

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

Wednesday, January 23, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Zach Scott, Eliza Miller

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Geiser added ‘Information Item D: Election Procedures’ to the agenda **Motion to approve the 1/23/19 regular meeting agenda as amended (Francia/Guthrie) 7-0-0 MSC.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 12/11/18 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 12/11/18 regular meeting, as presented (Francia/Guthrie) 7-0-0 MSC.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sharma wished everyone a happy first week of school.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Information Item: 11/30/18 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Geiser shared an overview of the budget to actual. The benchmark is 41.67%.
- B. Information Item: 2018-2019 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations
Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)
Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Anthony Ruiz
- C. Information Item: 2018-2019 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations
Resignation from Community Affairs Council (CAC)
Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointments: Karla Guzman and Kaylena Santos
- D. Election Procedures – Geiser shared the Election Procedures that were approved at the final GAC meeting of fall 2018. Conversation was held regarding the dates that students will need to turn in the various forms to run for office. It was determined that a sufficient amount of time is allowed for students to complete their packets.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Akinwande: He will send his report to everyone regarding the CSSA San Diego trip.
Guthrie: During CSSA San Diego the Legislative Affairs Committee discussed CHSS and what they will be advocating for in March. They are going to combine forces with UCSA and other Community College representatives to reform the financial aid system. There are a few state bills that are in the legislature right now including the Higher Education Facilities Bond which would explore a new CSU campus in Stockton. The California Kick-Start my Future Loan Forgiveness program (AB14) is being reviewed. Some of the unassigned bills include a parking bill due to CSU students paying more than faculty and staff for parking, a bill that would protect injured student athletes from getting their scholarships taken away and the AB540 bill for DACA students. Along with this they are reviewing a loophole regarding the Competitive Summer Cal Grant. Guthrie will be reaching out to the Dream Center to find more ways that we can support undocumented students. This committee will be voting on the Legislator of the Year award at the next CSSA. **Scott:** He has two new students to onboard for BMUC and they are moving along with the Master Plan. **Sharma:** There were four resolutions discussed at CSSA which include undocumented students and support for them, Student of Color Safety, the CSU Campus President Evaluation Policy and CSU Executive Compensation Policy. They will vote on these in February if they are ready. The Board of Trustees meeting was yesterday and it was decided that there will not be a tuition increase for the upcoming year. There will be a Trustee visiting next week and she will be sending out an email today about the meeting time. There is a Sustainability Forum tomorrow from 9 – 11 a.m. in Colusa 100. She will send out a calendar invite for the Women’s Symposium on February 15.
Becerra-Silva: Cats in the Community will be on April 1. She asked for commitment from GAC to assist her

with this event. **Williams:** The first ASBC meeting is next Monday. **A. Ruiz:** He is recruiting students for EFAC and will start training with Krater soon. **Francia:** She is looking at new days and times for DAC and needs more council members.

VIII.REPORTS: STAFF – Krater: The Board of Directors will be meeting on Wednesday mornings so the Government Affairs Committee meetings will need to be moved. She reminded everyone of the time it takes to get students approved as voting members on councils and committees. She attended the Auxiliary Organization Association Conference and will draft a report for everyone. During the Chancellor's Office report, it was stated that the budget proposed by Gavin Newsom is the most fruitful it has been for the CSU in over 20 years. Governor Newsom's involvement with the Board of Trustees over the years has given him insight into value of funding the CSU system. Damon Williams was the keynote speaker who gave a presentation, "From Awareness to Action to Innovation." Wallmark is now the Interim Director for Student Life and Leadership. **Slaughter:** Krater is a member of the Executive Committee for AOA and represents all of the auxiliaries within the state. We are moving into budget season which will be coming onto the agenda in the next month. There will be drafts to review but he is not anticipating any huge changes. We are fortunate to move into budget season without financial constraints. Throughout the semester there will be movement in positions within the Associated Students which will include multiple recruitments in various areas. Please reach out to him if you have any questions. Miller is doing a great job with election particulars including reservations for meetings.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – The Campus Sustainability Forum is happening tomorrow and Geiser stated that it is the role of this body to spread information to anyone remotely interested in sustainability. We are the liaison between the administration and the student body so it is our duty to share this information.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sharma reminded everyone to set their office hours by the end of this week and send them to Stewart as they begin next Monday. Krater shared that yesterday He-Lo Ramirez came into the office and mentioned that he is working on planting Native plants on campus as part of the Campus Vegetation and Arboretum Committee. He will be reporting to Nani Teves in AS Sustainability with any updated findings. Uncle Dad's Art Collective does amazing performances if anyone is interested in attending their upcoming show this weekend featuring Madonna songs. Geiser shared that the Women's March was great last weekend.

XI. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Geiser wished everyone a happy Wednesday and happy first GAC of the semester. Becerra-Silva inquired about selecting a date in February for the GAC event and Sharma suggested forming a sub-committee. This event will be a discussion item on next week's GAC agenda. Slaughter suggested checking in with Miller to coordinate this event with the Elections Information Sessions.

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