

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

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

**8:30 a.m.**

**BMU 205**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT –** Samuel Akinwande (excused), Mary Wallmark

**OTHERS PRESENT –** Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Zach Scott, Alejandro Alfaro

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA –** Geiser changed 'Student Organizations and Programs' to 'Student Organizations and Resources' on the Consent Agenda and removed Action Items B and C. **Motion to approve the revised 3/13/19 regular meeting agenda (Guthrie/Francia) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** Minutes of the 2/27/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 2/27/19 regular meeting, as presented (Francia/Guthrie) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Geiser shared that there is an Activist workshop today from 3 – 5 p.m. in Selvester's Café.
- 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 appointment to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Eyan Belson

Confirmation of appointment to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)

-Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources Appointment: Ella Snyder

-Executive Vice President Appointment: Samantha Novoa

**Approval of Consent Agenda: (A. Ruiz/Francia) 6-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation for \$895 for the 'Emergency Survival 101' event by the Pre-Medical Association to be held 4/20/19 at 5:30 p.m. in ARTS 112. **Action Requested: Motion to approve EFAC allocation for \$895 for the 'Emergency Survival 101' event by the Pre-Medical Association to be held 4/20/19 at 5:30 p.m. in ARTS 112, as presented.** This item was pulled from the agenda.
- C. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation for \$431 for the 'Greeks Go Green' event by Green Campus and AS Sustainability to be held 4/27/19 from 9 – 11 a.m. **Action Requested: Motion to approve EFAC allocation for \$431 for the 'Greeks Go Green' event by Green Campus and AS Sustainability to be held 4/27/19 from 9 – 11 a.m., as presented.** This item was pulled from the agenda.
- D. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation for \$1,482 for the 'ME: Multicultural Echoes Literary Magazine Presentation and Reading' event by Phi Sigma Iota to be held 5/9/19 at 5 p.m. in ARTS 111. **Motion to approve DAC allocation for \$1,482 for the 'ME: Multicultural Echoes Literary Magazine Presentation and Reading' event by Phi Sigma Iota to be held 5/9/19 at 5 p.m. in ARTS 111.** This organization puts together a diverse magazine once a year. People who submit essays to be published in it are invited to read them out loud at the event. The main request of funding is for 100 hard copies of this magazine which are given out to attendees of the event. **(Sharma/Guthrie) 6-0-0 MSC.**

- E. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution Supporting Civil Disobedience and Social Action. **Motion to approve the Resolution Supporting Civil Disobedience and Social Action (Sharma/Guthrie)**. A few GAC members questioned the wording of this action item because it implies GAC wrote it. T. Ruiz shared that the resolution is asking each of the Associated Students to create a social justice committee and support this document while bringing it forward to California legislators to be the voice on a wider system level. **Motion to amend Action Item C to state: Approval of the Endorsement of the Resolution Supporting Civil Disobedience and Social Action (Sharma/A. Ruiz) 6-0-0 MSC**. Krater reminded everyone that this is only GAC voting, so it cannot be referred to as the Associated Students approving it. **6-0-0 MSC**.
- F. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution Endorsing the City of Chico's Declaration of Climate Emergency. Geiser said that this resolution is currently going through the local government. T. Ruiz shared that this was primarily drafted by Chico 350 which is a non-profit and non-partisan organization that is very involved with our campus and the Campus Sustainability Committee. She provided further background on this resolution and why she thinks it would be a great opportunity to show support. The overall message of this resolution is how Chico itself has been affected and recognizes how we can create economic stimulation and have environmental positivity. She shared that this is strictly GAC endorsing it to go onto the list of those who have already done so. **Motion to approve the Resolution Endorsing the City of Chico's Declaration of Climate Emergency (Guthrie/Francia)**. Sharma suggested additionally sending the resolution to our CSU, Chico President, Staff Council, and CSSA. It was clarified that GAC would be approving the resolution in support but not taking any action on this. **Motion to amend the resolution by adding Staff Council, the University President of CSU, Chico, and CSSA all be sent the resolution (T. Ruiz/Sharma)**. Sharma clarified that all GAC member names would be added to the resolution to be signed. **6-0-0 MSC**.
- G. Information Item: 1/31/19 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Geiser gave a brief overview of each Activity Fee area and shared that we are about 16% below budget. Francia inquired about the CDL Grant and Krater said we won't know until October if the Grant is approved to get the first installment.
- H. Information Item: Reporting of clean-up changes to Corporate Codes – Election Policy – Krater shared the brief changes that were made to the Election Policy.
- I. Information Item: 2018-2019 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations  
Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)  
-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Emonnie Jones
- J. Information Item: Declaration of Climate Emergency Resolution – Geiser shared that SAC is still finalizing this resolution. T. Ruiz had no updates but would like this to be an action item on the April 3 GAC agenda.
- K. Discussion Item: AS Elections – Outreach – Williams spoke with three different students about her position. No GAC members had their class-talks sheets to turn in and Sharma reminded everyone of the importance of commitment when agreeing to complete something. Sharma and Akinwande are going to hold an information session with the CCLC tomorrow from 12 – 1 p.m. to encourage students who may not see themselves in student government, and go over possible barriers they may face. Intent to File packets are due this Friday at 12 p.m. Krater reminded everyone that this means they have to meet with Eliza Miller by that time. The group discussed the Candidate Forum as it has not been planned yet. There has not been a huge turnout in the past, but a few members were very passionate about this piece of AS Elections continuing on.
- L. Discussion Item: Earth Month Elected Representative Forum – Geiser shared that Kelly Scott from AS Sustainability asked if Government Affairs would be interested in assisting them with a forum for Earth Month to discuss environmentally important items. She would need help with organization and possibly planning. Local and state representatives would be invited. Sharma suggested a sub-committee be created for it. T. Ruiz is interested in being on a sub-committee.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Becerra-Silva:** Cats in the Community is April 1. Posters are ready to be hung around campus. Krater mentioned that Housing is a target for posting them. She's looking for people to be leads or to help set up and clean up. She will send out a calendar reminder for those who agreed to help with this. Wildcat Sync has the sign-ups. FYE needs help with GAC being facilitators or monitors for the Great Debate. **Guthrie:** CHESS was awesome. Met with Senator Nielsen and Assemblyman Gallagher's staff. AB930 is the CSU Executive Compensation Bill which would not allow CSU President compensation to go up the same year tuition would go up, if passed. Sharma said there shouldn't be executive salary increases until there's a sufficient CSU funding amount. Guthrie asked everyone to call the legislative representatives and support AB541 which allows DACA students to be eligible for the Cal Grant and AB542 which would increase the

amount of Cal Grants given by 3,000. **Sharma:** Three resolutions were passed at CSSA. Another resolution coming forward will be at Academic Senate this Thursday and is about equity gaps in the CSU system which has gained a lot of student input. She had the opportunity to attend Advocacy Day to meet with Assemblymen Gallagher and all CSUs were there to meet with their respective legislators. She will not be here the week after spring break. The event on May 8 from 5 – 7 p.m. that she put on everyone's calendar for the end of the year celebration will be with the incoming officers as well. The event itself would be for outgoing and incoming officers and senators, and staff who sit on all committees in Government Affairs to share everything that was done over the year and thank everyone. They could do a senior recognition and have the current and incoming AS President and Executive Vice President say a few words. If anyone has ideas, please reach out to her. Krater went over Choose Chico which is April 6 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The sign-up sheet for shifts will be on the BMU 220J door and is first come first serve. They need approximately nine officers or senators (Geiser passed the gavel to Vice Chair, Sharma, and left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.)

Sharma briefly touched on the KCSC incident that happened last week where an inappropriate CANVA was posted on their social media for the vinyl sale from Thursday evening to Friday morning. She and David Buckley crafted an apology for this incident which is currently posted on their social media and those involved were talked to. She shared that it was not out of malicious intent but still happened. Social media policies were then reviewed and discussed to be strengthened with training that goes into posting sensitive matters, copyrights, and representing the corporation.

**VIII.REPORTS: STAFF – Krater:** She and Jamie Clyde drove down to Sacramento on Sunday for the Advisor's Summit. She will draft a report on it to send to everyone. She is moving into her new office over spring break. After discussion on the group GAC photo for BMU 205, the officers would like to have a new one taken.

**IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None.**

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Krater shared that tonight is 'All They Will Call You' which starts at 7 p.m. The Book in Common is about a plane that crashed in the 1940s with the number of migrant workers who were being deported. Friday there is a walk-out for climate change from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and all staff are encouraged to take part if they feel they need to. Sharma shared that April 18 is Roo's birthday and there will be a Wildcat Spirit Week. Krater shared that Ann Schwab is retiring and that there are quite a few Director and other positions that are currently vacant. She asked GAC to expect invites to assist with the selection process because student involvement is important. Sharma shared that the Executive Director search is underway and the first round of interviews is tomorrow. Once candidates come to campus, GAC will be very involved and informed of involvement opportunities. Becerra-Silva shared that this is Stewart's last GAC before becoming a happy married woman. Sharma shared that last Friday President Hutchinson held a meeting regarding student experiences with the incident in the library. There was a lot of good discussion and feedback that came from it. Akinwande mentioned the 626 is now over, which keeps someone away for seven days. Legal ideas are being explored for how this individual can be kept off campus. Krater shared different options that are being considered such as student ID cards being mandatory to enter buildings.

**XI. PUBLIC OPINION –** Alfaro shared that SQE is doing two events. One is a Q and A tonight for Tim Hernandez and the other is a documentary screening of Ages of Change at 5 p.m. in ARTS 112 tomorrow.

**XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –** Sharma told everyone to have a great spring break. She'll be checking in with BOD members and Geiser will be checking in with commissioners. She encouraged everyone to check in with Krater.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT –** The Vice Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.