

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

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

8:30 a.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Prairie Francia (excused), Jay Friedman (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Zach Scott, Eliza Miller, Jamie Clyde, Alejandro Alfaro, Madison Gutierrez

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the 2/27/19 regular meeting agenda (Akinwande/Guthrie) 4-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2/13/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 2/13/19 regular meeting, as presented (Sharma/Akinwande) 4-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- 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 Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointments: Emonnie Jones, Essence Bruce and Natalie Ordaz

Approval of Consent Agenda: (A. Ruiz/Guthrie) 4-0-0 MSC.

- B. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes - Diversity Affairs Council Code. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes - Diversity Affairs Council Code, as presented (Sharma/Akinwande),** (Becerra-Silva and T. Ruiz joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.) Geiser shared the brief language changes that were made. Sharma talked about the current working group that is coming up with ways to make this council stronger and more structured for social justice and equity on campus. **6-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes - Event Funding Allocation Council Code. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes - Event Funding Allocation Council Code.** Geiser shared the brief language changes that were made. Krater mentioned that the added language was specific to EFAC which encourages diverse groups and students to have priority to for sitting on the council. **(Guthrie/A. Ruiz) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- D. Information Item: Ballot Initiative from Geography 440 – Geiser said the Board held a special meeting this morning to approve the language for this initiative, which will be on the AS General Election ballot.
- E. Information Item: Declaration of Climate Emergency Resolution – T. Ruiz stated that the next two SAC meetings will edit some of the components of this resolution. Krater shared the importance of GAC ensuring that this is something they have thought about in depth and are confident in passing. Sharma asked a few general questions on some of the language. Wallmark shared that because this document is so lengthy it may take longer than anticipated to achieve the end goal, and suggested further review to condense it to things that are achievable in having progress made. T. Ruiz shared that climate change isn't something small and is

such a large topic that the document is going to be long. Slaughter mentioned that this is written for SAC, but the current demand wording may deter GAC and BOD from approving it as-is. Williams shared her concern with stating demands that cannot be met and Geiser confirmed that SAC can make these demands but they will be modified based upon what can actually be done.

- F. Information Item: Resolution Supporting Civil Disobedience and Social Action – This resolution was passed May 6, 2018 by CSSA. Sharma shared that even though CSSA passed this resolution, individual ASs have the ability to pass or not pass it. This is being addressed for students who have stated that this is something we should adopt. She and Guthrie encouraged everyone to read it in depth before GAC officially adopts it. Guthrie shared that the mission of this is to have student engagement on campus. Geiser asked if GAC would like to adopt this resolution and Sharma asked for it to be added to the next GAC agenda. Slaughter mentioned that the resolution would only be approved by GAC if passed, unless BOD also approves it, in which case it could then be said that the Associated Students approves it. A working group was created to discuss this resolution further before the next GAC meeting.
- G. Information Item: 2018-2019 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations
Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)
-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Dollie Partida
Resignation from Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)
-Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources Appointment: Sandra Martinez
- H. Discussion Item: AS Elections – Outreach and Etiquette – Sharma shared that Intent to File packets will be available starting tomorrow at 9 a.m. She sent emails to officers regarding GAC-talks. To ensure all officers and senators are doing class-talks she has forms that professors will sign, and will also have quarter sheets for officers to hand out to students in their classes with AS elections information. She showed everyone the AS website where all election information resides including dates, documents, and videos. She is going to make a list of student organizations and programs to assist with outreach and knock down barriers for students who don't feel that it is feasible to run for office. She will be meeting with David Buckley and Milton Lang to discuss different ways to get more diverse students to run for office. Discussion was held regarding undocumented students running for a traveling officer position without being discouraged by the Real ID Act, which would prevent them from flying starting in 2020. Slaughter mentioned that it will be confirmed during information sessions that undocumented students will get to those travel destinations without flying if they achieve a traveling position. Although each position is compensated, it is asked that anyone running for office with a question regarding the scholarship and how it may affect their financial aid be directed to the Financial Aid Office due to every situation being different. The group went over important reminders during elections such as neutrality in the BMU, and having integrity about not utilizing AS resources that may be currently available as an advantage.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Sharma: She is going to the Student Advisory Board for campus climate at 9:30 a.m. CADEC reached out to her regarding the Great American Smokeout event to see if GAO officers would like to take part. May 8 is the tentative date for the end of the year GAO event and a PowerPoint will be shared at the next GAC meeting with further information. There will be a CSSA forum next Wednesday in BMU 307 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. She will not be at the next Board meeting due to attending Advocacy Day with President Hutchinson to talk to legislators about why it's important to fund the CSU, as well as what problems our students face. She will also be going to Hill Day in Washington D.C. March 25 – 28 with President Hutchinson to do the same there. Her AS President travel budget will be funding this trip. UBC is Thursday and they will be reviewing the University budget. She encouraged everyone to attend. **Becerra-Silva:** Cats in the Community is April 1 and they have seven sites. They have asked for donations for the raffle prizes and were approved for a bike. The Safety Walk will be postponed again due to the rain until after Spring Break. Chief Reid is working with a team member to recreate Coffee with the Cops which will be renamed due to the new purpose of this event. **A. Ruiz:** EFAC training meeting will be tomorrow and the first official meeting will be next Thursday. He attended CSSA in San Francisco. **Williams:** ASBC had a short meeting where the investment fund and auxiliary information were reviewed. She needs one student voting member for ASBC. UBC is tomorrow at 2 p.m. The post-Camp Fire touch base meeting will be this Friday where repercussions of the fire will be discussed. If anyone has anything they would like her to bring to the meeting, please let her know. **Akinwande:** He attended CSSA in San Francisco where his committee discussed the Real Food Challenge. It was found that we are doing well compared to other campuses. The committee also passed three resolutions which further highlight student voices. It was found that someone from both the Chancellor's office and the CCLC are supposed to be in frequent contact to discuss how diverse students are doing on campus, which isn't currently being done. The Spend S'more Time with your Senators event went great and they ran out of s'mores supplies. The sign-in sheet was filled out by students who will be reached out to with upcoming events and election information. Jason Nice came to SAS to discuss GE changes. Jeremy Olguin

will be coming to the next SAS meeting to give a presentation on a transcription technology that will help students who can't understand a professor. He encouraged everyone to attend. **Guthrie:** He mailed 18 letters out to different representatives. LAC met last Friday and they talked about legislation that was discussed at CSSA. CHESS is in March and they'll be meeting with Assemblymen Gallagher and Senator Nielsen at the Capitol. Their advocacy is focused around fixing financial aid. The President of CSSA spoke with an assembly member on the floor which was on the news if anyone wants to check it out. A lot of legislation was reviewed at CSSA such as athletes not losing their scholarship if they get injured. **Scott:** BMUC discussed changes to the Master Plan for the next 10 years and noted revisions reduced the budget by \$8 million. The committee is also developing the Wellness Center and what it will consist of. The process will include surveys and focus groups with students. It's foreseen to be located in the basement of the BMU. SFAC has trainings on Tuesday and Friday. The SFAC meeting will be held April 12 at 2 p.m. in BMU 205..

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark: The Community Campus Safety Summit is April 19 from 2 - 5 p.m. in Colusa Hall. She will be reaching out to all officers as student representation is critically important. Many members from campus and the community will be attending and statistics and concerns will be shared. Ed X will be happening again. The group discussed where and when the event would be best, based upon previous event days and times. Clyde suggested making dinner in the Sutter courtyard to attract housing students. **Slaughter:** We're almost to the point of being able to present budgets. **Krater:** Francia is working on International Festival. She said it is Undocuweek and DAC funded an amazing speaker from San Francisco State who spoke last night. There is a We Matter candle light vigil tomorrow night as part of Black History Month in Trinity Commons at 6 p.m., if it doesn't get rained out. T. Ruiz shared that there is a Peer Ally Training workshop with L.E.A.D. today from 1 – 3 p.m.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Geiser said BOD recently allocated \$15,000 each to two basic needs projects via the Board Designated Fund. One was a textbook scholarship and another was a laptop rental program. A strike is being organized for March 11 – 15 regarding climate change. This is a class strike meaning that students who take part will not be attending their classes.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XI. PUBLIC OPINION – Alfaro asked if the CSSA resolution will be an action item at the next GAC meeting and Geiser stated that he will let him know. He also let the group know that the Elections corporate code link is broken on the AS website. Guthrie shared that his birthday is in 13 days and he will be 21.

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Geiser wished Guthrie a happy early birthday.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Geiser, adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.