

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

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

**4 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Alisha Sharma, Karla Camacho, Danie O'Donnell, Nadine Salas, Margaret Scarpa, Zuri O'Balles

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Kimberly Scott, Susan Anderson, Brina Covarrubias (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Maddalena Farinati

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

II. **AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 4/16/18 regular meeting agenda (Camacho/Scarpa) 5-0-0 MSC.**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 4/9/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 4/9/18 regular meeting, as presented (Camacho/O'Donnell) 5-0-0 MSC.**

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Happy budget season!

V. **BUSINESS**

- A. Action Item: Approval of the Activity Fee Fund Budget, including AF Administration, Capital Expenditures, Government Affairs Office and Elections Budget, estimated results 2017-18 and proposed budget 2018-19. **Motion to approve the Activity Fee Fund Budget, including Activity Fee Administration, Capital Expenditures, Government Affairs Office and Elections Budget, estimated results 2017-18 and proposed budget 2018-19, as presented (Camacho/O'Donnell)** Scarpa shared that there was rumor of the Associated Students cutting program budgets, which Slaughter clarified to be false as we are going into reserves. **5-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Approval of a \$1,000 increase to the current \$5,000 DAC allocation to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to support Cultural Graduation Celebrations at CSU, Chico. **Motion to approve a \$1,000 increase to the current \$5,000 DAC allocation to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to support Cultural Graduation Celebrations at CSU, Chico, as presented (O'Donnell/Scarpa).** The additional \$1,000 will be coming out of the Diversity Affairs Council Budget. The funds would help cover the graduation stoles that will be handmade for each graduate. Other organizations have been planning their event for several months so this funding will help to offset costs and allow students to attend for free this year. Sharma shared that this is a really great idea especially because the entirety of the DAC budget has not been allocated. **5-0-0 MSC.**
- C. **Information Item: Adjustment to Campus-Based Student Fees (Referendum)** – Discussion was held about ways in which the campus administration can advertise the information for the proposed fee increases. Ideas included lawn stakes, a frequently asked question pamphlet, digital media sharing, class talks, tabling from AS Officers and Senators. O'Donnell shared that she felt all questions asked were not answered completely. She feels that precise information and a line item budget would be helpful. Camacho stated that campus Administration has pushed off answering all questions. Sharma will still take all of this information to the cabinet members since she has one-on-one meetings but the final proposed fee increase forum was last Friday. The group had general agreement that poor wording was a commonality for Administration during the forums. A final forum was suggested for Administration to just answer questions instead of giving presentations and they asked if it could be live-streamed with only one week until the vote. Sharma shared that it would make sense for Administration to table in the gauntlet to answer student questions and O'Donnell stated that they should be available to students if they're asking for a fee increase.
- D. **Discussion Item: Officer and Senator Transition Period** – This Sunday is the orientation day which she and Zach Scott will facilitate for the incoming officers. She has an agenda for the day which is based on previous suggestions received from everyone. Information will be given out for what the new team should expect and that they need to meet with their successors as much as necessary.
- E. **REPORTS: OFFICERS –Camacho:** The Shared Governance Reception went well and Kenna Soudan did a great job. Soudan also had her softball tournament for the College of Natural Science. She is working on

pamphlets for the Counseling and Wellness Center or Student Health Center for how certain legislation affects students using those services. **O'Donnell:** She is gathering students for the Legislative Affairs Council next year. Her group will be handing out flyers on Wednesday with ballot and voter registration information.

**Scarpa:** She spoke on Saturday at the March for Science on campus. She asked students to engage in their elections whether they be local, regional or national. A former AS Sustainability employee was in the band – Smokey and the Groove – that played. She volunteered at the compost demonstration. She won the Paul Persons Annual Sustainability Award which comes with a monetary prize. SFAC funded a lot of projects and allocated a little over \$73,000. The B-Line was awarded \$20,000. She was invited to be in the small focus group for the Master Plan for CSU, Chico. The Earth Day Festival is on April 19 so stop by as she will be tabling for AS Sustainability. The Waste Audit will be happening on April 24 in the SSC Plaza.

**Salas:** The Cannabis Forum is on Wednesday at 6:30pm. A panel including Mike Ramsey, John Reid and other key people are going to be speaking on the topic. There will be a comment section for the public and they will do their best to get to everyone's questions. Scarpa asked if it's going to have anything to do with the environment and Salas said the President of the Cannabis Farmers Associates should discuss land-usage. CADEC has been the key partner on this event. **O'Balles:** The work continues on International Festival. If anyone wants to hang posters around campus that would help. She will email the officers for ways they can assist in spreading the word, either on social media or in their classes. The kitchen walk-throughs went well.

Sharma suggested that O'Balles take notes on this event for her successor and Slaughter suggested that her successor shadow her for the event. **Sharma:** The Chico State goes Straw-less event is April 23 and stainless steel straws will be for sale with a brush and decal sticker. Last week she got to co-host the University Awards Reception with Vice President Milton Lang. She will be in contact about the proposed fee adjustment conversations that take place this week with Administration. The Cesar Chavez debrief meeting was today and they had talked about what MEChA was doing for the rest of the week. She stressed the importance of relaying information for any committees or meetings that they sit on, similar to how Camacho relays information frequently for EPPC and SAS. A possible forum for future elections was suggested where students could come meet their officers to ask questions, tell their stories, share things that they don't appreciate, or request clarification on anything. Scarpa asked specifically what Alfaro had mentioned in their meeting and it had to do with students wanting more of an understanding of the roles of officers and senators, as well as their feelings about being represented. The candidate forum is tonight in BMU 203 from 7-9 p.m. Anyone unable to attend can live-stream the forum online from the AS website.

**VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater:** In Brina Covarrubias' absence, she'll be working on the Time Capsule. KCSC has successfully played in the Marketplace for two weeks. She will be gone Thursday and Friday for the AOA Executive Committee meeting. **Slaughter:** Thanked the group for the budget approval and SFAC allocation. There will be interviews happening soon for the Director of Leadership Development, Coordinator for Leadership Institute and the Student Programs and Events Coordinator. Invitations will be sent out for opportunities and other events involving the interviewees. The first interview is this Friday with a former officer who was the Director of University Affairs and the last student director of R.O.A.D. Crew before it was FLO.

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

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.**

**X. PUBLIC OPINION – Scarpa** shared that it is Earth Day on Sunday.

**XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Krater** gave a shout-out to the Gender and Sexuality Equity Center for a successful Trans Conference this past weekend. Sharma gave a shout-out to Scarpa for her award. Happy Elections week. The Wildcat Statue reveal is this week on Thursday.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice Chair, Sharma,** adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.