

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

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

8 a.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Harley Mulengwa (excused), Kimberly Scott

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Maggie Scarpa, Kelli Scott, Robin Miki, Michal Hanson, Trevor Guthrie, Alyssa Van Steen, Nani Teves, Kate Harris, Hugh Hammond, Anthony Ruiz, Alyssa Myers, Jamie Clyde

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/11/18 regular meeting agenda (Francia/Sharma) 5-0-0 MSC.

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

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

V. BUSINESS

- A. Information Item: 6/30/18 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Krater reviewed the year-end results for the Activity Fee budget. The 249% increase shown in the income section is because of fixed assets purchased by grants for the CDL. She went over what each area of expenses covers concluding with a grand total of expenses coming to 99.4%. Anything that is left over at the end of the year goes to the “bottom line” to keep our reserves healthy and prevent a possible fee increase.
- B. Information Item: Union Programs Presentations
- AS Sustainability: Scarpa, Scott and Hanson presented on behalf of AS Sustainability. They shared a program overview including their mission statement and noted all CSU’s are mandated to be at 80% reduction of waste by 2020. Ruiz shared it’s important to engage all the programs in being sustainable. Sharma encouraged collaboration between GAC and AS Sustainability. Green Events, Education and Outreach, Sustainability Fund, Compost and Garden, and the Real Food Challenge were discussed. This semester they have events open for all students as well as Campus Sustainability Day on October 13.
 - AS Productions: Hammond presented on behalf of AS Productions. He shared the mission of this program and the importance of alternative events. Film nights, concerts, comedy shows, etc. are a few of the things that this program does. Having bigger performers on our campus is a future goal and Hammond wants to make sure that it’s done right. There are small events happening every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday this semester. Nooner concerts happen every Wednesday from 12 – 1 p.m. Francia suggested the possibility of having an app that would let students know when a certain band or concert would be performing. Krater shared that most events on campus are free to students and are not open to the public. Should the public ever be invited, in which they would have to purchase tickets, there would be additional considerations for the program. Hammond shared that in order to get a larger artist they would have to sell tickets to students.
 - Wildcat Leadership Institute/FLO: Harris and Ruiz presented on behalf of the Wildcat Leadership Institute (WLI) and the Freshman Leadership Opportunity (FLO). Harris shared the purpose of the WLI, as well as her vision for the program. She then discussed the purpose of Launch Experience for Transfer Success (LETS) which connects transfer students for a semester long term to gain a certificate of Leadership Identity. LETS is currently in the process of being re-branded. Ruiz is the current Program Coordinator for FLO and shared that this program is geared toward first year students as a great networking opportunity with no prior leadership experience required. FLO is allocated \$7,500 for the year to be used for general meeting materials and other necessities. In the spring they do a mentorship program. FLO has general meetings every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Harris shared that they are continuing the certificate

program with CAVE for Civic Engagement. LeadCat is a WLI and University Housing collaboration that happens on one day at the beginning of the school year. Employer and Alumni panels, and Speaker Series are two other things that the WLI offers.

- C. Discussion Item: Green Events / Zero Waste – Kelli Scott presented on behalf of AS Sustainability. They have a certification program where if certain requirements are met, they can be classified as a Green Event. There is ongoing discussion on how to make DAC and EFAC events become Green Events. Plates and silverware choices are common items to make events sustainable. Krater shared the possibility of an organization meeting with someone from Green Events and adding that to the proposal packet. The original goal for our campus to be zero-waste was 2015 and is something that we're still working on. Scott shared that events are a huge part of this so having DAC and EFAC pre-funded clubs meet with her, Nani Teves, or a designee would greatly improve the effort.
- D. Discussion Item: Councils and Committees – Francia shared that she spoke with students who she thought would be great to sit on DAC and did two class-talks to promote councils and committees. Sharma asked everyone to come up with five ways that they are going to reach out to students to apply for councils and committees. We currently have eight applicants and need over 100. 'Clubtacular' was a great tabling opportunity and a list of interested students has been typed up by the front desk to be contacted. Krater shared the importance and urgency for our councils and committees to get up and running. Sharma reminded everyone that this is a team effort. The most effective way to get this information out to students is for GAC to take charge in spreading the word. Ruiz and Geiser shared their feelings on having a hard copy available at the front desk due to certain students having trouble accessing the link on Wildcat Sync. Krater urged anyone who is having difficulty to visit the front desk or Student Life & Leadership for assistance.
- E. Discussion Item: CSSA Chico – Sharma shared that 'Swag' has been ordered and she is working with Anna Paladini on the Welcome packet. Dinner on Saturday will be on the WREC deck and lunch will be flip-plate style which will be educational and sustainable. Krater met with Tom Rider from AS Dining. Sunday lunch will be buffet style with the option for students to bag up their lunch and leave if they need to. Collaboration on how to put the swag together will happen next week.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Sharma: A CSU Trustee is coming Monday from 12:15-1:45 and she can take a few officers to attend a lunch with them but needs to RSVP their names today. She is talking to Milton Lang about Thursday's Student Affairs Reception and needs to find out who will be able to attend. Clubtacular, Wildcats Can! and the Welcome Reception were all great. Last week a meeting in the CCLC took place regarding the incident with the student soccer player and Lang had great ideas on how to move forward with conversation and campus climate. She went to the Alumni Association BOD meeting last Saturday. This last year was the largest fundraising year for the Advancement office. Donations came from 46 states, 4 international countries, 15% from Chico, and 85% from out of Chico. She is sitting on the Vice President for Business and Finance search committee. Master Planning and a new Strategic Plan are two things that the University is working on. Meeting requests have been sent out to everyone for the focus groups and she asked them all to respond. The website to access information is called Planning at CSU, Chico. The University VP for Advancement wants to set up a lunch with the officers to get to know him and his office more. Everyone should be on top of their emails and calendars.

Akinwande: The Academic Senate retreat was last Thursday. They discussed ways in which they can better support students and faculty. The Title IX meeting sent out a Campus Climate survey last Spring and had a 23% response rate of 4,100 students. 42% of these students believed that they were pre-judged by faculty and staff on their ability to perform in class because of their claimed identity. The meeting about the student soccer player incident was discussed and there is frustration that the Administration asks what students want and then does not respond. They would like a more diverse staff and would like diversity training for all faculty.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Quorum was lost at 9:22 a.m. and the meeting was adjourned.