get going. The first DAC meeting is next week with three potential proposals to be presented for events. Had interviews for the tribal liaison today. For the film series that she wants to have, she's going to contact professors on campus. She'll be sitting on the 'Women and Wisdom' committee which has to do with Native American women and their backgrounds. The 'Women's Conference' will be held November 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in which she and Covarrubias will be sitting on a panel. **Covarrubias:** EFAC now has quorum. She had a proposal meeting today and the first EFAC meeting is next Wednesday where they will be presenting their event. SQE is looking to have a collaborative event regarding DACA in the next month or two and is keeping in contact with them to have a workshop. ELACC will be getting the Auditorium for the event. Emailing the MGS Survey she still needs to do for Sara. **Rogers:** Absent. **Scott:** Absent.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Slaughter: Carlson and Gardner are doing a great job with WLI. **Krater:** Told Sharma that she will share her agenda from the AS Student Union and Recreation Committee and talk about having speakers on campus, such as Milo, to analyze what that would look like and making sure that we are always following our policy. There's a group called FIRE who is trying to bust student groups in policy inconsistencies. Slaughter mentioned that we don't have a ton of controversial speakers on campus so a meeting will be held with everyone that coordinates speaker events to ensure that we know and are following our policies. **Anderson:** Has buttons to distribute. Next Saturday is the family BBQ for Chico Experience Week and they are expecting upwards of 2,000 people for lunch. There will be many things going on in October.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Sharma said the Show of Solidarity event last week was a great event and got a lot of positive feedback. She said Krystal Tonga did a head count half way through the event which was around 240 individuals. She will be sending out two emails regarding the VPSA search. The first one will be requesting feedback for the candidates that they were able to interview. The second one will be to recruit all officers and senators with a Doodle Poll to see when they are all available to get together outside of working hours and do something together.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Shout outs all around.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.