

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

Thursday, October 31, 2019

5 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Anthony Ruiz, Trevor Guthrie, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, Allyah Perez, Jared Geiser, Lupe Santana, Sydney Puccetti, Mary Wallmark

MEMBERS ABSENT – Breanna Holbert (excused), Jay Friedman

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Kaylee Biedermann, Mattea Bertain, Shar Krater, Robin Miki, Alexandra Wilsford, Jose Composano

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

II. **AGENDA** – **Motion to approve the revised 10/31/19 regular meeting agenda (Santana/Puccetti) 5-0-0 MSC.**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/17/19 regular meeting and 10/25/19 special meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 10/17/19 regular meeting and 10/25/19 special meeting, as presented (Santana/Perez) 5-0-0 MSC.**

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The group wished everyone a happy Halloween.

V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2019-20. **Motion to approve Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2019-20, as presented (Guthrie/Perez) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Student Academic Senate Code. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Student Academic Senate Code, as presented** (Geiser joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m.) **(Guthrie/Perez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Approval of appointment of the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs position. **Motion to approve appointment of Emonnie Jones to the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs position, as presented (Guthrie/Perez) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- D. Information Item: 9/30/19 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – Slaughter shared that this report is for September which reflects 25% because it is the first quarter of the year. Expenses reflects 20% so we are under the benchmark.
- E. Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 9/30/19 – Slaughter shared that this report is for the entire Corporation. This shows what we have in investments for the quarter and what we have received from them in interest.
- F. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Diversity Affairs Council Code – Santana shared a PowerPoint on why they are looking at the funding piece being removed from the Diversity Affairs Council. She presented the changes that are being proposed and why they would benefit both the Diversity Affairs Council and Event Funding Allocation Council in the long run. Santana shared her vision for the new Diversity Affairs Council without having the funding piece and that this wouldn't go into effect until the 2020-21 year.
- G. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Event Funding Allocation Council Code, including title change to Events and Diversity Programming Allocation Council Code – Ruiz shared that this information was in the PowerPoint presented during Information Item F. Krater mentioned the CCLC has a small staff so it may prove difficult to fill that appointed position for this council.

- H. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Duties for Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources – Ruiz shared that this information was in the PowerPoint presented during Information Item F.
- I. Discussion Item: Coffee with the Cops – Perez said the Community Affairs Council will be hosting this event next semester. They think it would be useful to bridge the gap between officers and students. Creating a dialogue to help students feel safe is the end goal. Santana mentioned that it would be helpful for the cops to come dressed in something other than their uniforms so that marginalized students don't feel uncomfortable. Guthrie mentioned that this is ultimately the Community Affairs Council's decision to put on or not. Guthrie and Wallmark elaborated on surveys that resulted in students wanting more police presence on campus. Wallmark mentioned a program called Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training which would be beneficial for anyone to attend.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Santana: Tomorrow is Dia de Los Muertos and Nu Alpha Kappa and MEChA are hosting an event on Trinity Commons. There will be face painting. She asked anyone who gets their face painted like a sugar skull to not go out for Halloween with that as their costume because it's culturally inappropriate. **Perez:** The Safety Walk is next week, on November 7 from 5 – 8 p.m. She needs group leaders if anyone is available to help. The Community Affairs Council meeting is Monday at 3 p.m. and they will discuss it more at that time. Police will be present at the event. **Guthrie:** The Associated Students took its third annual 1st place Halloween extravaganza win. There were no competitors. He is working on cleaning up some corporate codes and shared some of the changes that will be proposed. **Geiser:** Campus Sustainability Day was last week. The Sustainability Affairs Council talked about waste on campus and want to create a proposal to reduce it. Anyone who has input can come to the Sustainability Affairs Council meetings on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in BMU 209. Sunrise is having action at Children's Park at 5 p.m. to raise awareness of the climate crisis. **Alfaro Ramirez:** Community and student members reached out to him and were unhappy about the decision GAC made last week to approve the Town Hall event put on by Chico Hillel because of their speaker. An alumni member pointed out to him that there were two resolutions from the 90's that were about Palestinian educational rights and human rights. He presented the two resolutions to the group and talked about their purpose.

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark: There was a free speech incident today on campus today by the Gauntlet toward PG&E workers. Because it was a free speech area there was nothing that they could do about it. Tonight is Skate Spooktacular night which will be followed by Pizza in the Plaza.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Chico Preview Day is this Saturday and there is a signup sheet in the Government Affairs office. There are two different shifts available.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Biedermann shared that Make a Difference Day was great. She got to plant a tree in Bidwell Park and named it Melon. Geiser shared that November 16 is the Butte Environmental Council's annual Gala. Santana shared that MAC Night is November 14 which is the next Government Affairs Committee meeting.

XI. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Miki shared that the Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition is hosting the annual Women's Conference on November 16 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.