

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

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

8:30 a.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jared Geiser, Alisha Sharma, Trevor Guthrie, Samuel Akinwande, Tania Ruiz, Alejandra Becerra-Silva, Prairie Francia, Anthony Ruiz, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – None.

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Zach Scott, Eliza Miller, Maggie Scarpa, Michal Hanson, Kate Harris, Jamie Clyde, Alejandro Alfaro, Mark Stemen, Patrick Lowe, Sophia Lepore, Sierra Baker, Laila Birzneiks

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA –** Geiser added 'Information Item B: Ballot Initiative from Geography 440' to the agenda. **Motion to approve the revised 1/30/19 regular meeting agenda as amended (Guthrie/Sharma) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** Minutes of the 1/23/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 1/23/19 regular meeting, as presented (A. Ruiz/Akinwande) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS –** None.
- V. **PUBLIC OPINION –** None.
- VI. **BUSINESS**

- A. **Information Item: 12/31/18 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual** – Geiser gave an overview of the budget to actual. Total expenses are at 41.38%. Sharma asked what DAC and EFAC have spent thus far for 18/19 year. Krater estimated it to be close to \$25,000.
- B. **Information Item: Ballot Initiative from Geography 440** – Each year this group brings forward a ballot initiative to add to the AS General Election. Mark Stemen gave an overview and the group from Geography 440 presented their three proposed areas of student concern. The first initiative would create a requirement for students to take a sustainability or climate change class. The second initiative would take the pool in Acker gym and convert it into a food garden with native plants, vegetables, etc. on various locations across campus. The third initiative would replace all plastic utensils on campus with reusable ones, and implement a deposit system as incentive for students to bring them back for re-use. Francia shared that a student on campus named He-lo Ramirez has an SFAC proposal to plant native plants around campus. Guthrie shared that the Curriculum Advisory Board meets today at 12 p.m. and is an open meeting which would be a great place for the suggestion to require a sustainability or climate change class to be presented. Guthrie asked what the timeline would look like to implement the class requirement initiative. Slaughter said it's possible to be mandated next spring. Any questions can be relayed to Geiser.
- C. **Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Diversity Affairs Council Code** – Krater shared the few changes that were made. Student Organizations and Programs was changed to Student Organizations and Resources. Clarification was made that the chair shall work with the Office Operations Coordinator on overall budget instead of being responsible for it. VIII.B. was removed completely which stated that the council will act as a funding body.
- D. **Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Event Funding Allocation Council Code** – Krater said an addition to this code is that representatives from different multicultural organizations will be given priority for student appointment. The voting and non-voting membership numbers were altered to better reflect who appoints who and how many appointments each hold. Clarification was made that the chair shall work with the Office Operations Coordinator on overall budget instead of being responsible for it. EFAC will not serve as a funding body in the next semester moving forward if this is approved at the next GAC meeting. This can be revisited if a future DAC commissioner wants to take on funding organization events. Sharma asked everyone to review these information items as they will be action on the next meeting agenda.

- E. Information Item: Inaugural “Women Like You” Leadership Symposium on February 15, 2019 – Harris shared that over 40 women across campus will be coming together to discuss leadership experiences. The event will illustrate perspective and opportunity on campus, and highlight women who may have not had an easy path but are doing amazing things. A nail polish exchange will be held February in the BMU Atrium. A female business leader’s panel will be held in BMU 220G. Hannah Jane Kiel will play in the BMU Atrium on February 14 at 12 p.m. The Leadership Symposium will be on February 15 in the BMU Auditorium from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. They have up to \$5,000 total in bookstore scholarships available for student attendees that receive a certain amount of stamps for each component of the event that they attend. They will have six featured speakers including President Hutchinson. Any questions regarding the event can be directed toward Harris or the planning committee.
- F. Discussion Item: GAC Election Event – The group discussed where this event should be held for best student turn-out. The first AS Election Information Session is February 28 and the group then discussed the pros and cons of holding it before or after February 28. It was noted that tables being set up in the atrium area need to follow Fire Marshall codes. The group decided that Wednesday, February 27 would be an ideal date. Sharma shared that a calendar event will be sent out.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Williams: ASBC had a few information items regarding financials and the housing agreement. Panera Bread will not be coming to the Marketplace as proposed this summer. The new ASBC and BMUC joint appointment is Ashish Sahota. **Guthrie:** LAC still has vacant positions but there are interested students and will most likely have to meet after 5 p.m. this semester. He sits on the Curriculum Advisory Board and they will be adding student membership to this group. **Becerra-Silva:** CAC meets on Thursdays from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. They are working on Cats in the Community and have four confirmed sites. The Safety Walk has been discussed for rescheduling but a date has not been set. We may try to review past findings to see if they had been fixed. **T. Ruiz:** She is currently working on finding a new day and time for SAC but the council is full. **A. Ruiz:** There were about 25 students who chose EFAC as a preference and he has reached out to them. There is a Time Capsule event meeting this Friday which is also his birthday. **Akinwande:** SAS meets every other Friday in BMU 205 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. February 21 will be the rescheduled S’mores and Senators event in the HUB. **Francia:** DAC is working to finalize a regular meeting day and time. Krater shared that a special meeting will be held on Monday, February 4 to hear two proposals. **Scott:** GLOGA will be February 5 in the BMU Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. The third floor balcony project is budgeted and underway. It was originally created for receptions but it was never utilized and will create more programming space. The proposed Wellness Center in the remodeled BMU Lower Level would benefit students as a central hub for mind and body wellness which will offer massage therapy, nutrition counseling and possibly yoga classes or nap pods. If successful, this would replace the current Zen Den and a survey will be sent out to students to see what options they like. **Sharma:** The Spring State of the University Address is on Monday and everyone is encouraged to wear their GAC polo’s if they can attend. The Strategic Planning Committee will hold campus engagement sessions in the spring. Future Fest was also discussed. The two components are the environmental scan data and summaries. Milton Lang is in charge of the University Diversity Committee and they will be conducting presentations on updates for diversity this spring. GAC and SAS will be presented to and once those dates are finalized, the CCLC and other diverse groups of the AS will be notified. Academic Senate on Thursday will be doing proposed changes to the constitution.

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark: Positions and responsibilities are being shifted in SLL. Joel Ramirez is now taking over all aspects of Wildcat Welcome. She is now the Interim Associate Director for Student Life and Leadership. She will still attend GAC in her new position and encouraged everyone to still approach her with anything they may need. **Slaughter:** We are in budget season and looking at salaries, etc. If anyone has any questions they can contact him. **Krater:** KCSC made \$335 at the last vinyl sale which was donated to the Camp Fire fund and the next sale’s income will be donated to the Wildcat Food Pantry. They are looking at a new App that would replace Spinatron and AS IT is helping with the review. Leslie joined our front desk staff. We are continuing the discussion about units for students who serve on councils and committees. The hours required for one unit are between 35 and 40.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Last week he attended the Campus Sustainability forum. There was a good student turnout and many suggestions were shared.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Krater welcomed Alfaro back from Long Beach and congratulated Miller for doing a great job with elections. Stewart is getting married in two months! A. Ruiz shared that EFAC will meet weekly on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Sharma asked everyone to update their calendars to be as efficient as possible.

XI. PUBLIC OPINION – Alfaro shared that there is an event being held at Black Bird today at 6:30 p.m. discussing campus and community safety.

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Sharma gave a shout out to Akinwande for his shirt and to Ruiz for being engaged from the start with his position and jumping into recruiting students for EFAC. She then gave a shout out to Anna Paladini and her marketing team and Harris for spearheading the ‘Women Like You’ event.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.