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

Tuesday, February 23, 2016  8 a.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Vu Nguyen, Michael Pratt, Nick Howell, Deanna Jarquin, Oliver Montalbano, Aaron Thao, Jerad Prevost, Jake Jacobs, CC Carter.

MEMBERS ABSENT- Susan Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Ann Schwab, Sally Miller, Sara Whitchurch, Malinda Blank

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/23/16 regular meeting agenda (Jacobs /Prevost) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 2/16/16. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/16/16 as presented (Thao/Jacobs). 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. 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. (Thao/Jacobs) 6-0-0 MSC.

   2015-16 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments
   Confirmation of appointment to Event Funding Allocation Council
   - Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs appointment: Zachary Schmechel

   Confirmation of resignation from Community Affairs Council
   - Commissioner of Diversity Affairs appointment: Julia Sjodin

   Confirmation of appointment to Community Affairs Council
   - Commissioner of Diversity Affairs appointment: William Walker

B. Action Item: Approval of Resolution in Support of Creating Sexual Assault Bystander Training. Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution in Support of Creating Sexual Assault Bystander Training, as presented (Howell/Pratt). Jarquin led the discussion regarding continuing forward with this resolution. As there is already bystander training being worked on this resolution is more of a support of the work being done by the University. This would be a mandate for all first year students. 6-0-0 MSC.

C. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $3,900 for The Case for Free Speech on Campus event presented by Pi Sigma Alpha – Upsilon Delta Chapter, on 4/12/16 from 4 to 7 p.m. in PAC 144. Action Requested: Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $3,900 for The Case for Free Speech on Campus event presented by Pi Sigma Alpha – Upsilon Delta Chapter, on 4/12/16 from 4 to 7 p.m. in PAC 144, as presented. (Jarquin/Jacobs). Howell and Pratt recused themselves from the discussion as they are both members of Pi Sigma Alpha – Upsilon Delta Chapter. Thao explained what the event would provide for students regarding minority groups being given a voice on campus. Jacobs asked about the date of the event and how the impending strike may impact the attendance. Jarquin recommended that this group use this opportunity to table at the event to also advocate for students voting as another way to have their voice heard. 4-0-0 MSC.
D. Information Item: AF Programs Presentations – ASCDL and CAVE – CAVE: Business Pitch idea by Whitchurch and Blank. Celebrating 50 years of student leadership next fall for CAVE. Cave background: Cave started 1966, and has served 1 million people in Chico community these past 50 years. ASCDL: Associated Students Child Development Lab. As a lab school their classrooms provide high quality care and education experiences for children. They support the parents who attend Chico State by providing this service as well as the experience for the practicum 392 students. First priority goes to income qualified students who can show a need for care.

E. Information Item: Executive Order 2016-02 – As we discussed last week, the potential for a CFA strike would start on the day of elections and therefore, we decided to start the elections one day earlier.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: None  Jacob: Attended the Syrian Refuge crisis event. Needs to find a time to meet with someone from AS Sustainability soon. Prevost: EFAC got a new member and they are also working on the Diversity Conference with the DAC squad. They are also looking at a time capsule event and if anyone has any recommendations please let him know. Zaleski: Will be interviewing new dining director candidates later next week. Jarquin: She sits on the Campus Facility Use Committee and they presented on EO1000. Could they adjust the fee structure? More access to buildings needed and elongating the hours on Friday should be implemented, as well as adding staff to the offices will help with planning events on campus and this is presented by the Space Allocation Committee. This will create an opportunity for students to program their meetings with more flexibility. She went to Town and Gown last night with Montalbano and the on-campus housing guide was updated by Dan Herbert. The Chiefs talked about holiday policing plans and how they will be bringing in more outside staff on Cesar Chavez Day. The bike path by the athletic field just got approval to put a camera on the path and now they are trying to raise funds for the camera. She will be attending the CSU presidential search in Sacramento on Friday. Thao: International Festival Applications are out and will be due March 9th. Applications can be picked up in BMU 220. Roberts: Presentation in mid-March from BMUC on the potential for an artificial turf field. He and Nguyen have been working on putting in a charging station for the leadership center. He is also setting up a Sacramento State Union trip to view their student union. He has taken the lounge idea from BMU 008 and is looking to do renovation such as adding new furniture and a ping pong table to the computer lounge area to transform it into more of a lounge this semester. BMU 008 is a very booked area for student organizations—over 15,000 students have booked it in the last year. SFAC is still trying to meet. Montalbano: Quick reminder: Police Student Advisory Board is going to be held on March 2nd and Cats in the Community will be held March 31st. Volunteer spots for Site Leads have gone up, so anyone can feel free to sign up. Pratt: Received clarification of CFA strikes, in terms of student grades and graduation. If students ask, they must know that faculty cannot withhold grades. Grades will not be affected and the strike will not impact the student’s graduation in any way. The strike cannot and will not go past 5 days. There is hope that the strike will be resolved the weekend before. If the strike resolves itself, students will still be held to being in class. They are trying to get clarification on whether if a student honors the picket line and the instructor is not on strike, if the student will get penalized or not. Dates of the strike are scheduled April 13th, 14th, 15th, and April 18th and 19th.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Carter: Student organizations and Greek Life is thriving and growing as a very vibrant student organization culture thanks to S.O.L.E. We are very interested in working with two chiefs in the department to work on relationships in regards to diverse populations. Davion Johnson, a freshman on campus, asked to testify at the Assembly Black Caucus on status of men and boys of color and cultural impact of men in high school. The Academic Senate is working on trying to put forward a resolution on faculty diversity. Slaughter: No report  Krater: No report

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said he and Jarquin have been working on renting a drone to work on a video for the incoming president. The program Outreach Coordinators will be attending a checkpoint later today. He is looking at getting the AS report out during first week of March. This Friday he will be present at the Dining Director interview. Finney can be reached by email this week. Choose Chico Day is April 9th this year. On Sunday, March 6th we will hold a BLBG regarding Budget and Elections meeting from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Slaughter thanked the group for their thoughtful questions of today’s presenters. Going through the budgeting process means that there are some decisions to make.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Student Life & Leadership has tickets for the Etiquette Dinner in March.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.