

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

**Monday, February 5, 2018**

**4 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Alisha Sharma, Karla Camacho, Danie O'Donnell, Nadine Salas, Maggie Scarpa, Zuri O'Balles, Kimberly Scott, Sue Anderson

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Brina Covarrubias (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Taylor Rogers, Nan Timmons, Adriana Sikiric, Connor Gilmartin, Natalie Kinney, Mark Stemen, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, David Buckley, Debra Larson, Milton Lang

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

**II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/5/18 regular meeting agenda** Amendment: Add information item C. Geography 440 Class Spring 2018 Advisory Measure. Add a 'Time Certain' into the agenda at 4:45pm for Dr. Milton Lang to come in and discuss the Alternative Consultation process. **(Camacho/O'Donnell) 5-0-0 MSC.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 1/22/18 and 1/29/18 regular meetings. **Motion to approve minutes of the 1-22-18 and 1-29-18 regular meetings, as presented. (O'Balles/Salas) 5-0-0 MSC.**

**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**

- Community Affairs Council Code

**2017-18 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

Confirmation of appointment to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Chantal Narez

Confirmation of appointment to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)

- Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs Appointment: Michelle Mechelhoff

**Approval of Consent Agenda: (O'Donnell/Camacho) 5-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of \$3,460 for speaker support during the 'Undocu Week' event by the Leaders Educating for the Advancement of Dreamers (L.E.A.D.) to be held 2/26/18 in BMU 203. **Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of \$3,460 for speaker support during the 'Undocu Week' event by the Leaders Educating for the Advancement of Dreamers (L.E.A.D.) to be held 2/26/18 in BMU 203, (Camacho/Scarpa)** O'Balles shared information regarding this event which will take place over multiple days but the funding is to cover the speaker cost which will happen on the first day of the event. **5-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Information Item: Geography 440 Spring 2018 Advisory Measure – Professor Stemen and a student presented information about the upcoming advisory measure that they will be bringing to the committee for the upcoming election ballot. Kinney shared that the 440 students would like the new Siskiyou building to be fossil free. The original plan was to create an all-electric building but it was changed to use natural gas. Krater asked what the change would look like and Stemen shared that it would be an all-electric building powered by solar energy. O'Donnell asked for clarification about the design decisions. Discussion was had regarding the

process for any language to be reviewed by our corporate lawyer – Jeff Carter. Timmons shared that the timeline required for this to be on the ballot is February 20 at 5 p.m.

- D. Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 12/31/17 – Slaughter reviewed the quarterly report that shows the investments and the earnings of the corporation in the LAIF. This is a safe and secure investment as we deal with mandatory student fees. Slaughter explained that the University gets the money as students pay their fees and we invoice the University. We earn interest on the fees that remain with the University.
- E. Information Item: Revenue Sharing Allocations – No discussion was held as Sharma would like to provide more information to the committee before moving forward.
- F. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes
- Sustainability Affairs Council Code – Krater shared that while Scarpa was getting her council up and running, changes were made that were consistent with the other codes. Slaughter shared that it is a goal to have all policies and codes as accurate as possible before elections.
  - Revisions, including title change from Multicultural Affairs Council Event Funding Policy to Diversity Affairs Council Event Funding Policy – There are a few changes regarding the Organic Cotton T-Shirt Resolution and when groups are able to come for fall funding. It was determined that any groups who want to host an event prior to November 15 are able to present a proposal for funding in the spring.
- G. Information Item: 2017-2018 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations
- Resignation from Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Sydney Goodhart
- H. Time Certain at 4:45pm for Milton Lang – Dr. Lang gave a brief presentation regarding the upcoming discussions surrounding the Alternative Consultation process. The main goal would be to provide opportunities for students to engage in this process and provide feedback. In addition to the student groups, President Hutchinson would like Lang and Larson to meet with faculty across campus to get their input on the matter. Several ideas were shared in order to promote information about the process. Anderson shared that it's very important for students to understand the difference between campus based fee increases and CSU based fee increases. Slaughter clarified that the process for Alternative Consultation means that a student body vote is not required to raise fees and said it is important for students to know that this is not a fee increase for the Associated Students. Discussion was had about students who are not in favor of increased student fees and what will happen to the Student Health Center and the services they provide if students aren't willing to increase fees. Scarpa mentioned that it may be good to have the Student Health Center and Athletics say exactly what this fee increase would be going toward. Camacho said that with a consultation route, it's going to be hard for students to understand why they don't have a voice in the actual decision making after all of their input is given out. Scarpa asked if the campus administration will provide an explanation for why students do not get to vote for this. Sharma shared that after deliberation with the team a statement will be given that will represent how this body voted on the matter. After the Campus Fee Advisory Committee on Wednesday, they will have a final meeting with President Hutchinson.

**VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – O'Balles:** She wanted to host a panel for Black History month but there were no rooms available. Rooms were reserved for the Women and API Panel on March 27. There was a possible resignation last week for Ann Shelnett but she was able to stay on the committee after all. **Rogers:** Vice President Stivers approved an additional vending machine on the contract so there will be 33 vending machines instead of 32. Jamie Clyde would like to pursue having the cap removed. The new one will be located on the University Farm by the end of the semester. The 'Pepsi party' will be happening the week after spring break. He will begin drafting language for how the textbook scholarships are handled. They will go through ASBC and then BOD. **Scarpa:** She is working on one policy agenda and she would like to gather sustainability training materials. She is going to create a timeline for creating that resource. **Salas:** She attended Town and Gown last week. Information regarding Downtown Chico Ambassadors and the "Make Change Count" campaign were discussed. She is coordinating a Safety Walk in March and she shared all of the good things that the students are doing on campus. Shawn Morgan is working on a new program that will help with the homeless population. Title IX and Safe Place programs have been established at Butte College and there is also a new program "Promise to College" where incoming freshman students are able to have their tuition and textbooks covered. The first meeting for the "Coffee with the Cops" events happened and they are looking at March 5 and March 8 for the dates. Students can come get free coffee and donuts while getting familiar with our University Police Department.

**O'Donnell:** LAC had an informal meeting because she did not have quorum. Two members have volunteered to go to CHES as she cannot attend the advocacy day. A student came in and voiced his concerns surrounding the stigma surrounding autism. She shared a letter that the student provided. Scarpa shared that there is a lot of misinformation in society right now about what the causes are as it is a very confusing disorder. In October there was an autism symposium at Chico State and the students who put on that event should be reached out to for more information. Camacho said that she can reach out to Kiara Ferrari to see what is available to them. O'Donnell said this is very important to address as GAC is a voice for students and this was brought to her by a student. Krater stated that the Kinesiology department has the Autism Clinic which is the student group who works on this. **Camacho:** Student Academic Senate met on Friday and they will be hearing proposed changes to the Internal Affairs Committee Policy regarding how Senators are held accountable at the next meeting. They will also review the Resolution on Legitimate Honor Societies on campus. She is sitting on the Executive Committee Ad Hoc for Academic Senate and they are reviewing the constitution and bylaws. They are looking at transitioning to the University Committee structure. She reached out to Sacramento State regarding Advocacy Day. She is currently sitting on the General Education Student Advisory group for the state which is composed of CSSA Board of Directors members. **Covarrubias:** Absent **Sharma:** The applications for the EVP vacancy closed today and applicants will be reviewed and interviewed in the next couple of weeks. Two students applied for the position. Fencing goes up tomorrow in front of the BMU to begin the construction zone for the Wildcat Statue installation. She, Zach Scott, Slaughter and Krater are working on updating the spring transitions. These are called the 'TOT' meetings (Transition Orientation Team). There is a Chico Lit rally happening today from 5-7 p.m. to petition for more lighting in Chico. This week she is having one-on-one meetings with Larson and Lang and she asked everyone if they have topics to cover. **Sikiric:** She is currently working on different templates for each council and committee to attract students. The focus would be what each council and committee focuses on and how students can make an impact by getting involved.

**VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater:** No Report. **Scott:** On Giving Day, Recreational Sports received about \$2,700. **Anderson:** She would like to get an information item on a future agenda for some of the things that the commencement office is doing. **Slaughter:** Budgets will be discussed soon for this year and the next year.

**VIII.REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None.**

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – O'Donnell** asked everyone to go to Ike's on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**X. PUBLIC OPINION – Ramirez** asked when CFAC meets and Sharma let him know that they meet every other Wednesday at 2 p.m. in SSC 206. He also asked if anyone knew what the fee increases would actually be and Sharma said that they do not currently know but it will be discussed further in the next few weeks.

**XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Sharma** gave a "shout out" to the weather!

**XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice Chair, Sharma,** adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.