

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

**Thursday, September 19, 2019**

**5 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Anthony Ruiz, Trevor Guthrie, Alejandro Alfaro-Ramirez, Breanna Holbert, Jared Geiser, Lupe Santana, Sydney Puccetti, Mary Wallmark

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Allyah Perez (excused), Jay Friedman

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Chris Taverite, Kaylee Biedermann, Brooke McCall, Alex Smith, Eliza Miller, Kelsey Simpson, Kelsie Hinders

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Ruiz, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/19/19 regular meeting agenda (Guthrie/Holbert) 6-0-0 MSC.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/12/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 9/12/19 regular meeting, as presented (Guthrie/Puccetti) 6-0-0 MSC.**

Holbert revised the agenda by adding Information Item J: AB 710 and Ruiz moved Discussion Item G: GAC Halloween up to Discussion Item B (**Puccetti/Guthrie) 6-0-0 MSC.**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Geiser shared that the Climate Strike is tomorrow from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the city plaza.

**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.*

**2019-20 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments**

**Confirmation of appointments to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)**

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Alex Smith

-Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources Appointment: Thomas Purcell

**Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council (CAC)**

-Commissioner of Community Affairs Appointments: Claire Renar and Sandra Martinez

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Kaylee Coca

**Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)**

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Isaiah Thurman

**Approval of Consent Agenda: (Holbert/Santana) 6-0-0 MSC.**

- B. Discussion Item: GAC Halloween** – Simpson gave an overview of what AS Productions is planning for Halloween. They are making a postcard that will display all of their program events for students. Hinders from CADEC will be tabling for alcohol awareness the week before Halloween. They also pair up with Fraternity and Sorority Affairs to hand out water bottles to students during Halloween weekend. Santana mentioned the importance to Simpson of making sure that the Dia De Los Muertos event is seen as cultural and not Halloween related. McCall would like feedback from everyone on the events that the WREC will be putting on. She discussed the cornhole event and how they will be going for a Guinness world record with boards that were made from the previous WREC hardwood floor. Ruiz asked the group what they would like to do as Government Affairs for this holiday. They discussed previous events that Government Affairs has put on and the importance of representation during those events. This year they will plan a 'Keeping Halloween Local' campaign.

- C. Information Item: 6/30/19 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter shared that this report summarizes all 12 months of the last year and gave an explanation of why each listed section is at the percentage that is shown.
- D. Information Item: 2020 Election Procedures – Ruiz shared the changes on this document that are different from last year. Two of the changes that sparked the most discussion were the elections being held in March, which would prevent the Geography 440 class from submitting the Advisory Measure on time, and deterring students who only have one semester left from running for office. The group discussed their viewpoints and what changes in wording they would like to see for these procedures as well as how they can increase turnout for those running for office and those voting.
- E. Information Item: Councils and Committees Training Budget – Peterson shared that she anticipates the budget to not exceed \$800 and the budget in which it comes from would be established during revisions.
- F. Information Item: Civil Disobedience Resolution – Alfaro-Ramirez encouraged everyone to read this resolution. He said that the 'Resolves' are really about making the Associated Students social justice-oriented whether it be through programming or what we set forward. He asked the group how they felt about taking this resolution, which was endorsed by the Government Affairs Committee last year, and making it more Chico specific because it's currently CSSA specific.
- G. Information Item: Care Committee – Guthrie shared that part of his campaign was increasing the level of caring that we currently have on campus. He informed the group that his intent is to create a subcommittee to do something on campus once a month to boost morale such as putting goody bags together for students or creating supportive signs. Wallmark has about 2,000 Kind bars that she can give the subcommittee.
- H. Information Item: 2019-2020 University Committee Appointments – Appointment to Campus Facility Use Committee (CFUC)  
-AS President Appointment: Kaylee Biedermann
- I. Information Item: 2019-2020 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations  
Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)  
-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Thomas Purcell  
-Joint Student Appointment by Commissioner of Diversity Affairs and Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources: Isaiah Thurman  
Resignation from Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)  
-Joint Student Appointment by Commissioner of Diversity Affairs and Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources: Alex Smith
- J. Information Item: AB 710 – Holbert shared that she and Guthrie got this from the Assembly District. It is a letter of support that would be addressed to Governor Gavin Newsom that assesses the cost of living. AB 710 talks about the affordability of housing based off of the Federal Housing and Urban Development instead of being based off of each university's own schematics. She encouraged everyone to read AB 710 and sign it tonight if they are in support. Slaughter suggested everyone create their own letters as individuals instead of signing it as the Government Affairs Committee since it hasn't been voted on as a group.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS** – None.

**VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson:** The council and committee training day is this Saturday. She asked everyone who is participating to arrive at 9:15 a.m. to help set up. She will email a final outline of the training tomorrow.

**IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – The Grand GAC is in two weeks.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Clyde shared that Elaine Kramer had her baby at 1:30 a.m. this morning.

**XI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Smith loves everyone.

**XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.