

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

Monday, January 29, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Susan Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Taylor Rogers, Adriana Sikiric, Adrien Macias, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA – Motion to approve the 1/29/18 regular meeting agenda** –Sharma asked to make the following amendments: Remove the Legislative Affairs Committee Code from the Consent Agenda and make it Action Item B. Add Information Item C: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Community Affairs Council Code. **(O'Donnell/Scarpa) 6-0-0 MSC as amended.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – None.
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- 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.

Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes

- 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.

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

- B. Action Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes - Legislative Affairs Committee Code. **Motion to approve Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Legislative Affairs Committee Code, as presented. (Camacho/O'Donnell)** – Slaughter shared that in reviewing this code there was an error and that any changes need final approval from the BOD. **6-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Community Affairs Council Code - Krater mentioned that the changes on this code are consistent with the other updates the committee has approved. We updated the non-voting members to show staff instead of advisor and there was a correction to Dan Herbert's title as Director of Off-Campus Student Services.
- D. Information Item: 12/31/17 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – We are in the sixth month of the fiscal year so our benchmark is 50%. Our total revenue is at 68%. First section of expenses is at 34%. AF operational expenses are at 32%. Government Affairs is at almost 40%. Campus programs are at 71%. The high percentage in this area is attributable to the CDL purchasing their attendance program earlier in the year. This will even out as we continue through the fiscal year. Community programs are at almost 47%. Total expenses are at 42.71%. The Activity Fee is performing very well.
- E. Information Item: 12/31/17 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter shared that this report represents the purchases made through the second quarter of the year. We traditionally allocate \$25,000

each to provide a pool for potential capital expenditure requests in addition to a \$40,000 approved allocation for the CAVE remodel. We have expensed \$36,354 of the original \$65,000 to date.

- F. Information Item: Revenue Sharing Allocations – Slaughter reviewed some of the questions from the last meeting. We found that 16 of the 21 organizations last year that received \$50 or under did not use any of the revenue sharing. O'Donnell asked Slaughter to clarify the process for getting a reimbursement for Revenue Sharing. Salas inquired about the petition for groups that receive less than \$50 to still have an account set up. Covarrubias states that the \$25 benchmark is more adequate because of the small percentage difference not being that great between a \$25 and \$50. Macias asked if maybe the organizations do not know that they have the money and Slaughter stated that we do reach out to them throughout the year with reminders. O'Donnell inquired about the cost for FSO to create new accounts for Revenue Sharing. Sharma said that the hope for setting a minimum is that it will push clubs to go out there and vote more for those clubs and allocate more money. Rogers agrees with the original \$50 minimum benchmark because each club does require five members minimum so if each club member votes they would be over the benchmark easily. Sharma asked if seeing an additional year of statistics for revenue sharing would suit everyone to see if the numbers are the same or different in any way.

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

Resignation from Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)

- Executive Vice President Student Appointment: Jennifer Rodrigues

VI. **REPORTS: OFFICERS – Camacho:** Student Academic Senate will meet Friday at 11 a.m. for the spring semester. This week will include a demo for the Blackboard Ally Tool and the agenda will be posted. The tuition increase proposed was discussed at CSSA this past weekend. The Student Trustee Committee finalized the candidates. Chancellor White attended the CSSA Board of Directors meeting. There was not much new information given but we look forward to further conversation with legislators. The consensus is that Jerry Brown should be giving us more money for the CSU system because we are way under the mandatory costs needed. Chancellor White said that the tuition increase hasn't had a direct impact on any one demographic. Further conversation was had during the Student Trustee report regarding the tuition increase. The California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) held in March will send more students to Sacramento for advocacy work. **O'Balles:** The Diversity Affairs Council will have their first meeting tomorrow at 2 p.m. We have one proposal to hear as a second proposal was cancelled. It is time to start planning for International Festival. She will reach out to black staff and faculty to see if they are available for a panel she would like to put on during Black History month **Salas:** She will be attending Town and Gown tonight and will report back next week **O'Donnell:** She recommended reviewing the presentation that Camacho sent out and asking them for clarification in the interest of time. CSSA Legislative Affairs discussed a few different programs. The first is "RISE", which is an organization founded at UC Berkley. They talked about getting everyone together from the CSU and the UC to fight tuition increase. There are 50 campuses involved and more than 10,000 students. "College for All" is the second program that would increase the tax on the inheritance tax to help combat the cost of rising tuition. A third program is called "Young Invincibles". An Emergency Student Loan program which is a grant in the form of a loan so that students can still receive Financial Aid. This would help with student homelessness or students who were affected during the Sonoma fires. **Rogers:** Dining Services is working on an allergen program to address food allergies such as peanuts. The Last Straw campaign will be reported at the next ASBC meeting. There may be a third-party sushi restaurant preparing food at Sutter Dining and that contract is under negotiation. Clinique will be closing in the Wildcat Store and that space will be replaced with more clothing. The Wildcat store is now offering imprinted backpacks and Klean Kanteens. He met with the Pepsi representative and Jamie Clyde. We are hoping to do an event in late March on the Marketplace patio with Pepsi swag and possibly a bike as a prize. He will be reaching out to KCSC to DJ the event as well as showcase one of our programs. The textbook scholars are going to the PATH Scholars but ASBC would like to formalize a policy to make sure that his position is involved in the distribution moving forward. **Covarrubias:** This Thursday is the second Event Funding Information night and she is doing more advertising this week so she will reach out to Sikiric. This is informational for anyone who wants to know more about our funding process. **Scarpa:** She had her first Sustainability Affairs Council meeting on Friday where she learned that one of her policy agendas for her subcommittee was taken away. She need more ideas for the Zero Waste Subcommittee. Discussion was held regarding her Environmental Thought and Action class that she is taking and the students would like to put forward a ballot initiative to have the new Siskiyou building be fossil free. At the end of the semester she wants to have an event for SCOOP as a thank you for all that they have done. **Sharma:** The Bell Memorial Union is reviewing the Five year Master Plan. This includes renovations to BMU 312 with a potential for balcony use, review of the lower level of the BMU. Scarpa asked when the area will be opened up and Slaughter clarified not until next year. She met with Students for Quality Education in regards to the proposed tuition increase. Dylan Gray had conversations with President Hutchinson last semester

to hold a forum where students could ask questions that they have about administration pay, etc. She's going to work with Sikiric once the meeting with President Hutchinson has been calendared. She met with Dr. Milton Lang last week, the new Vice President for Student Affairs and he is awesome. He attends the BOD meetings if anyone wants to meet him as he is looking forward to meeting everyone. There are a few opportunities for attendance at campus committee meetings that Sharma cannot attend. The Title IX Oversight Committee Meetings are 10to 11 a.m. every other Wednesday. A student representative from the Gender & Sexuality Equity Center attends but they are also hoping for someone from our office. Becca Chanes attends EMAC (Enrollment Management Advisory Committee) and they meet the first Tuesday of every month at 3:15 p.m., but they are looking for another officer to attend this meeting as well. Sharma will be meeting with Slaughter, Krater and Zach Scott to discuss spring transitions with new officers coming in and other items that were discussed at retreat. She will also be meeting with students from UMatteer to talk about what the AS can do to help with mental health efforts on campus. In terms of one-on-one meetings, keep in mind that she is still sorting out her schedule and will do her best to make those happen. Please update your Outlook calendars for this semester. Applications for the EVP vacancy close at noon on February 5.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Scott: Fraternity and Sorority Affairs moved recruitment for Sororities up to before school started and Abbie Page is looking for feedback, comments or concerns. Camacho wishes that Bid Day would have been on the Sunday before because some people had class that conflicted with Bid Day during the week. Adulting 101 is starting up again and the first one will be 'Cooking on a Budget' in the BMU Auditorium. **Slaughter:** We are currently in budget season and working on revised and proposed salaries and then we will start working on expenses. After February 15, this group will start discussing what next year's budgets will look like. Nan Timmons is moving ahead with interviews for an Elections Assistant. AS Productions will do concerts each Wednesday in the lower level of the BMU until the weather is nice and then we will have Nooners outside. WLI is starting up again and is introducing a new Civic Engagement Certificate. The group is getting ready to do their recruitment for the LETS program, Leadership Identity and the Civic Engagement program. **Krater:** She is working with Ann Schwab and Salas for Cats in the Community and has reached out to past partners for the event. Nan Timmons will be taking over the coordination of the Choose Chico event for her which will be held Saturday, April 7.

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – O'Donnell asked that we go to Ike's for a CLIC fundraiser on Thursday, February 8. Camacho shared that the CSSA UA passed a resolution for shared governance regarding sexual violence which can be reviewed on the CSSA website. The Chancellor's Office is looking into a new model for student applications which will impact transfer students. Rogers shared that Alpha Sigma Phi will be tabling Wednesday and Thursday in the gauntlet for Aware, Awake & Alive which promotes information about binge drinking and alcohol safety on campuses. Scarpa shared that she is the volunteer coordinator for the This Way to Sustainability Conference and they will be tabling this Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Krater gave a 'Shout Out' to Stewart for her work behind the scenes and to Covarrubias for taking the lead in reaching out to fill her vacancies on EFAC. Camacho gave a 'Shout Out' to Stewart for helping with travel issues at CSSA. Sharma gave a 'Shout Out' to Salas for being a new member in her sorority.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.