

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

Monday, March 26, 2018

4 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Alisha Sharma, Karla Camacho, Nadine Salas, Margaret Scarpa, Zuri O'Balles, Brina Covarrubias, Kimberly Scott, Susan Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT – Danie O'Donnell (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Nan Timmons, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Taylor Rogers

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

II. AGENDA – **Motion to approve the 3/26/18 regular meeting agenda (O'Balles/Salas) 5-0-0 MSC.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 3/12/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 3/12/18 regular meeting, as presented (Covarrubias/O'Balles) 5-0-0 MSC.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Krater spoke with Sally Miller at the AS Child Development Lab who would love any leftover Legos from the Kids Carnival event if it is funded.

V. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of \$1,766.25 for the 'Kids Carnival' event by Upsilon Kappa Delta to be held 4/21/18 in Trinity Commons. **Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of \$1,766.25 for the 'Kids Carnival' event by Upsilon Kappa Delta to be held 4/21/18 in Trinity Commons** O'Balles was not at the meeting but Krater stated that the Diversity Affairs Council adjusted the budget to only fund food items that were activity related and modified the t-shirt budget. **(Covarrubias/Scarpa) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Revenue Sharing Allocations - Approval that a recognized club or organization must receive a minimum of \$50.00 in total pledges during the annual AS General Election in order to activate a Revenue Sharing account for the following academic year. **Motion to approve that a recognized club or organization must receive a minimum of \$50.00 in total pledges during the annual AS General Election in order to activate a Revenue Sharing account for the following academic year** Sharma went over the process of what each organization who receives under the \$50 revenue sharing amount would need to do in order to establish a reimbursement account. **(Camacho/Covarrubias) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- C. **Information Item: Budget Introduction** – Slaughter shared the initial budget information and explained that each member will receive packets for the next meeting as we prepare to vote on the proposed budget. He shared a Power Point with a breakdown of the expenses and the estimated income for next year. 60% of the budget goes directly to programs and the other 40% goes to operations and services. GSEC is becoming a contract program next year as a part of the Multicultural and Gender Studies department. This is similar to what the Community Legal Information Center did last year. Rogers asked about the \$45,000 contribution that will be given to support GSEC and Slaughter confirmed that it will be overseen by the MCGS department with the understanding that the same services will be provided as they were here as an AS Program. He gave specific examples in the Power Point such as the percentage of the budget that accounts for the various areas such as Corporate Services, Activity Fee Operational, Government Affairs and Program Allocations. Sharma asked about remaining funds from the Dream Center allocation that will expire during this fiscal year. Camacho asked why AS Programs pay rent in the BMU and slaughter shared that it's because the Student Union Fee should not support another area. The program statement written for CAVE explicitly included their BMU space. He shared that the increase to the 2018-2019 budget is due to the increase of employee health coverage, IT services, 3% proposed increase for career wages and minimum wage increase for students. Slaughter concluded the presentation with some comments for consideration. He is comfortable going into reserves as the estimated enrollment is conservative and Activity Fee has historically performed better than budgeted.
- D. **Information Item: Adjustment to Campus-Based Student Fees (Referendum)** – Sharma shared that campus administration is working on more forums. An e-mail was sent out this afternoon with more information. She is meeting with President Hutchinson tomorrow to discuss any updates from Cabinet. Our Outreach Coordinator

will get started on advertising the open forums sometime this week as our role is to get students to attend these forums, get feedback from them and eventually vote on the matter.

- E. Information Item: Associated Students Elections – Sharma shared that our office is a neutral zone during election time. This includes not wearing shirts or pins to promote one specific person or group of people running for positions. Timmons shared that career staff will get an e-mail outlining the guidelines for the BMU and neutral office spaces during elections. For those that are running for a position that are currently on GAC, it has to be understood that office resources such as printing, tables in the office closet or work laptops cannot be utilized for campaign purposes. Timmons shared that Declaration Packets are now available and are due Thursday at noon. Write-in candidates are still able to run and are encouraged to do so, their name and picture just will not be included on the ballot. Sharma shared the importance of everyone getting the word out to vote in general whether it's for the AS elections or the special election for the proposed fee increases. Krater mentioned any student who wants to come in and get advice from officers about their current position or being in office should receive the same information as someone you might know.
- F. Discussion Item: Officer and Senator Transition Period – Sharma is still working on this process and she'll be able to show everyone a more detailed outline soon based upon the feedback that she received.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS –Salas: Cats in the Community is this Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. She is looking for Site Leads who will be responsible for a group at a specific site. The Safety Walk was postponed due to the rain and will be rescheduled for a time in April. The Cannabis open forum will be on April 18 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. in BMU 203. The District Attorney, University Police Department and Chico Police Department are some of the partners and will discuss all laws for usage of cannabis either medically or recreationally. She and O'Donnell are working together on the Grill the Candidate Forum which will be a congressional candidate forum in the first week of May. **Scarpa:** Earth month is coming up and she was chosen to speak at the March for Science. **O'Balles:** Her council is working on International Festival and has heard from organizations that want to participate. Applications are due by April 2. She and Krater are working with AS Productions to secure a band that plays festival music. She will meet with AS Graphics soon to get a poster finalized. **Covarrubias:** She is working on funding club events. The time capsule has been delivered and she will work on getting donations. May 1 is when the time capsule will be buried, immediately after Senior Send-Off. **Rogers:** The Pepsi promotional event is tomorrow on Trinity Commons from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. which will have free samples and a bike will be given away. April 23 will be the final day of plastic straws being given out on campus. **Sharma:** Sharma reminded everyone how hard they work and that if they ever need to take a step back for a minute or need to come to her they can. President Hutchinson sent out a video that she got to be a part of which had a culture of caring message. Therapy dogs and wellness locations are services still being provided on campus. She has been working with Juni Banerjee-Stevens from the Counseling Center. She is meeting with President Hutchinson tomorrow. If there are topics the group would like her to discuss please let her know by the end of tonight. SQE asked her to remind GAC about the event on April 4 in Sacramento because the applications close this Wednesday. Our Outreach Coordinator is working at getting advertisement out for them as well. She got an e-mail today about Student Activist Training July 13 – 15 at CSU, San Marcos and the applications to apply will be on April 17 for this free event. The Wildcat statue reveal is coming up on April 19. **Camacho:** Student Academic Senate will not meet Friday due to the holiday. The Shared Governance Committee is working to select awardees for the Shared Governance Reception. Awardees will be a combination of one student from each college, a staff member, faculty member and an administrator. She will be in Sacramento to attend a committee hearing next Tuesday. EPPC will meet this week to talk about educational programs and policies. She is working with Michael Pratt on a resolution regarding Executive Order 1102. Also working with Michael Pratt on DACA and Dreamer advocacy to congressional members to focus on coalition building. She was in Sacramento on Thursday for the Gavin Newsom forum and they conversed on strategies to put higher education at the forefront of the conversation. There is a concern that this is not high on the priority list.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: The Wildcat statue will be delivered three weeks from today. She will be going to Washington D.C. and New York with President Hutchinson. **Slaughter:** Anyone with budget questions can come see him for further explanation. Skype interviews begin tomorrow for the Director of Leadership Development. The Program Coordinator position in the Wildcat Leadership Institute is a new position and interviews will take place later this semester. The Student Events and Program Coordinator position, which Hugh Hammond has been filling on an interim basis, is next on the docket for recruitments. **Krater:** None.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – N/A

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Camacho said tonight from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium there is an event put on by Pi Sigma Alpha, President Hutchinson, and SAS to go over the March for our Lives movement, gun control and other topics. Krater shared that CAVE went to Oregon for their Alternative Spring Break program and had a great time.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – Covarrubias appreciated President Hutchinson’s e-mail.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Shout-out to Stewart for finding her wedding dress! Shout-out to Salas for her event coming up this weekend. Shout-out to Zachary Scott and Marisela Preciado-Aguilar for their birthdays that were over spring break.

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