

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

**Monday, February 12, 2018**

**4 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Susan Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Taylor Rogers, Adriana Sikiric, Alejandro Alfaro, Denise Crosswhite, Aimee Allenegui, Charlotte Sanfilippo, Ben Parker, Sophia Olivarez

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

**II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/12/18 regular meeting agenda (Camacho/Salas) 6-0-0 MSC.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – None.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

**V. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Action items forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee from the standing committees stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 GAC action.

- A. Diversity Affairs Council
  - 1. DAC Actions of 1/30/18
    - a. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Diversity Affairs Council meetings for spring semester of the academic year 2017-18.
- B. Event Funding Allocation Council
  - 1. EFAC Actions of 2/6/18
    - a. Approved Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Event Funding Allocation Council meetings for spring semester of the academic year 2017-18.

**VI. 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**

- Sustainability Affairs Council Code
- Revisions, including title change from Multicultural Affairs Council Event Funding Policy to Diversity Affairs Council Event Funding Policy

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

- B. Information Item: Revenue Sharing Allocations – (Item skipped).
- C. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes
  - Event Funding Allocation Policy – Slaughter shared small changes including the Organic Cotton T-shirt Resolution.

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

Resignation from Community Affairs Council (SAC)

- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Harry Hatch

- E. Discussion Item: Adjustment to Campus-Based Student Fees (Alternative Consultation) – Sharma shared that next week Student Affairs representatives are going to come and present the process of raising student fees

via Alternative Consultation. She shared that GAC will vote on the matter but BOD will not because they are not a committee representing the students directly. Covarrubias asked if GAC is the only student group that is having their opinion considered and how seriously their opinion would be taken, at which point Slaughter shared that GAC's vote is important to the process. He said it might be challenging for the proposed fee increases to move forward if GAC does not vote in support. The decision is the University President's. Sharma is hoping to hold the vote at the 3/12 GAC meeting which should give everyone some time to consider how they feel about the matter. The group then discussed approximately when the forums will be held, what will be reviewed at those forums, and what types of questions should be expected to get asked at the forums. Salas and Scarpa gave some suggestions such as advertising our office as a source of information and making sure students have an understanding of what alternative consultation actually is to receive all information regarding the suggested fee increases. Discussion was held regarding feedback from the student body and how that would weigh in on their decision. Covarrubias commented that as student representatives, it's important to understand what the students want. Discussion was held about the members attending the forums to hear directly from the student body. Sharma stated that if the group goes this route, they should attend all four forums to get student thoughts on the matter. She also shared that a good question to ask the presenters next week would be how they plan to follow up with everyone who attends the forums.

- F. Discussion Item: New Officer Transitions – Sharma shared that she, Zach Scott, Krater and Slaughter have still been having Transition Orientation Taskforce meetings and they've come up with a new transition date. April 23 will be orientation for incoming officers. Orientation day will involve the incoming officers and Scott and Sharma will be working with the particulars for the day. They are going to ask out-going officers/senators to make a one-on-one meeting and make that connection. She will bring more information to the March 5 GAC meeting. Krater and Slaughter will also have one-on-one meetings with incoming officers/senators. The new location for the official induction will be next to the Wildcat statue. The transition ceremony will take place on a Friday afternoon and is mandatory for everyone to attend. The election packet will include additional required dates for all training for fall, transition day, and the induction ceremony.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Sharma:** After consultation with David Buckley and Slaughter, they are not going to move forward with filling the AS EVP position due to timing as the newly appointed EVP would only have about six weeks in office. Sharma feels supported by the team holding both roles. **Camacho:** She joined the GE Advisory group. She met with Dr. Jed Wyrick to discuss the Advocacy Day in Sacramento and brought up the possibility of meeting with someone from the governor's office. She listened to one of Jerry Brown's speeches this past weekend and will be using that information when she goes to Sacramento. They will be forwarding information from the EPPC meeting to Academic Senate. Gerontology will be transferred from the School of Social Work to Social Science. They will be forwarding the change of upper division required units from 40 to 39 because they had found that 40 units is a number that holds a lot of students back from graduating on time. This will be brought up at Academic Senate if anyone wants to attend. General quantity of upper division units was discussed to go even lower than 39 units. Only two majors currently require less than 39 units for a student to graduate. CSSA will be held at CSU Maritime this weekend. Scarpa asked if CSSA is ever in Chico and Camacho confirmed that this September it will be on our campus. **O'Donnell:** She spoke with Slaughter last week regarding the lack of members on her committee and they are going to make Legislative Affairs more of a task force for the remainder of the semester to focus on voter registration and the candidate forum. They'll be tabling next Monday and Wednesday outside of the BMU for voter registration. She will attend CSSA with Camacho. **Salas:** Nine sites have been confirmed for Cats in the Community and two busses have been ordered. She was introduced to some ARTS faculty who offered to provide sketches for the mural that they are looking at. The BBQ will be catered by Dining Services in front of the WREC for all volunteers. They found a speaker that does not fit the budget so she is looking for other suggestions for speakers. She asked what Slaughter thought of 'Cones with the Cops' for ice cream as well. The League of Women voters reached out to her and O'Donnell to hold a forum in the BMU in May. They're trying to get this forum to be an extra credit opportunity for students who attend since it is the week before finals week. Sharma recommended reaching out to Pi Sigma Alpha. **Scarpa:** She and her co-presenter have been researching for her comparative analysis for sustainability efforts throughout the CSU system. The three CSUs that they had originally chosen to research have been changed. She decided not to have a vice chair for her council. She got offered to go to the Citizens' Climate Conference in Washington DC this June. She additionally got offered to introduce for a climate activist who is coming to campus. She wants to create a mandate and ask that posters which are one-sided get used on both sides before getting recycled. Slaughter added that all posters get donated to the Child Development Lab for children to color on the blank sides. **O'Balles:** She is working on International Festival and is participating on a University committee. **Covarrubias:** She is working on the next Intersections workshop and will gather opinions from students to create a new topic that they will all be interested in. The first Wildcat Welcome week meeting is coming up She is also working on a Wildcat ROAR day. **Rogers:** ASBC was eventful today although there were no financials. There are new Chico State shirts in the Wildcat store for \$10 each. The Wildcat store is

looking to increase textbook sales because they are decreasing each year. Sutter Dining will have new stickers to identify all food allergies and a food campaign will be going on at Sutter to see how much food is going to waste. The Last Straw is going to be implemented and they are using the remaining inventory of plastic straws. Straws will only be given out if asked for. Scarpa asked if the silicone or stainless steel straws have been considered and Rogers said yes. \$4,000 dollars a year will be saved with not ordering plastic straws. Sharma asked Rogers to bring in a paper straw for the GAC next week.

**VIII.REPORTS: STAFF – Sikiric:** Working with Salas on 'Coffee with the Cops.' She is also working on CANVAs for each council and committee that still needs members for quorum.

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

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None**

**XI. PUBLIC OPINION – None**

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

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