

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

**Monday, February 3, 2020**

**1 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT-** Anthony Ruiz, Trevor Guthrie, Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, Breanna Holbert, Allyah Perez, Jared Geiser, Emonnie Jones, Sydney Puccetti, Mary Wallmark

**MEMBERS ABSENT –** Jay Friedman

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Alex Smith, Melys Jerez, Lance Win Huber, Mark Stemen, Melissa Frausto, Anthony Reeves, Vall Flores

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Ruiz, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA –** Ruiz removed Action Item B from the agenda. He then added Information Item G. Geography 440 Advisory Measure (Geiser/Puccetti) 7-0-0 MSC. **Motion to approve the revised 2/3/2020 regular meeting agenda (Holbert/Puccetti) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** Minutes of the 1/27/2020 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 1/27/2020 regular meeting, as presented (Guthrie/Alfaro Ramirez) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Geiser wished the group a happy Monday.
- 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 appointment to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)  
-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Abigail Jeans  
  
**Approval of Consent Agenda: (Guthrie/Puccetti) 7-0-0 MSC.**
  - ~~B. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation for \$3,940 for the 'New Music Symposium' event by the Student Composer Forum to be held 2/27/20 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in PAC 134 and 2/28/20 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in ARTS 150. **Action Requested: Motion to approve EFAC allocation for \$3,940 for the 'New Music Symposium' event by the Student Composer Forum to be held 2/27/20 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in PAC 134 and 2/28/20 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in ARTS 150, as presented (I) – MSC.**~~
  - C. Action Item: Approval of Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Sustainability Affairs Council Code. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Sustainability Affairs Council Code, as presented (Holbert/Geiser) 7-0-0 MSC.**
  - D. Information Item: 12/31/19 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Ruiz shared the one-time expenses on the report that were shown and budgeted for CAVE.
  - E. Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 12/31/19 – Slaughter shared that this is a corporate view of cash on hand and cash invested from October to December of last year. For the Government Affairs Committee we're looking at Activity Fee. He shared the average daily investments and the interest that we've earned on them.
  - F. Information Item: Program Presentation: Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition (GSEC) – Flores gave a presentation on behalf of the Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition. She shared a PowerPoint on the

program's mission and history as well as their programs, events, budgets, services and provided products in their space. She gave the statistics for how many interns they typically work with each year and what staff and news coverage they have. They have a banner that hangs in the BMU. She asked the group to reach out to them if anyone has questions.

- G. Information Item: Geography 440 Advisory Measure – Stemen shared that this course created the advisory measure for AS Elections. Frausto wants to take the best path possible for our environment with a comprehensive approach. Reeves shared that they looked at the top 10 issues students expressed that Chico State could address for sustainability. A Chico State thrift store was suggested for students who regularly throw clothing items away and those who need clothing at a low cost. Geiser shared that AS Sustainability does a clothing swap once a year on Earth Day and maybe they could collaborate with them. Stemen encouraged the group to share any ideas with him because they are still narrowing down a final initiative. Reeves shared that a Green New Deal has been tossed around which would take the top issues and create a comprehensive climate plan for what we need to be doing and changing to make a more sustainable campus overall. This would ideally be between the Associated Students and campus.
- H. Information Item: Resolution Condemning War with Iran – Geiser shared that the US killed a general from Iran and there are concerns about going to war. The resolution shares from a perspective of campus student leaders looking at these larger issues, taking a stance on them, and educating students. Alfaro Ramirez shared some background and the end goal of the proposed resolution. Smith shared that CSSA is also working on a resolution condemning a possible war with Iran. Geiser asked the group to send any suggestions to him and Alfaro Ramirez to improve this resolution. Wallmark shared that there are a lot of veterans on campus and the group should think about that population. The group shared a few revisions that they would like to see made and brainstormed ideas for how this can still be implemented after they graduate. They then determined that this should be an information item again next week and then action the week after if the document is ready at that time. Talking to Administration about a protocol for getting this information to students would be key.

**VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Guthrie:** There's a section in the California Education Code that's about the higher education accountability programs, but there's currently nothing in there that talks about basic needs statistics or housing and food insecurities. Because of this he's working with Mary Washington from CSSA to draft a bill that would alter the Education Code with selected state legislators. He's on the Vice President of Student Affairs search committee. He is also on the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Services search committee and will be meeting with one of the candidates next week. CSSA San Luis Obispo is next weekend and they will be interviewing for the Student Trustee. **Holbert:** Wallmark made Wildcats Count and Wildcats Vote signature pieces that the group can put in their email signatures for promotion.

**VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson:** The council and committee application soft deadline is this Friday if everyone can push promotion. Our first R&R meeting is this Friday at 12 p.m. to check in with each other and do some activities. Geiser asked the group to please also promote for Sustainability Affairs Council.

**IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – Fenton will have all officer and senator AS employee discount stickers for the spring semester so go see her to get your sticker.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Peterson shared that R&R meetings will include all 17 officers and senators and the front desk. Alfaro Ramirez will be having Student Academic Senate R&R meetings. Geiser shared that the Sustainability Affairs Council is responsible for an environmental assessment on the Associated Students and will be working on that. Smith said if anyone wants more information on Iran or the resolution he is working on to please come see him.

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

**XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Ruiz shared that his birthday was great over the weekend and there are still cupcakes in the office if anyone would like one.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.