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

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

8 a.m.
BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT - Deanna Jarquin (excused) Susan Anderson, Jerad Prevost (unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Andrew Roberts, Matt Zaleski, Shar Krater (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Colette Young, and James Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 4/12/16 regular meeting agenda (Jacobs/Pratt) 5-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the minutes of 3/29/16 and 4/5/16 (Jacobs/Pratt) 5-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Krater was asked to speak at Lavender Graduation this year. Roberts has a shirt that he is inviting anyone to sign and this will be placed in the time capsule.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $630.22 for the P.E.T.E. Spring Fling Dance presented by the Physical Education Teacher Education Club on 5/12/15 to be held at Yolo 110 from 7 to 10 p.m. Action Requested: Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $750.25 for the P.E.T.E. Spring Fling Dance presented by the Physical Education Teacher Education Club on 5/12/16 to be held at Yolo 110 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., as amended (Jacobs/Thao) 5-0-0.

B. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Student Academic Senate Code. Pratt had a discussion regarding the changes to the Corporate Code Book. Addition of Housing and Veteran organizations having a seat at the table.

C. Information Item: Student Officer Compensation Update with Leah Railey – postponed to next week.

D. Information Item: Activity Fee Fund Overview, estimated results 2015-16 and proposed budget 2016-17 – Slaughter asked if anyone had any questions and covered the schedule for the committee to approve the budget at the meeting next Tuesday. Discussed the contract programs including changes to the Student Shuttle. There is money that is pledged and an additional $40,000 that we have agreed to cover. A request was made to SFAC to cover the additional money. SFAC will meet later this week. Jacobs asked about the $10,000 set aside for the Dream Center and asked for clarification about how that would be used. Slaughter explained that much like our contract with the CCLC, the money could be used for a variety of needs. Money has been set aside for program growth for the student programs under Activity Fee. There is not formula about how the money could be divided. Carter asked if the budget includes any additional funds for the increase in student wages due to the increase in minimum wage. The impact to Activity Fee is about $4,700 which would cover about a half year with the increase. There will be a significant impact as we approach the new $15.00 per hour wage by 2022. Montalbano asked if there was anyone spearheading the Dream Center. Slaughter clarified that it is a campus initiative and that our discussion was that the Associated Students would be a part of supporting that. Montalbano asked about a Veteran Center being constructed. Carter said that a Dream Center, Veteran Center and Foster Youth Center have all been brought up for discussion but there is currently not a footprint to place them. A priority list will eventually come out of the conversation and will likely start when the new president is on campus. Please approach Slaughter if you have any ideas or questions.

E. Information Item: Activity Fee Administration Budget, estimated results 2015-16 and proposed budget 2016-17 – Covered in Information Item D.
F. Information Item: Activity Fee Capital Expenditures Budget, estimated results 2015-16 and proposed budget 2016-17 – Covered in Information Item D.

G. Information Item: Government Affairs Office Budget, estimated results 2015-16 and proposed budget 2016-17 – Covered in Information Item D.

H. Information Item: Elections Budget, estimated results 2015-16 and proposed budget 2016-17 – Covered in Information Item D.

I. Information Item: Corporate Service Funds and Area Reimbursements Summary – Covered in Information Item D

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: We will be going to CSSA in San Jose this weekend and we are happy that there is no CFA activity to coincide with our meeting. CSSA is accepting applications for additional officer positions. We believe that executive offices may get their traveled covered by CSSA. Working on the initial review for Student Trustee applicants. Pratt: College of Business Senator has been working to establish their college council; however, there have been issues with the Associate Dean not believing that they should be able to use the word academic as this is a faculty word. Working on the paper for Student Trustee for CSSA with East Bay and we will be discussing the expansion of student representation by adding a third member. Senators should be doing more outreach to their colleges. We are working to create onboarding materials for senators to prepare them for their roles. There is no strike so please go to class tomorrow. We have found issues with credit/no credit options as it may impact your GPA when transferring to a different institution. Deans and Chairs are being encouraged to share information about elections and revenue sharing. He has received questions regarding Student Union fees being waived for mental health issues including social anxiety disorders – believe that we do them for physical disability. Slaughter is not familiar with a waiver for the Student Union Fee for physical disabilities. Jacobs: We are working on informational Green Cards that he hopes to promote around campus. He will be meeting with his council and will show the cards to us soon. Zaleski: ASBC will be voting on the approval of the auxiliary budget at an upcoming meeting. The bookstore sales were positive this weekend due to Choose Chico Day and the increased merchandise sale. Thao: Diversity Conference was amazing and hopefully it will be the seed planted that will continue to grow. International Festival has 11 groups participating. Please take the AS Diversity survey which can be found in an e-mail. Montalbano: Police Student Advisory Board will have their last meeting in May. We will discuss goals for next year in hopes that this group will continue. As a reminder, this group was started with Chief Feeney to address student safety and promote relationships between UPD and students. The bike path near Cedar is being renovated to include a crosswalk.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Carter: No report Slaughter: No report Krater: Attended the candidate forum and hopes that everyone takes a moment to breath and show compassion for those who do not win.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said that it's Katie Finney’s birthday so please sign her card. Thank you all for Choose Chico! and for welcoming the new potential freshman. Found the golf set that we bought. Apologized for the incident on Friday with the video, Jarquin is in Sacramento advocating but she will be working on a new date. The Time Capsule event is coming up April 26th and we have a donation box. Team shirts are in and they are very nice so come talk to Nguyen. He is the co-MC for an event today for student recognition along with Drew Calandrella. One of our senators is receiving an award in the Auditorium at 2:00pm.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pratt and Prevost have both won an award through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. A save the date will be sent out for those that would like to attend the event. Hooch the cat has over 1300 “likes”.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – DSP had a great turn out for their Biz Talks event.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.