

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

Monday, February 26, 2018

4 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Alisha Sharma, Danie O'Donnell, Nadine Salas, Margaret Scarpa, Zuri O'Balles, Brina Covarrubias

MEMBERS ABSENT – Karla Camacho (excused), Kimberly Scott, Susan Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Sarah Stewart (recording), Shar Krater, Adriana Sikiric, Alejandro Alfaro, Mary Wallmark, David Buckley

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Vice Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

II. AGENDA – **Motion to approve the 2/26/18 regular meeting agenda (O'Donnell/Salas) 4-0-0 MSC.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

V. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of \$313 for the 'Business Concept Competition' event by the Chico Entrepreneurial Association to be held 4/5/18 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Colusa 100A and B. **Action Requested: Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of \$313 for the 'Business Concept Competition' event by the Chico Entrepreneurial Association to be held 4/5/18 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Colusa 100 A and B, as presented** O'Balles asked where the \$300 was getting allocated to and Covarrubias shared that it was primarily for printing costs **(O'Balles/O'Donnell) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the revised amount of \$1,251 for the Reading and Presentation of ME: *Multicultural Echoes* Literary Magazine event by Phi Sigma Iota to be held 4/3/18 in Arts 112. **Action Requested: Motion to approve DAC allocation in the revised amount of \$1,251 for the Reading and Presentation of ME: Multicultural Echoes Literary Magazine event, by Phi Sigma Iota to be held 4/3/18 in Arts 112** O'Donnell attended this event last year for her French class and she found that it was a very cool and informational event with good quality books. **(O'Donnell/Covarrubias) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the revised amount of \$2,466 for the 'Biz Talks' event by Delta Sigma Pi to be held on 4/4/18 in PAC 144. **Action Requested: Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the revised amount of \$2,466 for the 'Biz Talks' event by Delta Sigma Pi to be held on 4/4/18 in PAC 144, as presented** The group all mentioned that this event sounds very cool, especially since they give back to the community. Former WLI Program Director Jen Halford presented in the past. **(Scarpa/O'Balles) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- D. **Information Item: Wildcat Statue Presentation** – Wallmark gave a presentation regarding the Wildcat statue. Discussion was had from the inception of a statue in 2010 to the final reveal set for April of 2018. Wallmark covered the location of the statue, the artist selected, the various areas that contributed for funding and the hope that this will create a bond for all future Chico State Wildcats. April 19 will be the final reveal and the Chico mayor has been asked to come and declare that day as Wildcat Spirit Day. Krater shared that maybe the official GAC end-of-year photo for BMU 205 could be taken in front of the Wildcat statue to start a tradition.
- E. **Information Item: 1/31/18 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual** – (Skipped).
- F. **Information Item: Revenue Sharing Allocations** – (Skipped).
- G. **Discussion Item: Adjustment to Campus-Based Student Fees (Alternative Consultation)** – Sharma wanted to debrief after last week's presentation for Alternative Consultation. O'Balles asked if the presenters had altered their presentation for Student Academic Senate based upon the suggestions they received at GAC last week. Covarrubias shared the EO for the CSU wide consultations and policies, and highlighted some areas that she had issues with. Sharma shared that there was a meeting held between Dylan Gray, Taylor Rogers, Camacho and herself for strategic planning which was sent out to this body from Gray last semester. Scarpa shared that this has been poorly implemented and she does not appreciate it; therefore, she is voting 'No.' Salas asked for clarification

about President Hutchinson choosing to do alternative consultation versus referendum after meeting with CFAC at the beginning of the year and had asked if we have had Alternative Consultation in the past on our campus. Buckley confirmed that the process was used in the early 2000s after the renovation cost overruns wiped out all BMU reserves. The University President met with CFAC, chose to go through Alternative Consultation, and moved forward with raising fees around \$18 a semester. Slaughter shared that Alternative Consultation is relatively new in the long scheme of things, and according to the EO, President Hutchinson did not have to ask CFAC their opinion on the process. Covarrubias asked when President Hutchinson met with CFAC and Slaughter shared that he thought it was around November. She then asked if student representatives truly will feel like they have an impact on the decision that gets made. O'Donnell agreed that when Dr. Lang came to GAC a few weeks ago it would have been good to have more information. Salas said she has a big bias because if she would have been aware what the true meaning of the presentation was, she would have come more prepared and would have appreciated it more as an elected official. O'Donnell shared that it is one thing to get an itemized receipt, but wants to know if there is a way that they can get updated information after the presentations so that if students come to them with questions they can be better prepared for a discussion. Sharma shared that the website should have more information after the forum presentations. O'Donnell suggested filming one of the forums for students to have access to in case they have class or other obligations. Sharma reminded the group that students chose and elected most them to make decisions like this during their term. She went on by saying there are concerns that haven't been made clear by President Hutchinson and are confusing on the EO, and the everyone's input can be given to her to relay for suggestion. Covarrubias asked everyone if they feel that they've had any impact on the strategic development for these fee increases and most of the group said that they did not feel they made an impact at all. Krater asked if they feel as though they didn't have an impact, what would have made that difference to where they would have felt as though they actually did make an impact. O'Donnell replied saying that if the presenters had asked what areas needed to be discussed, instead of stating what they are going to do and requesting feedback, it may have been an easier communication barrier for everyone to feel more involved. Salas said she also feels torn because people aren't necessarily thinking about the fee increase, they are thinking about everything that is going on as a whole and not having a voice with something so large that will affect everyone. O'Donnell shared that if they had more than just a couple months to get the ball rolling, they could have been much more prepared. O'Balles shared that she even was unsure of what Dr. Lang was talking about when he originally came to GAC by himself to discuss Alternative Consultation. The group agreed that the way the presenters chose to bring Alternative Consultation to the table was confusing and could have been presented differently. Sharma will try to reach out to Dr. Lang to see if he is available to come to a future meeting.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS – None.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – None.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.