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

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8 a.m. BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- Susan Anderson, CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Jamie Clyde

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Item VII. D – Welcome video for President Scheduling and Item E – Discussion regarding Student Rights and Advocacy during CFA Strike were added to the agenda. Motion to approve the 3/22/16 revised meeting agenda (Jacobs/Jarquin) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meetings of 3/1/16 and 3/8/16. Regarding the 3/1/16 minutes, the second sentence of Item VII. B. was revised to, “Jarquin and Thao are members of this group that focuses on campus diversity.” The next sentence was corrected from, “The University Diversity Council….,” to “The University Diversity Committee….” Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of 3/1/16 and 3/8/16, as amended (Jacobs/Thao) 7-0-0 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. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Jacob/Thao). 7-0-0 MSC.

2015-16 University Committee/Council Appointments
Confirmation of Appointments to University Student Evaluation of Teaching (USET) Committee
- Student Appointments by AS: Manvir Chalal, Kaitlin Tillet and Vu Nguyen

B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $1,340 for the African Cuban Event Series presented by The African Diaspora Organization from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 12 p.m.-2 p.m. on April 11, 2016; 3 p.m.-4 p.m. on April 12, 2016. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $1,340 for the African Cuban Event Series presented by The African Diaspora Organization from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 12 p.m.-2 p.m. on April 11, 2016; 3 p.m.-4 p.m. on April 12, 2016, as presented (Jarquin/Jacobs). 7-0-0 MSC.

C. Information Item: TurboVote Presentation – Howell presented information regarding this online platform used to help register students to vote. Allows students to register online and track elections with text messages and email reminders. Campus specific co-branded website exclusively for one’s school. Pushes for civic engagement and conducts voter engagement. Initial cost would be $2,500 for two semesters.

D. Welcome video for President Scheduling – Jarquin stated that she is looking for times people would be available to shoot the video and based on schedules, they are looking at scheduling on a Saturday. There will be donuts and coffee provided by Jarquin. Possibly looking at April 8th but the date is still TBD.

E. Discussion Item: Student Rights and Advocacy during CFA Strike, conversation on how to be available on helping students during the CFA Strike – In two weeks it will be known whether the strike will take place or not. Office hours can be advertised and can be committed upon by officers so students can come in for any
assistance when needed. General outreach before the strike can be done. The AS website could have questions and information about the strike answered for students.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Went to CHESS. Got to meet with Senator Neilson and Senator James. They were very supportive of the CSU and higher education. Jacobs: This Way to Sustainability is the largest led student conference in the nation, and is being held this week on Thursday and Friday. The Sustainability Affairs Council has a meeting this Thursday and looking to make an education card for helping out with sustainability on campus. If anyone has any tips and facts about the environment and how to live a sustainable lifestyle, please talk to him so they can be added. Prevost: Working on Diversity Conference with Thao lately. Will be doing different things like student panel breakout sessions also involving a keynote speaker. EFAC is working on the time capsule, will be tabling out there and getting words of wisdom from students and from students at the CCLC. Hoping to put those videos and pictures together and put one video on the AS website on the senior sendoff event. Trying to hype up the capsule event and get students involved. Looking for suggestions and he can be emailed. Zaleski: New catering menu is put up online, there are two different menus. Has approved the dining services menu. The Dining Director search is still ongoing, the most recent candidate the job was offered has not worked out. In the past there was an Associate Dining Director to take off the load from the Dining Director, so may be looking for an Associate Dining Director instead. Survey results came in for Dining Hall reviews in which there are different rankings and categories of Dining Hall facilities, our Dining Hall scored very well overall but was scored less on the physical layout. Jarquin: This last week went to CHESS and went to DC. She took a lead on meetings in DC and thought it was a great time to advocate. The new Interim Provost is Mike Ward, he used to be the Dean of Natural Sciences and ECC. If anyone is available March 30th from 4-5 it is when the new incoming president will be meeting with the officers. Thao: Working on the Diversity Survey and it should be out sometime this week. Working on Diversity Conference and International Festival, this Thursday he is leaving to New York for Model UN. Roberts: Absent. Montalbano: The safety walk happened before Spring Break, the pros were that north campus was surveyed and new information was found. Found seven lights that needed to be fixed and one street sign is missing so that information will be sent out so the city can fix it. Cats in the Community is coming up March 31st, the biggest thing for this is marketing and less than two weeks are left and help is needed for class talks. If anyone is available Friday, he is sending out a link for whiteboard blast. Finney: None. Pratt: Town Hall meeting is coming up in two weeks and consultants are needed, who have a general working knowledge of certain topic areas. So he will be reaching out for the positions to be filled. There are many difficulties with faculty staying in Chico State any longer. Many professors will be departing Chico State at the end of this semester due to the pay cuts, tenure faculties are coming to an end. Enrollment and state funding requests won’t be able to be met for the faculty, so we may be losing more faculty than we will be able to gain. Chairs of committees are being more responsive, seven committees are now operational and will continue being more operational in the next few weeks. Graduation rates for Chico are ranked 4th in the CSU system, which is remarkable because Chico is not funded in high impact practices like the other CSU’s with high graduation rates.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: Absent Slaughter: Hosting Jennifer Halford, who is a candidate for the Director of the Wildcat Leadership Institute. In addition to the lunch, she will be doing a presentation if anyone can come and provide feedback on her presentation. Talked to Nguyen recently and now that all the program presentations at GAC were held, he will send last year’s answers of the RTA that was done. As an updated RTA wasn’t done, so this previous RTA is to just to give everyone more contexts to the programs. Next year he will be doing a budget preview for everyone. Krater: A form will be sent out to the members asking them to reflect on what they wish they had known, what the best resources are for their position and lessons learned for the newly elected officer. This is based upon a conversation that she and Slaughter had regarding implementing some summer training. HOLI will be held on Saturday and will be held on Shasta lawn. The Etiquette Dinner is Wednesday night at 6 p.m.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen is doing a lunch with the Wildcat Institute candidate and taking a few students from the institute to see how they interact and get their thoughts. The charging station items came in and working on getting it secured. Has been sitting on the Student Evaluation Teaching Committee. Just submitted a proposal for SFAC for the B-line contract for extra funding. If everyone could email him by the end of the day of the email list of their council members, they will be invited to the event held on May 13th from 3-6 PM.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Period week is happening this week and a series of events will be held, with a movie screening on Wednesday, and a speaker on Thursday.

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.