

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

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

8 a.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jared Geiser, Alisha Sharma, Samuel Akinwande, Tania Ruiz, Alejandra Becerra-Silva, Prairie Francia, Harley Mulengwa

MEMBERS ABSENT – None.

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Trevor Guthrie, Kimberly Scott

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. Introductions were made for all of those in attendance.
- II. **AGENDA – Motion to approve the 8/28/18 regular meeting agenda (Francia/Sharma) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** Minutes of the 5/7/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 5/7/18 regular meeting, as presented (Francia/Mulengwa) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Sharma wished everyone a happy first week of school!
- V. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2018-19. **Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2018-19 (Ruiz/Mulengwa) 6-0-0 MSC.**
 - B. Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 6/30/18 – Slaughter shared that this is our operating money in the investment fund. He went over the schedule of investments and earnings for the final quarter and annual schedule of investments and earnings for the 17/18 year. He said Activity Fee funds earn interest as they are held at the University until we invoice them.
 - C. Information Item: 6/30/18 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter explained that a true capital expenditure is an item that is valued at more than \$2,000 and has a life span of the value over a period of time. He said this helps manage cash flow and budgeting and noted we had \$65,000 to work with last year and spent \$58,000.
 - D. Discussion Item: Bidwell Bash – Sharma has the sign-up sheet for set-up or clean-up. Krater thanked everyone for distributing posters and asked the group to do a whiteboards blast this week. Adriana Sikiric is the AS Government Affairs Outreach Coordinator and will be posting about the event on social media sites. Scott shared that Greek Life is very excited to work with the officers on this event. Bidwell Bash will take place at One Mile on Sunday, September 2 but we hope to hold it on campus in the future. Sharma suggested car-pooling to the event.
 - E. Discussion Item: CSSA Chico – CSSA Chico will be held September 22 and 23 in Colusa. At the AS officer retreat, subcommittees were created to discuss different topics including a welcome packet, swag, lunch, dinner and sustainability. Sharma secured the speakers which will be President Hutchinson, Milton Lang and David Buckley. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for at least one subcommittee. The registration fees will be used to support the cost of hosting the event. This group has the ability to allocate additional funds as we are being charged for Colusa. Using sustainable, local Chico harvests for dinner was discussed and Geiser wants to go with the 'flip-plate' model for meals. Geiser encouraged students to bring comments to CSSA as this is a great place to bring up suggestions or topics. A policy agenda was created at the last CSSA which will be reviewed for this year. It acts as a guiding document for big 'umbrella' topics to help us throughout the year.
- VI. **REPORTS: OFFICERS – Akinwande:** Since the officers wanted to be Safe Place trained, he is now trained from Alix MacDonald and is able to relay the information to anyone who is interested. **Francia:** Waiting on further training for her position and setting her office hours. **Ruiz:** No report. **Becerra-Silva:** Working on her schedule and her office hours for the semester. **Mulengwa:** Received an email from Kelly Scott who works in AS

Sustainability. Geiser stated that she would like to work together to make funded events more sustainable. Krater will be working with Francia and Mulengwa on training once their calendars are up to date. **Williams:** No report. **Sharma:** Passed out cards to thank Mary Wallmark, Devjani Banerjee-Stevens, the CCLC and Brianna Ellis for presentations during officer training. She sent out dates last night for the Multicultural Welcomes and encouraged the group to attend. Her meetings with Vice President Lang are bi-weekly and she can take any questions, comments or concerns that anyone may have to him throughout the year. Last week they discussed the incident that occurred with a member of the soccer team over summer. A meeting will be held for students that were most impacted by the incident. The President's Fall Welcome reception is September 7 at 6 p.m. Officers and Senators are invited and can bring a guest. Office hours are going to start next Tuesday and Outlook calendars should reflect those hours. The Title IX committee is held every other Wednesday starting next week from 10-11 a.m. which conflicts with her class. Akinwande offered to attend as her designee. She attended Town and Gown last night. This meeting between our campus and the community happens three times per year and Becerra-Silva and Sharma will usually attend. Couch burning is back as a topic of concern and more information will be relayed regarding a potential educational campaign. Clubtacular – the Student Involvement Fair – is September 7 and is a great opportunity to promote your role as well as councils and committees. Officers to sign up for a shift if possible.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater: Meet the Cause, led by CAVE, is today in Trinity Commons from 10am – 2pm. Meeting with Elaine Kramer this afternoon and will report how Catering would like food orders to be sent in for the future. Susan Roll from Civic Engagement reached out about a voter registration event to see if this group would like to partner. There is a meeting this Thursday if anyone would like to attend. The actual voter event would happen on September 25. Wildcats Can! donations have started and there are bins in the office to drop off food donations. Serenity Gregerson, the KCSC GM would like to start a friendly competition between AS programs to gather donations and keep the momentum from Starting Point going. The AOA meeting in Long Beach had a topic addressing the Basic Needs campaign. Krater brought the “I am Basic Needs” campaign idea from retreat to the table and there was general support but more conversation needs to take place before moving forward. Council and Committee applications are on Wildcat Sync. Once everyone knows when their meetings will be held, the information will be updated on the website. Please continue to share the opportunity to get involved. There is a process to get folks approved so see her if you need clarification. Krater will post the schedule for Sikiric if anyone wants help with promotions. **Slaughter:** This Saturday is the first AS Productions welcome back concert featuring the band “The Brevet” in the Bell Memorial Union at 8 p.m. Drew Belisle from GSEC came in to invite everyone to the LGBTQ Welcome event on September 12. Officer and senator vacancy applications are available at the front desk and are due September 10 at noon. Sharma will put together the interview committee for the Director position and Akinwande will put together the committee for the Senator positions. We hope to have them in office by October 1. Next Monday is a holiday and the office is closed. **Scott:** Wildcat Welcome offers three weeks of programming and has events going on through September 8. Looking forward to a great year! **Stewart:** CSSA Chico is next month and if anyone has questions regarding logistics including hotel reservations, registration or Colusa, please let her know.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Attended the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference (CHESC) with Ruiz in July. Topics focused on sustainability in the CSU system and included carbon neutrality, food systems, the Real Food Challenge and zero waste. CSU, Chico plans to be carbon neutral by 2030. Attended CSUnity earlier this month in Long Beach with Sharma, Krater and Akinwande. Students from all 23 CSU campuses were in attendance. Students were able to meet with members of the Board of Trustees and it was good to advocate on behalf of concerns including food and housing insecurity.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Geiser said good job in training! The Big C event went great. Sharma said happy belated birthday to Geiser. Sikiric's birthday is tomorrow and she wished everyone a happy first week of school.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.