

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

Wednesday, April 17, 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 – Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Alex Williams, Zach Scott, Jamie Clyde, Katrina Robertson, David Buckley, Alejandro Alfaro, Diana Castellanos, Adela Gutierrez-Diaz, Elybeth Alcantar, Eric Urena

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Geiser, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Geiser revised the dollar amount requested on Action Item C. from \$1,000 to \$890 and added Information Item D: Homeless Shelter to the agenda. **Motion to approve the revised 4/17/19 regular meeting agenda (Akinwande/Francia) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 4/3/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 4/3/19 regular meeting, as presented (Akinwande/Francia) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.
- VI. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of the Activity Fee Fund Budget, including AF Administration, Capital Expenditures, Government Affairs Office and Elections Budget, estimated results 2018-19 and proposed budget 2019-20. **Motion to approve the Activity Fee Fund Budget, including Activity Fee Administration, Capital Expenditures, Government Affairs Office and Elections Budget, estimated results 2018-19 and proposed budget 2019-20, as presented (Sharma/T. Ruiz) 7-0-0 MSC.**
 - B. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Activity Fee Net Assets Reserve Policy. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Activity Fee Net Assets Reserve Policy, as presented (Sharma/Becerra-Silva) 7-0-0 MSC.**
 - C. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation for \$890 for the ‘Club Kid’ event by Chico State Pride to be held 5/3/19 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. at Selvester’s Café. **Motion to approve DAC allocation for \$890 for the ‘Club Kid’ event by Chico State Pride to be held 5/3/19 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. at Selvester’s Café, as presented (A. Ruiz/Francia) 7-0-0 MSC.**
 - D. **Information Item: Homeless Shelter** – Geiser discussed the letter from President Hutchinson regarding the proposed low barrier homeless shelter on Orange Street and how her message reflected that it would be too close to campus. Conversation was held regarding the student opinions on the matter and how they can get more input from students and the community. Williams suggested it be beneficial to talk to Chico Police to see if there is a higher crime rate at the Jesus Center and take that into consideration. T. Ruiz suggested a forum to have students give their opinion on the matter. Wallmark shared that the Campus and Community Safety Summit is this Friday. Akinwande asked if President Hutchinson consulted with anyone before sending the letter and Buckley stated that the cabinet did discuss the matter. The proposed shelter would house 100 people. The group will gather as much information as they can before the next GAC meeting. Friedman suggested looking at other campuses that may face the same issue.
 - E. **Information Item: Waste** – Geiser stated that in 2009 the BOD made a decision to be Zero Waste by 2015. Butte County landfill has an estimated span of 20 years before it fills up and then all trash will be sent to Nevada. The AS banned Styrofoam in the 1990’s. The group discussed a few ideas to help reduce waste in the AS such as Marketplace discounts if you bring your own tupperware container. Geiser mentioned the single use utensils given out at the Marketplace as an issue – Wallmark suggested that if utensils are sold, they should be inexpensive.

- F. Information Item: Palm Oil – AS Sustainability is currently doing an educational campaign on palm oil. There are three general species of the palm kernel plant that are used for palm oil. The criticism of palm oil is the use and production of it in the rainforest of Indonesia by United States corporations that caused a lot of deforestation. There are extinction issues that come along with this and resource dwindling for people who live there. The air quality is poor from the burning forests and climate change impacts are present due to the trees and vegetation that hold carbon being burned causing it to be released into the air. A lot of processed foods contain palm oil. Guthrie suggested the Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs take this over.
- G. Discussion Item: Renaming Buildings and Entities on Campus Named after Individuals Responsible for Severe and Long-Lasting Systemic Pain to Indigenous People – Geiser shared that John Sutter was one of the first colonists of California and discussion was held regarding buildings named after him. Sharma suggested that people reach out Rachel McBride as the Director of Tribal Relations. Discussion was held regarding reaching out to Native American individuals for consultation.
- H. Discussion Item: GAC's Stance on No Harm, Disarm – Francia originally had concern about officers being disarmed until they really talked about their training and how the officers would still be able to control a situation without a firearm. Scott stated that getting rid of truly unnecessary firearms like AR-15s could be a first step while keeping the safety aspect of smaller arms. Akinwande feels that some individuals fear walking by an officer because it is triggering having knowledge of what they are carrying. Sharma shared that this is one of our students groups on campus that are pursuing a goal through activism and because of that GAC needs to listen and continue their work. Alcantar shared that the Restorative Justice Workshop was yesterday and she recognizes that this is going to take time. She asked everyone to let her know if they'd like another workshop to be done. Wallmark sits on the Campus Safety Committee and shared that most of the traffic stops performed by UPD are not on students. Geiser asked for GAC's stance on the matter and Sharma suggested the 2019/2020 GAC vote on this. SQE is working on a resolution on a statewide level. Geiser created a task force for this topic. Sharma suggested at least putting this as action on the final GAC agenda to endorse it.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – T. Ruiz: Sunrise Movement has an event on April 27 at the El Ray Theater. April 22 is Earth Day and there is an interactive panel made by SAC to do an event in Trinity Commons. **Francia:** International Festival is Sunday April 28 and there are about 12 organizations participating. This event will be a Certified Green Event. **Guthrie:** CSSA Los Angeles had an extensive discussion about the SB-24 bill currently in the legislature that will allow California's public schools to carry the abortion pill. He shared some statistics about why this bill is important and the changes that would be made if it is passed. Students and a clinical advisor said that it's extremely safe to use and is a three step measure that involves getting an ultrasound, taking one pill, and then another. 1,038 students per month currently seek abortion care in the CSU and UC. Private funders have already fully funded the cost of it and each University would receive \$200,000 over the course of three years for the infrastructure cost. Universities can also enroll in medical to cover it. Although the Health Center will not be mandated to enroll, it would help offset the cost for students. Medi-Cal would cover the cost of the pill which is roughly \$68. HIPAA restrictions will protect privacy of the students. Akinwande shared that the adverse rate for the pill is less than 1% and works up to ten weeks. He shared a statistic of one in five women being sexually assaulted or raped in their college career and that the national college of OBGYN reported 32,000 pregnancies each year are from women between the ages of 12 – 45 who are raped. **A. Ruiz:** Time Capsule submissions are due tomorrow at 5 p.m. and the time capsule burial will be on April 30 at 1 p.m. after Senior Send Off.

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark: It is Wildcat Spirit week and tomorrow is Rue's birthday. There will be cupcakes and opportunity to take pictures with the statue. Wildcat to Wildcat cards will be available to fill out and leave for incoming freshman. The Wildcat Store will be giving 20% discounts today through Friday. **Krater:** 195 students attended Wrap n' Roll last night. Recruitment for the AS Productions Coordinator position is in effect and she is currently helping out in place of the vacancy. Adulting 101 is tomorrow from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in BMU 203. Its Election Day today and she asked everyone to use their voice and vote.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – There is a Bike Tour event this Friday from 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. starting at the Wildcat statue and ending at the University Farm. The second part of this event is 4 – 7 p.m. starting at the Wildcat statue and ending at the Nature Center. Earth Day is coming up and Government Affairs will be tabling. The Earth Night fundraiser will be at Blackbird from 6 – 10 p.m. that night.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Krater shared that there is a Nooner today with Bassi Vibe performing from Sacramento. There is another Nooner on Monday for Earth Day with Lo and Behold performing. Gutierrez-Diaz shared that Queer Prom is this Saturday. Alfaro thanked everyone for supporting SQE's campaign.

XI. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None.

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Krater thanked everyone for showing up early to take a photo today.

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