

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

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

8 a.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Mary Wallmark

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Nani Teves, Eliza Miller, Jamie Clyde, David Buckley

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

II. **AGENDA – Motion to approve the 10/23/18 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Becerra-Silva/Akinwande)** Addition of 'Discussion Item F: CSSA Fresno Debrief' after the Zero Waste Presentation. **Motion to approve the 10/23/18 revised regular meeting agenda (Mulengwa/Guthrie) 5-0-0 MSC.**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/16/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 10/16/18 regular meeting, as presented (Becerra-Silva/Mulengwa) 5-0-0 MSC.**

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Introductions were given for Jay Friedman who has joined the committee as the University Alumni Affairs appointee. Eliza Miller announced that on November 16 she will transition from Recycling Coordinator to Program Coordinator for the BMU, AS Programs and Government Affairs.

V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

VI. BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are enacted by one motion without discussion. A member of the committee who desires a separate discussion of any item may pull that item from the Consent Agenda.

2018-19 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)

- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointments: Alyssa Myers, Michal Hanson, Jillian Olivar, and Crystal Trujillo

Approval of Consent Agenda: (Akinwande/Francia) 6-0-0 MSC.

- B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation for \$3,520 for the 'Dia de Los Muertos' event by MEChA and Nu Alpha Kappa to be held 11/2/18 in Trinity Commons from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. **Motion to approve DAC allocation for \$3,520 for the 'Dia de Los Muertos' event by MEChA and Nu Alpha Kappa to be held 11/2/18 in Trinity Commons from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Akinwande/Mulengwa).** MEChA and NAK are working together for this event. This holiday is important to the Latin community and creates a place on campus for students to feel like they're at home as well as educate students on the meaning of the tradition. Elementary schools often come during the day and it is also open to the community. **7-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation for \$1,565 for the 'Native Hip Hop Event' by the Native American Club to be held 11/14/18 in BMU 008 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. **Motion to approve DAC allocation for \$1,565 for the 'Native American Hip Hop Event' by the Native American Club to be held 11/14/18 in BMU 008 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Francia/Akinwande).** This event has four different artists who will do spoken word and music to bring awareness to the damage that boarding schools did to the Native Americans. The group had a good source of outside funding for this event. **7-0-0 MSC.**
- D. Discussion Item: CDL Grant Discussion – Krater reviewed the Child Development Lab (CDL) portion of the Activity Fee budget. This summer, Sally Miller and Jackie Hansen applied for the Child Care Access Means

Parents in School (CCAMPIS) grant. It was learned two weeks ago that the CDL had been awarded the grant and over four years, it could be close to one million dollars. This item was brought to the committee to share this great opportunity for additional funding as well as bring some concerns to the table. Moving forward, each new GAC could determine how the savings to Activity Fee could be dealt with. Krater said they need to make a decision and inform the Research Foundation by the end of the month how the money this year will be allocated. This grant is less restrictive than some grants and Sally Miller would like to propose that these funds go towards salaries. Buckley shared that while additional grant money is good it is also not sustainable funding and since this group cannot predict or determine what future GAC committees will do, he would like to document the conversation. He said the concern is that they may disperse the money that the CDL currently receives from Activity Fee elsewhere in that period of time. Suggestions were given for how to protect or monitor the money that Activity Fee would normally be giving the CDL as the program could be in jeopardy if the money is not held aside for the program. This was moved to an emergency action item for the sake of time so that GAC could vote on accepting the funds. Francia asked if funds could be given to the CDL from Activity Fee for things like building upgrades and Krater reminded the group that the building is a University building so upgrades are not easily done.

Motion to approve addition of Adding the Emergency Action Item (Sharma/Ruiz) 7-0-0 MSC.

Motion to approve Acceptance of CCAMPIS Grant for CDL (Francia/Akinwande) 7-0-0 MSC.

- E. Information Item: Zero Waste Presentation – Nani Teves presented on behalf of AS Sustainability. She gave a background on Zero Waste as well as updates. Reuse and reduce are two of the main focuses moving forward. In 2009 the AS passed the Zero Waste Resolution. Hard and soft solutions were discussed and how they each alter recycling behavior. Keeping disposable items out of the hands of individuals is key as recycling only takes care of a portion of our waste; therefore, eliminating single use items before they are put into consumer hands is a priority. Teves gave the AS and Chico State good marks for what we have accomplished - banning plastic straws being one example – but encourage to do more and reminded the committee that it is all of our jobs to promote this AS value.
- F. Discussion Item: CSSA Fresno Debrief – Sharma shared that discussion will be held before each CSSA meeting regarding the agenda and debriefs after the meeting will be held. She went over the timeline for getting things on a CSSA agenda. Guthrie, Akinwande and she talked about how and why students at large should feel confident in their representatives going to CSSA and how this group can do a better job reaching out to hear their concerns. A CSSA forum will be held November 6 at 5:30 p.m. in BMU 220G to discuss the past and upcoming CSSA meetings. The Executive Salary Compensation will be an action item at the next CSSA meeting. Sharma clarified that the Resolution for Executive Salary Compensation does not have to do with the salaries but more of the process. Sharma requested everyone's personal opinion on the matter through email and prompted everyone to respond by tonight. Guthrie will send out his debrief to everyone. Akinwande met with Students for Quality Education and heard their concerns. He said the campus response to an off campus student fatality did not feel adequate.
- G. Discussion Item: GAC Outreach Event – Sharma asked everyone to choose a date. Krater reminded everyone that catering requires two weeks' notice and marketing would like three weeks. It was noted that November is ideal to have the event and a date will be chosen at a future GAC meeting.
- H. Information Item: Halloween Update – The event is this Saturday. Krater asked everyone to do at least one or two whiteboard blasts with date, time, and location. Free pancakes will be given out at this event. Officers are able to wear costumes. Sharma asked anyone who is not attending the event to do at least five whiteboard blasts.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Akinwande: The Senator application for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences is now available. He asked everyone to promote the vacancy. Krater mentioned that Guthrie has recruited quite a few people to apply for the position. Krater will review applications for the vacancy as Eliza Miller will officially start her new role on November 16. The Strategic Planning Committee will be attending Student Academic Senate this Friday. **Guthrie:** He is currently getting his Legislative Affairs Committee started and he will email his recap of CSSA Fresno to everyone. **Becerra-Silva:** Still working on the Safety Walk for November 8 and BMU 220G is reserved for pizza and discussion. **Mulengwa:** Has one person who is able to sit on the Event Funding Allocation Council and has emailed the name to Stewart. **Ruiz:** She was able to get enough students for the Sustainability Affairs Council to have quorum and she only needs one more student. **Williams:** ASBC approved the Brand Concept and will move forward with getting Panera in the Marketplace. Clyde is spearheading an event in February through the Wildcat Leadership Institute. Williams is going to use the Follett scholarship as an incentive for students. Sharma shared that Anna Paladini is putting out

information on this event and two current speakers are President Hutchinson and Provost Larson. **Sharma:** Attended the University Diversity Committee for an introduction meeting. She and Guthrie will be filming a new video for the Cesar Chavez holiday. The Graduation Initiative 2025 Symposium held in San Diego was incredibly informative and she is excited about what we are doing to promote student resources. Academic Senate is on Thursday. The Strategic Planning Committee will be coming to GAC next week. **Francia:** MAC Night already has a good number of student organization applications. Last week was the Diversity Affairs Council's first official meeting and they heard two funding presentations which were both funded.

- VIII.REPORTS: STAFF – Krater:** Mulengwa is graduating and she will begin working on the vacancy announcement for his position. The goal is to have interviews right before or after Thanksgiving break and the new person selected would attend the retreat with the group in January.
- IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT –** Geiser thanked everyone who made it to Chico Preview Day. The Strategic Planning Council will be attending GAC next Tuesday and he asked everyone to spread the word.
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Mulengwa shared that ETA Mu Theta will be selling Pho today from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sharma asked everyone to share the video that Adriana Sikiric has worked on to their social media. Krater gave a shout out to Guthrie for sitting on the Curriculum Advisory Board.
- XI. PUBLIC OPINION –** None.
- XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –** Geiser said happy fall equinox to everyone as we are halfway between the winter and summer solstice. Sharma gave a shout out to the CCLC for their Autumn Festival lantern event.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.