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**Associated Students Inc.
San Francisco State University
External Affairs Council
Minutes
October 11th, 2018**

Chair, Garrick Wilhelm, has called a meeting of the External Affairs Council on Thursday, October 11th, 2018 at 2:00pm - 4:00pm in Delmy Rodriguez (T-152) in the Cesar Chavez Student Center.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:22pm

II. Roll Call

VP of External Affairs - Present

LCA Rep - Present

Sophomore Rep- Present

President- Excused

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for September 20th, 2018

Moved by Sophomore Rep, seconded by LCA Rep.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for August 9th, 2018

Moved by Sophomore Rep, seconded by LCA Rep.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes for September 20th, 2018

Moved by LCA Rep, seconded by Sophomore Rep.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

V. Announcements (2 minutes each). Please submit literature to Chair when meeting begins

VI. Public Comment (2 minutes each). Must pertain to jurisdiction of Board. Please observe proper decorum. The board is not required to respond.

VII. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 89307 of the California Code for the purpose of to consider the appointment, employment, and evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of an employee.

No Closed Session

VIII. Old Business

a. Voter Registration Event (Discussion Item) – Vice President External Affairs

Discussion of results of voter registration event and next steps

VP of External Affairs announced that there are 18 voter registrations so far. They have a campus-wide email scheduled to go out by October 19th, hopefully putting it in the hands of every student. It covers voter registration,

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how to vote, how to find your polling place, voting on campus, the mock ballot, voter education event, links to voter guide which will have outcome of public policy agenda. It includes openings for board positions and invites students to attend our meetings.

b. Public Policy Agenda (Discussion/Action Item) – Chair

Discuss finalizing policy agenda recommendations to forward to the BOD.

VP of External Affairs stated that they previously approved a public policy agenda, and then placed around CCSC for public comment. Had LRC research initiatives. Made one change, which is property tax initiative from support position to no position, because it means we would collect \$2 billion less in property taxes each year. It allows people to move their low assessment on a current house to another house. This doesn't affect students directly, so they switched to no position, while other positions stayed the same. **Sophomore Rep** said she has been referencing the sheet that **VP of External Affairs** gave them, and she asked for an update. **VP of External Affairs** said he has changed the language that explains what the bill is, and how it supports students, which he has submitted to Marketing.

Motion to re-approve public policy agenda with the change in Proposition 5 to a position of no position

Moved by LCA Rep, seconded by Sophomore Rep.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

c. Civic Engagement Assembly (Discussion Item) – Vice President External Affairs

Discuss schedule of Civic Engagement Assembly.

VP of External Affairs announced that they plan to have **Sophomore Rep** take over Civic Engagement Assembly. She mentioned that she has contacted elected officials, and the meeting will possibly be held on the off week of the External Affairs council meeting. **VP of External Affairs** reiterated the plan, mentioning also that there are about 10 students already interested in participating and concluded that he will support her in any way he can. **Sophomore Rep** asked if there will be money to send the students interested in the CES events. **VP of External Affairs** replied that there will be a selection process to choose who goes, those in Civic Engagement Fellowship and students who are more active are more likely to be considered. **Sophomore Rep** agrees that it would be better in engaging students, by making it open to students. **VP of External Affairs** agreed that it would be a good way to motivate students.

IX. New Business

a. Initiative for Student Rental Accommodations (Discussion item) – Vice President External Affairs

Discuss creation of an initiative to encourage landlords and property management to accommodate students differently to make it easier for students to get into rental units in San Francisco and how AS can better support students housing needs..

VP of External Affairs described the initiative, saying that it's an effort to work on issues identifying accommodation needs, how we can ask landlords to make those accommodations. how to benefit landlords, city has expressed interest in providing incentives to landlords make it easier for students to get housing. Already have contacts in City College and USF. starting this as a San Francisco city student group. This assembly will work side by side with a working group that is larger than this campus, tackle the issue of housing by bringing campuses together. HPW working on reaching out to homeless students, want to work in tandem with them instead of doubling our efforts. The goal to connect students to housing. We need to potentially open a housing office within AS, that would help students find rentals. Idea is if we have landlords working to accommodate students, we want a way to connect students to landlords--having paid staff on campus who can make that connection, makes sense. Housing services should help students fill out the mayor's application which is needed for housing subsidies. There's the possibility that this type of function could fit within the basic needs grant that the campus has \$50,000 set aside for student homelessness, however their idea was to make an app, but there's already too many in the market, another app won't solve anything. We need student staff members who can research all those sites. stay updated, and bring it to the students when they need it. Landlords willing to work with us can connect our housing office. **Sophomore Rep** asked if grants usually expire, and **VP of External Affairs** answered that it does expire,

and is estimated to get us through this current fiscal year. He is looking for this housing initiative to be effective as soon as possible, maybe putting a desk in the food pantry and making it an area for basic needs. He said that it's their responsibility to set this idea in motion, take it to the board, and it will be up to staff to decide how to fund it and how it functions. **Sophomore Rep** said that she likes the idea, but one of her concerns is that we should focus on on-campus housing, as it is expensive and one of the factors why students are homeless. She thinks we need to work on a timeline as the board and staff will be looking for that, and also look at how the grant can be used in an AS initiative. **VP of External Affairs** said the campus' concern is how the money can be spent to effectively meet students' needs.

LCA Rep entered the room at 2:49 pm

Three 4-bedroom homes where all the tenants were evicted. AS could use it as office space or housing for AS Board members, or transitional housing for students with a large subsidy and staff members who are helping to get them permanent housing. **VP of External Affairs** asked about talking to the city about getting homeless services near campus, and mentioned that there is nothing stopping AS from buying houses. It's possible to take master leases on small apartments and rent out to students. **Science & Engineering Rep** will be approved for External Affairs council at next meeting, but she might be voted in as **VP of Finance** so we might lose her. **VP of External Affairs** mentioned that the student he is talking to is part of LCA, and is advocating for homeless students despite not being on the board and homeless himself, believes he is a shoo-in to be on the board as **LCA Rep**. **VP of External Affairs** announced that there will be no External Affairs council meeting until after Fresno. The council discussed transportation plans for the Fresno meeting. Brown's Last Chance put on the agenda for the plenary, so they are trying to get someone from the ERC to go, but problems with logistics and pay issues. Can talk to Jamila and Horace, because they are concerned about it, as they are employees, so we have to pay them. **Sophomore Rep** asked if they can go as student volunteers. **VP of External Affairs** replied that as long as they work for AS they cannot do unpaid work for AS.

X. Adjournment

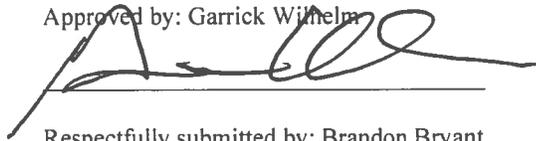
Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:08pm

Moved by LCA Rep, seconded by Sophomore Rep .

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by: Garrick Wilhelm



Respectfully submitted by: Brandon Bryant