

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

Monday, February 19, 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 (recording), Taylor Rogers, David Buckley, President Hutchinson, Vice President Lang, Provost Larson, Anita Barker, Jill Cannaday, Kathleen Moroney, Brooke Banks, Dean Hassenzahl, Jamie Clyde, Juni Banerjee-Stevens, Daniel Lopez, Victor Ibarra, Maredith Berdeja, Robin Miki, Adrien Macias, Nan Timmons, Mimi Bommersbach, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, Lorena Valazquez, Joselin Medina, Jamie Cabrera, Josh Cocine, Lucy Skillman, Serenity Gregerson, Mikie Weidman, Adela Gutierrez Diaz, Dulce Duque Pineda, Keandre Madkinshal, Kelly Almendares, Areli Castillo, Andy Cobian, Levi Cruz, Michael C. Pratt, Jeremy Markley, Diana Castellanos, Rogelio Davila, Aimee Allenequi, Liam Thomson, Kayla Morris, Charlotte Sanfilippo, Denise Crosswhite, Brigitte Dahrouj, Grayson Boyer, Rachel Ketchum Larb

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/19/18 regular meeting agenda (Camacho/Salas) 6-0-0 MSC.

The Chair started the meeting with Agenda Information Item E: Time Certain 4:00 PM: Adjustments to Campus Based Student Fees Presentation (Alternative Consultation).

President Hutchinson introduced the Proposed Student Fee Adjustment presentation that addresses the need for an increase in the Student Health Services Fee, the Student Learning Fee, and the Athletics Fee. These fees have not adjusted, besides slight inflationary increases, in over 15 years. The proposed increase is a total of \$190 per semester to start. The fees increase at differing amounts over the next five years and then, except for the Student Learning Fee, adjust by the CPI. The Student Learning Fee stays flat after five years. The President has chosen to address the proposed adjustment by way of Alternative Consultation that does not require a vote of the student body yet is informed by the comments and feedback from a wide cross section of students attending one of the four information open forums scheduled in March. At the current funding levels in these three areas, students are experiencing the impacts of long wait times and not enough appointments with medical providers and counselors; outdated equipment and hardware in classrooms and labs; limited support services such as tutoring, and not enough funding to sustain a competitive athletics program. Vice President Lang, Interim Student Health Center Director Jill Cannaday, Athletics Director Anita Barker, Provost Larson, and Dean of Natural Sciences David Hassenzahl spoke about the need and the positive impact of the proposed fee increase within each of their respective areas and throughout the campus as a whole. Four open forums have been scheduled in the first two weeks of March to provide students an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns in a variety of ways including comment cards, direct feedback at a forum presentation and on the campus-sponsored website. The deadline to submit comments is Friday, March 16. Members of the committee took part in a question and answer period after the presentation. Questions, comments and suggestion were taken by the presenters with the plan to incorporate the feedback into their future presentations.

(Camacho left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/5/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 2/5/18 regular meeting, as presented (O'Donnell/O'Balles) 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

- Event Funding Allocation Policy.

2017-18 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointment to Event Fund Allocation Council (EFAC)

- Executive Vice President Appointment: Ethan Nicholl

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

(Camacho returned to meeting at 5:10 p.m.)

- B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of \$1,950 for the 'Holi: Festival of Colors' event by the Indian Student Association to be held 3/3/18 or 3/10/18 on Shasta Lawn. **Action Requested: Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of \$1,950 for the 'Holi: Festival of Colors' event by the Indian Student Association to be held 3/3/18 or 3/10/18 on Shasta Lawn, as presented (O'Donnell/Salas) 6-0-0 MSC**
- C. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Legitimate Honor Societies at Chico State. **Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution for Legitimate Honor Societies at Chico State, as presented (attached).** Item postponed to the 3/5/18 regular meeting.
- D. Information Item: Resolution for Student Academic Senate Commitment to SPC Certification – The wrong version of the resolution was supplied for the agenda. Camacho will replace it with the updated resolution for a future meeting. Item postponed to the 3/5/18 regular meeting.
- E. Information Item: Time Certain: 4 p.m. - Adjustment to Campus-Based Student Fees Presentation (Alternative Consultation) – Discussion transcribed above.
- F. Information Item: Revenue Sharing Allocations – Item postponed until next meeting.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS

Salas and Corvarrubias will be staffing an information table about the upcoming Open Forums concerning the proposed increase to campus based student fees as presented at today's meeting; Camacho stated Sac State pulled out of coordinating a Capitol visit so it's now in Chico's hands; O'Donnell mentioned LAC is starting to table for voter registration. Sharma encouraged all officers to look at the Elections Update Timmons sent earlier in the day; Sharma mentioned a canva is being produced to announce the open forums for the proposed fee increase presented at today's meeting; Sharma thanked the committee for being attentive, respectful and engaged during the presentation. O'Balles stated that she was left "unsatisfied" by the presentation. Sharma encouraged all the members to send their feedback to her so she could share any recommendations with the presenters.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF

Scott mentioned how thankful SLL is for revenue sharing as it encourages clubs and organizations to re-register so they are eligible to be placed on the spring election ballot. Slaughter postponed his report due to time.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

Sharma gave her report as President with the Officer Reports above.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

SQE is holding a press conference on Thursday 2/22 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in BMU 203 in opposition of the proposed fee increase and the potential tuition increase being debated by the Board of Trustees.

X. PUBLIC OPINION

Jeremy Markley stated the committee should have voted no earlier today. Sharma explained why that wasn't the focus of today's meeting and why it was crucial to obtain the student feedback from the scheduled open forums before GAC could make an informed vote.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.