

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

**Monday, March 12, 2018**

**4 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Margaret Scarpa (unexcused), Nadine Salas (excused), Susan Anderson

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Taylor Rogers, Alejandro Alfaro, Jamie Cabrera, Nan Timmons

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Vice Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – The 3/5/18 GAC minutes were removed from the agenda and are to be placed on the next agenda. **Motion to approve the 3/12/18 regular meeting agenda as amended (Camacho/O'Donnell) 4-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2/26/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 2/26/18 regular meeting, as presented (O'Balles/O'Donnell) 4-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- V. **BUSINESS**

- A. **Information Item: Adjustment to Campus-Based Student Fees (Referendum)** – Sharma has received positive feedback since President Hutchinson made the change from Alternative Consultation to a Referendum. There will be a forum this Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. for students to get informed. Camacho asked Sharma if reminder emails could not go out Friday afternoon. O'Donnell spent time with President Hutchinson in Sacramento and O'Donnell feels that she has not made a decision. Covarrubias heard that President Hutchinson will not be attending the April 4 event for SQE and Alfaro clarified that she will be looking into it. Sharma shared that the role of Government Affairs is going to be getting clear information out to students and remaining neutral at the same time. Covarrubias said people are confused by the email regarding change to a referendum because the terminology is not easily understood. Krater shared that students should attend a forum or go to the website and watch one of the forum videos to receive the best information possible. Covarrubias will get precise answers from students about what was confusing them in President Hutchinson's email so that Sharma can report back to her. Krater mentioned that it's a good idea to keep a unified and accurate message. Covarrubias inquired about the date for voting on the proposed fee increase and Sharma stated that an exact date has not been chosen. The discussion has been to hold it one week after the AS General Election because she wants to keep the two voting items separate in respect for the AS General Election. This will be referred to as a 'Special Election' which has had high voter turnout in the past.
- B. **Information Item: SQE Statewide Action Presentation** – Cabrera and Alfaro presented on behalf of SQE. The group hopes to increase their numbers of people going to Sacramento on April 4 to dispute the lack of funding for the CSU with Governor Jerry Brown. They are seeking assistance in sharing this opportunity by sharing the information via social media and posters. The transportation and food will be provided without cost to the students. Students will be marching from the Governor's mansion to the State Capitol. The date chosen is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination and they will create sayings such as "fund our dreams" to center the issue of funding the CSU to students of color. They have already reached out to multicultural organizations, housing, their own blackboard accounts and other political organizations on campus. Camacho shared that the tuition increase is widely frowned upon so reaching out to any organization will really be beneficial. Sharma mentioned that student announcements would also be a good source to get information out to students. O'Donnell met with legislators last Wednesday and they were all in agreement that the CSU needed to be fully funded. A discussion was also held at CHESS regarding the funding for the CSU. Sharma is going to work with our Outreach Coordinator to help get the word out and shared that it's important for us to tell our students that this trip to Sacramento is a free opportunity for them to be able to have their voices heard.
- C. **Information Item: Revenue Sharing Allocations** – Slaughter reminded the group about the initial conversation for there to be a \$50 minimum allocation made for each organization to receive Revenue Sharing funds. He

shared some statistics to better inform the group in order to make a decision. It would only take four students to vote and reach the \$50 amount. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons for setting a threshold. Camacho shared that she is uncomfortable setting a minimum without knowing what the cost is of creating and maintaining an account. Sharma clarified that if there was a minimum put in place a recommendation could be made that each organization could petition to access the funds regardless of how much was allocated. Krater shared that the petition process would essentially look like a Budget Authorization used for the funding councils. Sharma would like to put this item on as a vote for tracking purposes on the next GAC agenda.

- D. **Discussion Item: Officer and Senator Transition Period** – Sharma shared the plan that all current officers will meet with their successors. Sample questions will be provided such as what kind of events/programs they have put on, what types of issues they ran into and who they reached out to solve them, etc. Krater asked for a discussion regarding expectations of responding to receiving emails from professional staff. O'Donnell shared that CLIC usually puts questions at the end of emails to get them to respond for incentive. The group discussed some other ideas for how they would like to receive and be held accountable for emails in the future and for future officers.

**VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Sharma:** Friday, May 11 at 3 p.m. will be the officer transition ceremony. Sharma asked everyone to accept the meeting request and stated that it is non-negotiable to miss. She shared that there will be a FAQ on the website for why the two elections will not be combined. CATS in the Community is Friday March 30. **Camacho:** The conversation at CHESS and CSSA over the weekend was the importance of students reaching out to their state legislators. She was awarded State Advocate of the Year last night. **O'Donnell:** She is working with Nadine Salas on the Spring Candidate forum. **O'Balles:** She has emailed and reached out to student groups regarding International Festival. **Covarrubias:** The Intersections meeting was cancelled last week but the plan is to find another room in the BMU for future meetings. She ideally would like to have organization leaders designate themselves to specific colleges to do class-talks and promote discussion for the April 4 day of action. **Rogers:** The "Chico State is going Strawless" campaign marketing will begin and stainless steel straws can be purchased for \$1.50. Urban Roots is being submitted for a national award and is doing really well in terms of student popularity. The Pepsi event will be happening on March 27 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Trinity Commons and free samples will be given out as well as a bike.

**VII. REPORTS: STAFF –Slaughter:** This Thursday is the interview for the Marketing & Public Relations candidate. The candidate will be giving a presentation for a marketing strategy on the WREC's 10 year anniversary. He would love to hear anyone's feedback after the presentation.

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

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

**X. PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

**XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Everyone is awesome!

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Vice Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.