

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

Monday, March 2, 2020

1 p.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Jared Geiser (excused), Jay Friedman

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Chris Rufo, Hunter Andrade, Alex Smith, Mareo Day

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Ruiz, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA** – Ruiz amended the agenda by changing Information Item D. to state '1/31/20 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual' **(Guthrie/Perez) 5-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve the revised 3/2/20 regular meeting agenda (Holbert/Alfaro Ramirez) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2/24/20 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes of the 2/24/20 regular meeting, as presented (Perez/Guthrie) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Smith read a letter that the Senators had put together about raising their scholarship from 15% of the cost of attendance to 20% of the cost of attendance and why the vote today is important to them.

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)

-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Freya Laguna

-Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Victor Becerra

Approval of Consent Agenda: (Jones/Alfaro Ramirez) 5-0-0 MSC.

- B. Action Item: Approval of 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. **Motion to approve 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, as presented** (Puccetti joined the meeting at 1:06 p.m.) **(Holbert/Jones) 6-0-0 MSC.**
- C. Action Item: Approval of increasing scholarship for elected Senator positions from 15% of cost of attendance to 20% of cost of attendance, effective with the 2020-21 academic year. **Motion to approve increasing scholarship for elected Senator positions from 15% of cost of attendance to 20% of cost of attendance, as presented (Guthrie/Puccetti).** Ruiz shared information from the PowerPoint that Slaughter put together about how the budget would be affected with the proposal of senators being paid 20% of the cost of attendance in the future instead of the current 15% of the cost of attendance. Slaughter shared that if the increase gets approved, in five years there would need to be a fee increase because of inflation and other factors such as a decrease in enrollment. Andrade said that if this doesn't get passed, they should only be required to come back for training one week prior to fall semester because they need to keep summer jobs longer to offset the lack of pay. Puccetti reminded the group that she thinks students who run for a position shouldn't be in it for the scholarship money. Perez said that everyone should consider the end result of this

and what the Associated Students and the school is going to look like in future years with the anticipated decrease in enrollment. Puccetti reminded the group that approving this would entail seven students being affected positively with an increase in scholarship pay, and thousands being affected negatively with a fee increase in the future if enrollment is not high enough to keep this increase affordable. **3-3-0 MS. In the case of the tie, Ruiz voted making the end vote 4-3-0 MSC.**

- D. Information Item: 1/31/20 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report Budget to Actual – Ruiz shared information for where we are for our revenues which are down year to date from the original budget. Expenses are currently at 37.68%. Operational expenses are at 59.46% due to payroll and personal adjustments being made during revisions. Government Affairs is currently at 80.85% which is high. Campus programs are at 50.93%. Community programs, which is just CAVE, is at 60%. Everything together is at 50.71% which Ruiz said is a great place to be in January.
- E. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Government Affairs Committee Code – Ruiz shared the changes that were made to this document. Meetings will be regularly held on Wednesdays from 2:30 – 4 p.m. moving forward starting in the 2020/21 year.
- F. Information Item: 2019-2020 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)
-Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Abigail Jeans

VII. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Perez: The Community Affairs Council is putting on Coffee with the Cops on Tuesday, March 25 from 9:30 – 11 a.m. in BMU 210. She is looking to make this a sequence to occur every-other month to involve the University Police Department. She encouraged the group to attend. **Alfaro Ramirez:** After this meeting from 2 – 3 p.m. Chico Cop Watch is coming and doing a presentation about knowing your rights. Rachel McBride came to last week's Student Academic Senate meeting and spoke on the name of the new science building. He and Holbert made a video today based off the Statement in Support of the COLA Movement at UC Santa Cruz which will be on AS Instagram. He said 54 students from that campus were fired on Friday for withholding grades. **Holbert:** Last week she was in Sacramento at a conference. Tomorrow is a watch party at the WREC regarding the primaries. **Guthrie:** Next Wednesday he'll be traveling to Sacramento with President Hutchinson, Jay Friedman, and some others for CSU Advocacy Day.

VIII. REPORTS: STAFF – Clyde: Women Like You is this Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium. Last year there were 600 student attendees. **Peterson:** The AS Election Day Organization Challenge is on April 1 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and clubs must sign up on Wildcat Sync by next Tuesday. **Wallmark:** Last Thursday the Speech Matters 2020 Conference happened in Washington D.C. The event was for free speech and campus protest. There was a protest that occurred which then disrupted the event, causing the event to stop for about 30 minutes until the room was cleared entirely. Protest is interesting and is never done perfectly, but CSU, Chico can be a model for that.

IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None.

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 – Wallmark got a new book for Christmas and shared a quote from a page that stated "Do what you can with what you have where you are" – Theodore Roosevelt.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Ruiz, adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.