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

Monday, April 20, 2020

1 p.m.

Via Zoom

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Sydney Puccetti (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Katie Peterson, Sarah Fenton (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Karen Bang, Austin Lopic, Taryn Burns, Eliza Miller, Heather Rodriguez Ortiz, Mattea Bertain, Emily Bruns, Kiley Kirkpatrick, Logan Lee, Sharleen Krater, Cindy Haws, Charlie Foor, Hugh Hammond, Keith Crawford, Jennifer Mendoza, Nicholas Blackwell

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Ruiz, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. **AGENDA** – Motion to approve the 4/20/20 regular meeting agenda (Guthrie/Holbert) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 3/9/20 regular meeting. Motion to approve minutes of the 3/9/20 regular meeting, as presented (Guthrie/Alfaro Ramirez) 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

VI. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of the Activity Fee Fund Budget, including AF Administration, Capital Expenditures, Government Affairs Office and Elections Budget, estimated results 2019-20 and proposed budget 2020-21. Motion to approve the Activity Fee Fund Budget, including Activity Fee Administration, Capital Expenditures, Government Affairs Office and Elections Budget, estimated results 2019-20 and proposed budget 2020-21, as presented (Holbert/Guthrie). Slaughter provided an overview of the budget. The campus closure due to COVID-19 has made the anticipation of the decrease in enrollment for Fall semester even more unknown. Because of this, they have based the proposed budget on a lower student enrollment of around 14,000. He is hoping to have further information on student headcount and what Fall semester will look like as summer gets closer. For the 2019/20 revised budget, we are down about \$54,000 in income, up about \$500 in University service fees/expenses, up about \$1,000 in corporate services, down about \$2,400 in Activity Fee operational costs, up about \$55,000 in Government Affairs, down about \$4,400 in annual program allocations, down about \$122,000 in campus programs, down about \$7,500 in community programs, and total allocations were down about \$80,000. The 2020/21 proposed budget is asking to use \$386,516 of the \$3,242,526 in excess reserves, and if future predictions hold we will need to significantly adjust the budgets for all AS operations. For the proposed budget, our income is down about \$310,000, University services fees/expenses are down about \$9,000, contract programs are down about \$23,000, corporate services are up about \$40,000, Activity Fee operational costs are down about \$28,500, Government Affairs is up about \$52,000, annual program allocations are down about \$35,000, campus programs are up about \$138,000, community programs are up about \$18,500, and total allocations are up about \$134,500 from the 2019/20 estimated revised which is up about \$54,779 from the 2019/20 original approved budget. **6-0-0 MSC.**

VII. **REPORTS: OFFICERS – Holbert:** If anyone hasn't filled out the Census please do and count yourself in Chico. This Wednesday a few Legislative Affairs Committee members and others are doing a Census Fireside Chat to provide more information about the Census for students. **Alfaro Ramirez:** He hopes everyone is staying safe and healthy during this time. For anyone in Chico who is looking to do social-aid work, the Democratic Socialists of America have made mutual aid efforts such as feeding the homeless, delivering groceries, etc. and anyone who is willing can help out. He'll send an email with the link after this meeting.

VIII. **REPORTS: STAFF – Peterson:** It's been an honor to serve with everyone this year. She thanked everyone for their leadership and staying strong until the end. **Wallmark:** She is super excited to see everyone and

congratulated the group for a great year and leading us through this difficult time. Student Life and Leadership is launching an outreach survey because everything has been moving so quickly that there's been more telling than asking of students. The class of 2020 celebration is important, so a survey has been made to ask our graduating seniors what they want for graduation. There were about 3,100 graduating seniors who planned to participate in graduation and it shouldn't be swept under the rug. She asked everyone to keep an eye out for that survey in their emails. She said we have been on lock down for a long time and everyone has done a great job. It's going to get more challenging. She talked to Mayor Ann Schwab who is concerned and looking for ways to make sure that the community is keeping true to staying safe because of the anticipated death count for Butte County by June 1.

Friedman: The Alumni Association is working with the Dean of the College of Business to do a webinar on April 30 specifically for seniors called "Resilience and Grit, Employment Planning and Marketing Yourself During Crisis." They look forward to having a great discussion with folks. **Clyde:** She thanked everyone because this has been a challenging year. As members of the Government Affairs Committee, they have something to share from the times we are going through. She knows all members are proud of the Associated Students and put in perspective how much they have done with the services that are continuing to be provided for students virtually. Employees have really stepped up, and the Government Affairs Committee should be proud of them. She thanked everyone for still getting through budgets aside of everything going on.

- IX. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – Ruiz shared that it has been a really great year and he looks forward to coming back as the Director of Legislative Affairs next year. He thanked everyone for their help and support.
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Holbert said there are a lot of organizations helping people out right now and there's a platform she's working with called Helping Hand. It's like Uber to run errands for folks if anyone is interested.
- XI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None.
- XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Guthrie gave a shoutout to Ruiz for getting into the MBA Program. Ruiz passed the gavel to Mendoza, the new official Executive Vice President for the 2020/21 year.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Mendoza, adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.