

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

**Monday, January 22, 2018**

**4 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Alisha Sharma, Karla Camacho, Danie O'Donnell, Nadine Salas, Margaret Scarpa, Zuri O'Balles, Brina Covarrubias, Kimberly Scott, Susan Anderson

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Taylor Rogers

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. **AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 1/22/18 regular meeting agenda (O'Donnell/O'Balles) 6-0-0 MSC.**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 11/13/17, 11/27/17, and 12/4/17 regular meetings. **Motion to approve minutes of the 11/13/17, 11/27/17, and 12/4/17 regular meetings, as presented (O'Donnell/O'Balles) 6-0-0 MSC.**

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Welcome to Kimberly Scott!

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 Businesses Committee (ASBC)

- Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Miguel Maldonado

Confirmation of appointment to Bell Memorial Union Committee (BMUC)

- Government Affairs Committee Appointment to BMUC/SFAC: Brayden Cleland

Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council (CAC)

- Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointment: Hussein Ali
- Executive Vice President Appointment: Tiarra Blanche
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Harry Hatch

**Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes**

- Activity Fee Time Capsule Policy.

**Approval of Consent Agenda: (Camacho/Covarrubias) 6-0-0 MSC.**

B. Information Item: Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual for November 2017 – Sharma reviewed the numbers and informed the group that the benchmark is 42%. With total expenses at 35% we are doing awesome on our revenues and expenses.

C. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes

- Legislative Affairs Committee Code
- Revenue Sharing Policy
- Activity Fee Programmatic Eligibility Policy
- Revisions, including title change from Activity Fee Capital Expenditure Council Code, to Activity Fee Capital Expenditure Committee Code
- Revisions including title change from Initial Review Board (IRB) Code, to Initial Review Committee (IRC) Code

These items were reviewed between Slaughter, Krater and Karen Bang. The Legislative Affairs Committee Code has not been passed by LAC because they have not had quorum. GAC has the power to approve the LAC Code in this instance which is why it is on the agenda. Sharma went on to explain what the Initial Review Committee (IRC) is and shared that it has to do with all things internal and serves as a 'check-in' meeting.

D. Information Item: **2017-2018 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

Confirmation of appointments to Government Affairs Committee (GAC)

- President Gayle Hutchinson Appointment: Kimberly Scott

E. Information Item: **2017-2018 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations**

Resignation from Government Affairs Committee (GAC)

- President Hutchinson Appointment: CC Carter

Resignation from Associated Students Business Committee (ASBC)

- Government Affairs Committee Appointment: Isaiah Thurman

Resignation from Bell Memorial Union Committee (BMUC)

- Government Affairs Committee Appointment to BMUC/SFAC: Carlene Dyer

- F. Information Item: Revenue Sharing Allocations – Slaughter explained the history and purpose of Revenue Sharing. He stated that all allocated amounts are allocated during elections. Students have a total of \$15 that they can allocate towards organizations. Last year there were 209 club accounts who received revenue sharing. The idea presented was that club accounts should have a minimum amount received before an account will be set up for them. Slaughter's recommendation was a \$50 minimum that each organization must receive in order for Financial Services to create an account. The cost of creating and maintaining each revenue sharing allocation is a factor in this decision. Salas asked if there could be some kind of petition made for those organizations that wouldn't make the \$50 benchmark to be able to claim their money. Covarrubias said that getting demographics on each organization that doesn't make the \$50 benchmark would be a good idea because she participates in a lot of clubs and feels that a \$25 benchmark would be more reasonable. O'Donnell then concluded the discussion asking if research could be done to figure out if more organizations were closer to a \$25 or \$50 benchmark.

**VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Sharma:** Officer and Senator retreat was last week. She and Anderson met to discuss the Wildcat statue as well as the space around the statue. She sent out an e-mail to the student body to let everyone know of Dylan Gray's resignation. The AS Programs and others also received the notification. The Orion has been reaching out to her and she asked everyone to let her know if they have any questions at all about how to respond. Applications are out for the AS Executive Vice President position and are due by February 5. For those that weren't at retreat, she's going to try and have a meeting to catch them up on anything they missed and all information that was gone over. Regarding Outreach, she's going to meet with Adrianna Sikiric soon. Those on the Board of Directors will officially meet Dr. Milton Lang as he will be coming to BOD this week. **Camacho:** She looks forward to attending CSSA Dominguez Hills with O'Donnell this week and will be going to Washington, DC on behalf of CSSA next month. She needs to confirm the day and time for Student Academic Senate. **O'Donnell:** She is attending CSSA with Camacho and welcomed everyone back. **Salas:** Freshman Leadership Opportunity is starting a mentorship program if anyone is interested in mentoring a freshman student for the rest of the semester. **Scarpa:** On Sunday she met with the person that she is co-presenting with to speak about Chico State, Sacramento, Humboldt, and Northridge in comparison to their sustainability practices. She thinks she is going to lose a Sustainability Affairs Council. She is going to try and have the campus go straw-less and Slaughter suggested calling the event "The Last Straw". She has almost all of her interns at CLIC. Rogers mentioned the idea of selling stainless steel straws or paper straws. **O'Balles:** Lost a Diversity Affairs Council member over winter break, but also had someone reach out to her who is interested in joining. **Covarrubias:** Thanked everyone for understanding that she couldn't be at retreat. Her Thailand and Singapore trip were great and she is excited for this semester. **Rogers:** He reached out to Jamie Clyde about getting a vending machine put on the Chico State Farm. The current cap for vending machines on campus is 32 per the contract. Krater asked if there are any vending machines that are being under-utilized so we could move one instead of getting more. He is going to ask Jack Strozzi-Heckler as the College of Agriculture senator to reach out to the Chico State agriculture side because it would look good to have student support.

**VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson:** The Wildcat statue is going to be amazing and it will be arriving for installation on April 16. Mathew Gray Palmer is the designer. There will be an event for the reveal and light desserts will be served. Discussion was held regarding the Wildcat Plaza and potential new banners to highlight this area. **Scott:** Back in 1990 she was on a committee in Athletics to work on getting a statue on campus. She's happy to see that 27 years later it is being done. **Krater:** She has been working with Ann Schwab and Salas on the Cats in the

Community event. Cathryn Carkhuff is our new CAVE Coordinator who joined us at the beginning of January. **Slaughter:** As discussed at retreat, we are heading into budget season. Starting this Thursday, AS Productions is bringing the music back and there will be a concert almost every week. Until the weather is better, we will utilize the lower level of the BMU near 008. Wildcat Leadership Institute will be doing a Civic Engagement certificate and there will be 6-7 workshops led by different people such as Susan Roll and Kate McCarthy. Sharma suggested that Becca Carlson from WLI would be a good resource for more questions.

**VIII.REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – Sharma gave her report as listed above.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** –Covarrubias has class at 5:30 p.m. so she may have to leave 5-10 minutes early.

**X. PUBLIC OPINION** – None

**XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.