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

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 8:00 a.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Vu Nguyen, Nick Howell, Deanna Jarquin, Oliver Montalbano, Aaron Thao, Jerad Prevost, Jake Jacobs, Susan Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT- Michael Pratt (excused), CC Carter


I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 3/1/16 regular meeting agenda (Howell/Jacobs) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 2/23/16. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/23/16 as presented (Jacobs /Jarquin) 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Jacobs: There is an upcoming event on self-defense taught by Grand Master Azad on Thursday March 10th. Tickets are $10 and the funds are matched by UNICEF and all the funds go to Syrian Refugees. It is from 7:30pm – 9:00pm at the Dojo on Walnut Street.

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
   - Executive Vice President appointment: Jorge Cancino

B. Information Item: University Diversity Committee Presentation – Morris and Robinson led the discussion regarding the Diversity Strategic Plan. Jarquin and Thao are members of this group that focuses on campus diversity. The University Diversity Committee made a recommendation last year to appoint an assistant director to serve as a point person to serve Hispanic students. Teresita Curiel is currently in that role. Robinson clarified that the goal of the group is to make sure that students have the resources that they need. Anderson added that there are other councils, committees and groups on campus that could also use a more diversified voice.

C. Information Item: AF Programs Presentations – GSEC and CLIC – Enticknap and Burcell presented information about CLIC (Community Legal Information Center). CLIC is a legal information center by the Political Science faculty and students. They were founded in 1970 through a federal education grant and now they receive their funding by the Associated Students and the Political Science department. CLIC trains students in legal research and writing, specifically in the Legal Studies Program. CLIC is hoping to expand their site. They are currently separated between 25 Main Street and Plumas Hall. The site they currently have does not adequately hold the amount of interns that they have. • Dyer and Ward presented information about GSEC (Gender & Sexuality Equity Center). The GSEC is a non-profit student run activist organization that strives to empower all students through its programs: Women’s Program, Outreach Program, LGBTQ+ Program and the new Trans Program. The GSEC challenges social norms that have been used to oppress and marginalize by providing opportunities for leadership, personal development, and referral services. Ward presented three different scenarios regarding their current budget needs and where additional money could
help the program expand. The GSEC is asking for an increase in their funding from the AS in order for them to sustain their growth and continue to provide quality services for campus. The cost of programming, catering and minimum wage were all factors in their request for a budget increase. The GSEC is hosting an event, “Queersino” which is being held this Saturday, March 5th in BMU 008 from 9:00pm – 11:00pm.

D. Information Item: Strategic Plan We Wills Update – Slaughter reminded the group that we had discussed this in December. As a corporation, we are reaffirming the “We Wills”. Through Jarquin and the Board of Directors, we targeted in on some statements for how we can support the long range goals. Government Affairs Committee, AS Programs and three programs of the Student Union came up with statements on how we can support the “We Wills” equally. The group was encouraged to review the e-mail that will be sent out by Slaughter and we can edit the recommended changes at the next meeting. Nguyen clarified that this will come back next week as an action time.

E. Information Item: 1/31/16 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – Revenue for the end of January is 96.95% which is great. The Activity Fees are 99.4% and the expenses are 40.75%. The benchmark is 58% so the percentages are looking positive overall. Expenses for contract programs are at 36.45%. The Activity Fee operational funds are at 36.45% as well. The campus programs are at 43.49% and the percentages have been higher than expected due to more revenue that was promised previously.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COODINATORS – Nguyen asked everyone to bring their printed officer reports as he will be using them for the newsletter. Howell: CHESS is coming up if anyone wants to join there is one spot left. Jacobs expressed interest. The event is the first weekend of Spring Break. We will have a box for Voter Registration at the front of the office. Jarquin: Tomorrow morning from 10:15am – 11:00am there will be ASB students from the Butte Charter schools present in the office if anyone is available to help out. Jacobs: He took a tour of the AS Recycling facility and it was eye opening. He talked to them about potential growth and problems they are facing. If anyone wants to apply to be a part of the sustainability team – please apply as they are currently hiring. The ‘This Way to Sustainability’ event is coming up in case anyone wants to participate. The deadline to put in a proposal for SFAC is coming up in March. A special SFAC meeting will be held on Wednesday. Prevost: EFAC is working hard on Time Capsule event and his council hopes it will look different than the past to be more inclusive. “Leave your Mark” is the new motto. His group will be tabling outside leading up to the event and will be having people stop and give words of wisdom. Any of our student organizations can submit pictures, videos and then they will all go on the flash drive and that will go inside the capsule. We have a few minutes at the Senior Sendoff event. Looking at the duties for his position, looking at how we can set up the next commissioner elected. Looking at feasibility for that and is also planning a carnival style event. The date for the time capsule event is April 26th. Zaleski: Interviewing candidates for the Dining Director position. On March 3rd, Thursday the catering team will be providing samples of their new menu in BMU 203. The Bookstore is throwing Grad fest on March 1st and 2nd. This is an event to order your cap and gown if you are graduating. Thao: Nothing to report Roberts: Working on the BMU lounge area as well as ideas for the GAC office. We will be holding an informal meeting to discuss changes to make in the office. Roberts will send a meeting request to anyone who is interested in the conversation. Montalbano: A traffic light will be installed at the crosswalk area on the bike path near Nord. The Police Student Advisory Board is happening on Wednesday. Cats in the Community is happening on March 31st and the site list will be up soon. The Community Affairs Council is putting on a Safety Walk on March 8th, which is to provide information about areas surrounding campus and safety concerns. If anyone is interested in attending please let him know.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: None Slaughter: None Krater: None

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said the BLBG is 2:00pm-6 PM on Sunday, which is for continuing our conversation on budgeting. We will also discuss expectations for elections and having team building activities.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII.OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.