

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

Monday, February 24, 2020

1 p.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Breanna Holbert (unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Cathryn Carkhuff, Alex Smith, Krystle Tonga, Jamile Balli, Grayson Edgemon, Shawnya Abrams, Hunter Andrade, Amanda Widgay, Lizeth Martinez, Rosa-lee Jimenez, Keith Crawford

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Ruiz, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. **AGENDA – Motion to approve the revised 9/12/19 regular meeting agenda (Geiser/Guthrie) 6-0-0 MSC.**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2/17/20 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 2/17/2020 regular meeting, as presented (Puccetti/Jones) 6-0-0 MSC.**

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

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 Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)

-Executive Vice President Appointment: Paul Shafer

Approval of Consent Agenda: (Jones/Puccetti) 6-0-0 MSC.

- B. Action Item: Approval of Statement in Support of the Coalition and Cost of Living Adjustment (C.O.L.A.) Movement at UC Santa Cruz. **Motion to approve Statement in Support of the Coalition and Cost of Living Adjustment (C.O.L.A.) Movement at UC Santa Cruz, as presented (Guthrie/Geiser)** Ruiz amended the statement by changing 'Government Affairs Council' to 'Government Affairs Committee.' **(Guthrie/Geiser) 6-0-0 MSC. 6-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation for \$3,208 for the 'Biz Talks' event by Delta Sigma Pi to be held 4/8/20 from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. in PAC 144. **Motion to approve EFAC allocation for \$3,208 for the 'Biz Talks' event by Delta Sigma Pi to be held 4/8/20 from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. in PAC 144, as presented (Puccetti/Geiser) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- D. Action Item: Approval of Resolution Denouncing Potential War with Iran. **Motion to approve Resolution Denouncing Potential War with Iran, as presented (Alfaro Ramirez/Geiser)** Geiser shared that he met with the Veterans Association and changed some language based upon their feedback. Geiser motioned to add a resolve that says "Resolved: The Associated Students Government Affairs Committee denounces imperialistic U.S. practices, and be it further" after the first resolved. **(Geiser/Alfaro Ramirez) 6-0-0 MSC.** Geiser motioned to change 'Government Affairs' to 'Government Affairs Committee' in all other areas stated in the resolution **(Geiser/Alfaro Ramirez) 6-0-0 MSC. 6-0-0 MSC.**
- E. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Events Funding Allocation Council Policy, including title change to Events and Diversity Programming Allocation Council Policy, effective

beginning the 2020-21 elected officer term – Peterson shared that the main change was the title of this council in the policy.

- F. Information Item: Program Presentation – Cross Cultural Leadership Center (CCLC) – Tonga and Balli shared a PowerPoint presentation for the CCLC. They began with their program's mission, the guiding pillars that they go by, who they serve, accessibility that students have to their space, and their goal as a center. Tonga shared some statistics on CSU, Chico student demographics and what they ethnically identify as. They then shared a few highlights from the past year and which are annually available for students. They recently reached out to students to request information to better improve their services based upon the feedback. They concluded their presentation by sharing resources and services that they offer and some of the challenges that they face.
- G. Information Item: Program Presentation – Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE) – Crawford, Jimenez and Carkhuff shared a PowerPoint presentation for CAVE. They began by sharing their mission and motto, background information on the program with volunteer quantity, community connections programs, kids programs, community partners, volunteer requirements, and leadership opportunities for staff members. They concluded their presentation by sharing their vision for the future of CAVE and contact information for those who work up there.
- H. Discussion Item: Officer and Senator Scholarships – Slaughter shared that based on estimated cost of attendance, the normal increase of scholarship pay would be \$6,500 which is without increasing senator pay. With a senator increase alone, it would be an additional \$18,928 on top of that. This year for revised we'll be down about 500 in enrollment which provides about \$69,000 to us. Next year we'll be down about 1,200 in enrollment which will provide about \$170,400 to us. Puccetti suggested bringing Senators from 15 – 20% and reviewing their roles. Geiser suggested that the University possibly provide money for the Senators since they really advocate for them through each of the colleges. Smith shared that if senator pay doesn't increase, their responsibilities need to decrease. Jones said that her role as a Commissioner has a lot more responsibility than Senators and she believes it should be looked into further before any type of voting is done on this. Guthrie expressed that in the codes, there isn't that much asked of Senators and just because this year's Senators are doing a lot doesn't mean that next year's will, but he feels there does need to be some sort of an increase. This will be action next week proposing that Senator pay will increase to 20% of the cost of attendance.

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Alfaro Ramirez: SQE will do an impromptu screening of the documentary for The Occupation of the American Mind this Friday at 4 p.m. in ARTS 112 and there will be food.

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Wallmark: There will be baby goats here all week for the Cast Your Vote, Pet a Goat event.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Ruiz stated that he is meeting with a few people this week to finalize the language for the AS Election Advisory Measure.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

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

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.