

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

**Monday, November 6, 2017**

**4 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Dylan Gray, Alisha Sharma, Karla Camacho, Danie O'Donnell, Nadine Salas, Maggie Scarpa, Zuri O'Balles, Brina Covarrubias, CC Carter

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Susan Anderson

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Zach Scott, Flor Zinzun, Emily Ramos, Riley Marsh, Charles Rouse, Taylor Huston, Nan Timmons, Cavin Levy

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

**II. AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 10/16/17 regular meeting agenda (O'Donnell/O'Balles) 7-0-0 MSC.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/23/17 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 10/23/17 regular meeting, as presented. (Gray/O'Donnell) 7-0-0 MSC.**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Krater and O'Balles have to leave the meeting at 4:59 p.m. for MAC Night dress rehearsals.

**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 Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)

- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointments: Elizabeth Wilson, Michal Hanson, William Simmons, Sydney Goodhart, Chelsea Eiling and Alyssa Myers

**Approval of Consent Agenda: (O'Balles/Camacho) 7-0-0 MSC.**

B. Information Item: 9/30/17 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter shared that these reports will come out quarterly and each year there is a capital expenditure budget. A capital expenditure is a piece of equipment which is over \$2,500 that has a life of at least 2-3 years so it can be depreciated. \$25,000 is allotted for all of our programs. CAVE got hand-me-down furniture when the BMU opened in 2001 and they moved into the building. They just remodeled this year spending only \$27,000 out of the allowed \$40,000 for the first quarter and Slaughter explained that the remaining \$13,000 can additionally only be used by CAVE since that is how the money was allotted. CDL spent \$21 for the quarter. This money can be allotted toward any AS program.

C. Discussion Item: Policy Agenda 2017 – 2018 – Sharma checked in with all officers at the table to go over some ideas to craft the policy agenda. She reminded everyone to turn in their ideas by noon on Thursday to her or Gray for what each of them would like to do for their position. Camacho asked if there is a goal timeline for it being approved as a GAC policy agenda and Sharma responded that the goal is for everyone's ideas to be turned in this week and discussed with the Executive Committee. Scarpa asked if the old policy agendas are posted online for her to refer to and Sharma let her know that she sent out an email last week after GAC that she did have the GAC policy agenda from last year. Camacho inquired if it would be possible to send out a general idea of what was discussed at retreat since not everyone was there and this was a topic that was talked about amongst everyone who attended. There were also themes that were brought up at retreat such as improving representation of students and she would like everyone to be on the same page. It was

discussed that DACA being rescinded was what really promoted continuing to move forward with this policy agenda.

**VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Gray:** He talked about the policy agenda that will be coming out very soon and thanked everyone for submitting ideas. Pizza with the President will be on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> in BMU 220G at 12 p.m. and 10 officers and senators have confirmed that they can attend. There have been a couple issues that students have come to him about and one of them is Town and Gown. Chico Mayor, Sean Morgan, has created a sharing committee, but won't share exactly what that committee does. Town and Gown was created for student relationship, and at the beginning of this year an email was sent out that the committee had changed in such ways that the AS President would no longer be co-chair. Salas shared that when they voiced the fact that there is no student representation on the committee, the response they received was "Don't see it as getting something taken away from you because you still get to sit on Town and Gown." She and Gray felt that this was unacceptable because the purpose of Town and Gown is to bring together representation from Chico State and the city itself so they will be following up with emailing them. He and Camacho met with Academic Senate chair Jed Wyrick to discuss rise of tuition and with an increase in salary for the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, and all 23 CSU Presidents. President Hutchinson's chief of staff, Brooke Banks, was walking through Trinity Commons and a group had called out her and Hutchinson about their salary being too high when tuition is also going up at the same time. A forum will be happening in February to clear up any questions that anyone may have concerning this correlation. **Camacho:** SAS approved the changes to their code but they postponed voting on honors society until the next meeting. Soon, they will be voting on inclusive bathrooms. Another Cal States Contact Congress event is looking to be held early December for the Dream Act and she is going to be reaching out to other campuses soon for interaction once again. CSSA SLO will be next weekend. Bill Loker came to Student Academic Senate and talked about GI 2025 and the tuition increase. Academic Integrity Council meets tomorrow and there are 9 seats for that council which is the body that reviews policies for academic integrity. Sharma asked if there will be a debrief for the Cal States Contact Congress event and do a SWOT analysis to compare our turnout to other campuses. The only actual issue that people had with that event was marketing and outreach and nobody was sure why other than the amount of time that they had to get the word out. Sharma suggested that one thing she can take to CSSA is to push all 23 campuses to figure out a way to work together with social media and connect. **O'Donnell:** Legislative Affairs Committee has come up with a tentative agenda item for the next few months to discuss Title IX and wants to come up with a statement for the change. If anyone knows someone who wants to join LAC on Fridays from 1-2pm, please let her know. **Salas:** Last week when she and Gray left early they went over to Town and Gown. DACA was discussed as well as CSSA, Cal States Contact Congress, Halloween enforcement plans, and a task force being created for discouraging out of towners from coming here and de-facing property. The Downtown Chico Business Association gave a description of aggressive pan-handling and how we should direct anyone that we see doing so toward resources that are available to them. **Scarpa:** Last week she attended the Campus Conservation meeting and was a consultant in Town Hall for climate change as the Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs at Chico State. She is chairing her first Sustainability Affairs Council meeting today and they will discuss the advisory vote for the water bottle ban as they are not sure if it will pass or not. She feels that recycling education is important and should be implemented on incoming freshman and transfer students, as well as being put into new-hire paperwork. At town hall there was an interesting proposal for the nation, state, and campus and she requested more information on solar powered compacting trash cans. **O'Balles:** MAC night is this week and 12 groups are performing for the event. Her and our Marketing and Outreach Coordinator worked together to create a video for what unity means to everyone. She is anticipating a great performance night for the event and suggested officers asking their professors to even get the word out to their students and classes. Sharma asked if she had figured out when the song "Rise" will be playing and O'Balles said she thinks that it will be playing as everyone walks in at the beginning. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the event starts at 6 p.m. This week will be the first candidate review for the Director of Travel Relations which is a new position that was created by the Office of the President. She will be working on a speaker series next semester for Black History Month, as well as other history months in spring. **Covarrubias:** The first Intersections workshop will be next Thursday at 5:30 p.m. She asked everyone to please help promote and get the word out. The Event Funding Information Night will not be happening until next month but it will recur every month after that. Her and Salas were talking about having a huge campus ROAR (Reach Out and Respond) day with CAEDC and maybe have the GSEC also take part and to make it a huge event to where class professors might also even take part. **Scott:** There was no quorum at BMUC this week and they had a resignation as well as an appointment on the same day from SFAC. This Thursday is the first information session for SFAC. Amanda from Sustainability has been receiving proposals from students that will come and present how the money for SFAC should be allotted. **Rogers:** Absent.

**VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson:** Absent. **Carter:** He is very impressed with the topics that GAC has taken on. Reminded everyone that they only have 20 weeks left of their time in office and to pay attention to any goals that they may have. MAC night is a celebration of the world and now is a great time for a show of strength for coming

together. **Slaughter:** WLI and ASP will be moving into their new space this Thursday. If MAC night is sold out, people can go over to Selvester's to participate in the lip sync battle sponsored by GSEC. **Krater:** None.

**VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – Sharma said her EVP email is back up and running. The advisory measure that went through last year on the ban of bottled water is going to be voted upon at the next BOD meeting and everyone's opinions do matter even if they are not voting members because it is a big decision. Jamie Clyde has a lot of information on the matter. There is a Friendsgiving next Thursday evening and the signup sheet for food is on her desk. WLC potluck will be next Thursday as well and sign-ups are on the SL&L front desk. Reminder that CDL would love to have everyone over for a snack time with the kids and she is coordinating with Sally Miller for that. GSEC's Women's Conference is this Saturday. AS Programs Fair will be postponed until next semester because of the rain and Trinity lawn being blocked off during that time as well.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Scarpa is speaking this Wednesday on the topic of ground management as part of her role in CLIC. Camacho shared that campus business has been finished for VP of Academic Programs candidates and will be doing reviews for that on the 9<sup>th</sup>. She requested that anyone who might have comments or feedback should fill out the survey or let her know.

**X. PUBLIC OPINION** – Cavin Levy shared that he agrees that all CSU presidents and administration make way too much money. Taylor Huston shared that she enjoys everything that GAC puts into effect. Emily Ramos shared that she enjoys seeing what GAC does but had no idea about anything that they were talking about and suggested that the GAC team make flyers with more information on what AS Programs are and do. Sharma said she would be happy to meet with her and give any information that she may want. Camacho reiterated that in the 20 weeks we have left, elections fall into that and encouraged the people sitting on the side to come in and stop by the office.

**XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Sharma gave a shout out to O'Balles for becoming EVP for ADPi and to Slaughter for being helpful while her EVP email account was down. Camacho gave a shout out to CC for being awesome. Scott gave a shout out to all the freshman that came to this meeting to see what GAC is about and understanding the decision making that they do for student dollars. Gray gave a shout out to Scott for coming back strong and to everyone for doing their thing.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.