

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

Thursday, October 17, 2019

5 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Anthony Ruiz (chair), Alejandro Alfaro-Ramirez, Breanna Holbert, Allyah Perez, Jared Geiser, Lupe Santana, Sydney Puccetti, Mary Wallmark, Jay Friedman

MEMBERS ABSENT – Trevor Guthrie (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Chris Taverite, Kaylee Biedermann, Jamie Clyde

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 10/17/19 regular meeting agenda (Alfaro-Ramirez/Holbert) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 10/10/19 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 9/10/19 regular meeting, as presented (Santana/Geiser) 6-0-0 MSC.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Geiser shared that Campus Sustainability Day is next Wednesday on Trinity Commons from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wallmark reminded everyone that the cornhole tournament to make a world record is on October 25 and SLL is shutting down so all employees can attend. 385 people are needed to make this record happen.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2019-20. **Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2019-20, as presented (Geiser/Perez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation for \$1,950 for the 'Town Hall with Neil Lazuras' event by the Chico Hillel club to be held 11/5/19 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in BMU 210. **Motion to approve DAC allocation for \$1,950 for the 'Town Hall with Neil Lazuras' event by the Chico Hillel club to be held 11/5/19 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in BMU 210, as presented (Holbert/Santana)** Alfaro Ramirez researched the speaker that the group wants to bring to campus and shared his concerns. Wallmark reminded the group that having a diverse speaker on campus creates the opportunity for protest and practices free speech. Santana stated that the presenter would talk about different viewpoints during the event and it wouldn't be single-minded. **0-2-4 MSF.** Holbert shared that she abstained because she doesn't know enough information about the speaker to make a confident decision on it.
- C. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for Commissioner of Diversity Affairs. **Action Requested: Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for Commissioner of Diversity Affairs, as presented (Geiser/Alfaro-Ramirez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- D. **Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Student Academic Senate Code –** Alfaro-Ramirez shared the changes that were made to the code and why the changes make sense.
- E. **Information Item: STAAND Subcommittee Update** – Holbert said she had a really good meeting with L.E.A.D. who voiced their opinions on what happened at the Career Fair. The committee will be talking to Sandy Parsons next week and they will begin to draft a resolution. There is a meeting next Wednesday at 4 p.m. in BMU 220 for anyone who would like to come and voice their opinions. Santana shared that they let Megan Odom know that what happened wasn't her fault and understand that policy is what allowed U.S. Customs and Border Patrol to table at the Career Fair.

- F. Information Item: Civil Disobedience Resolution Subcommittee Update – Alfaro Ramirez shared the resolution that he has been working on and asked for the group's feedback. AS Productions may be able to bring someone to campus who could provide some perspective on the resolution and create an event around it. Clyde suggested reaching out to Nani Teves because she and Kate Harris are working on a certificate series for activism.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Biedermann: The corn hole event is coming up on November 25 and she asked the group to please sign up. The Bell Memorial Union Committee talked about the lighting outside of the BMU that will be replaced soon. She wants to start a project like Conversation Couch with the President about fees with students. The committee is also collaborating on ideas to be more inclusive at the WREC. **Taverrite:** The Associated Students Businesses Committee meeting is on Monday. **Geiser:** The Sustainability Affairs Council meeting was on Tuesday and there was lots of good conversation. The council worked on a proposal for cutlery with the AS dining director. Geiser went to Pleasant Valley High School and talked to students about climate change. **Alfaro Ramirez:** SQE held a vigil for Josiah Lawson in Trinity Commons on Tuesday. Student Academic Senate is tomorrow and will end early due to getting a tour of campus from Tribal Relations if anyone would like to join. He would like to put up more of the 'Meet Your Officers' posters around campus for visibility. **Santana:** MAC night is coming up and the application deadline is October 25. She is in the process of replacing her position for the spring semester. **Holbert:** CSSA Fresno is this weekend if anyone wants almonds. The Legislative Affairs Committee is tabling at the Great Debate. **Perez:** The Community Affairs Council is working on the Moonlit Safety Walk event happening November 7 from 5 – 8 p.m. They put Coffee with the Cops on hold to make sure that the council as a whole wants to do it. Little Miss Sunshine will be given to Mattea Bertain at the Government Affairs front desk because she's always welcoming and deserves it with the sunshine she brings. **Puccetti:** The Event Funding Allocation Council meeting is on Monday. The last few meetings have been around combining the Diversity Affairs Council and the Event Funding Allocation Council. which will be voted on at the upcoming meeting.

VIII.REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson: Planning an end of the year gathering for everyone.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Chico Preview Day is on November 2 and he'll be contacting everyone with a signup sheet for shifts. The Moonlit Safety Walk will be on November 7, the off-week of the Government Affairs Committee from 5 – 8 p.m. so everyone should be able to make it.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Santana is the VP of Philanthropy for the Panhellenic Council who is partnering with the Multicultural Greek Council and Inter-fraternity Council to do a toy drive the week of November 4. All toys will be donated to the Magalia community church where parents will be able to toy shop. Biedermann shared that Love Your Melon Day is next Tuesday. She and two crew members will be going to Sutter Hospital and making Halloween cards for kids. Perez shared that Make a Difference Day is next Saturday.

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

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Alfaro Ramirez asked the group not to touch items on his desk and to set up a meeting with him if there is something there that someone doesn't like. Santana reminded everyone that it's midterm time and self-care is essential.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.