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

Thursday, August 28, 2014 8 a.m. BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT – Kory Masen, Taylor Herren, Jordan Walsh, Darion Johnston, Kassandra Bednarski, Zach Keller, Anita Zamora, Michael Pratt, CC Carter, Sue Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Nicole Lung, Shar Krater, Jovan Smith, Jon Slaughter, Riley Wood, Megan McCay, Ewan McCloy (recording)

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 5/5/14 regular meeting agenda. (Johnston/Pratt) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 5/5/14 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 5/5/14 meeting (Herren/Pratt) 6-0-1 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Everyone introduced themselves so that the committee would be familiar with each other.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINION – There have been conversations about reaching out to representatives from different organizations and it would be great to keep outreach going to have more people coming to these meetings.

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the Academic Year 2014-15. Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the Fiscal Year 2014-15, as presented (Keller/Johnston) 7-0-0 MSC. Slaughter reiterated that this action item is required because of the Gloria Romero Act that requires a student body to create a year-long schedule to be published.

B. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Community Affairs Council Code – These revisions include small edits to language and adding a non-voting member to the council from CADEC. Bednarski noted that having a CADEC representative in her meetings is very vital and having someone from this realm in GAC meetings would be very helpful. The specification of making the representative a non-voting member is to keep only students as the voting members.

C. Information Item: Funding Executive Orders 2014-10 and 2014-11 – Two funding orders were approved at the end of last semester. The first executive order is an event and this ‘Dream without Boundaries’ event is actually this October, but was funded last semester from MAC. The second funding order was from a recommendation to have the AS Investment Committee withdraw our funds from the University Foundation Endowment in support of divestment. The funds have been moved into LAIF investments for the time being.

VIII. REPORT: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Lung: Been reaching out to people to apply for ASBC. Pratt: Currently working on MERLOT, which is a website for textbooks. Students are currently giving feedback on the website; the council was encouraged to reach out to Pratt for the link to give feedback. These then can be moved to the senators of each college to see how they could make the best use of the website. Walsh: Working on making MAC Night poster and forming a council. Also working on formalizing training for DAC. Bednarski: Waiting for council, went to a Town and Gown meeting with Herren and one of the focuses of this meeting was downtown lighting. Looking forward to working more on that topic and being with this standing committee for working on downtown lighting. There was an issue with the bike lights that were originally going to be ordered. Now, we are getting lights on loan from PD to give out and future lights will be looked at more in the near future. Has a plan to order Social Host Ordinance door hangers for the 500 closest houses in the downtown neighborhoods. Wanted to have a forum to focus on the benefits of this ordinance for students. With the safety fund there is currently $2,000 remaining so if there are ideas on how to spend this let Bednarski and her council know. Community Affairs meetings are going to be at Monday at 2 pm. Johnston: Working on voter registration on campus and will focus on a strong campaign for October. Would also like to have a bigger event to get people excited for voting and getting registered to vote. Working on writing a letter to encourage all CSU
IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater: Transitioning fully into the Government Affairs realm, would like to meet with people to work on subjects such as trainings for DAC and EFAC, if computers are messing up, and looking at embroidery for shirts. Carter: Emphasis on direct correlation to have people in councils rather than posting on social media. There are already 90 organizations on OrgSync which could be utilized to get in connection with presidents and treasurers. Idea on setting agendas early on inviting people to GAC meetings. Really enjoys the new Leadership Center space. Will be in the building Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays if people need help identifying goals and achieving goals. Possibility of a retreat. Anderson: Wildcat statue idea is being brought back. The council was encouraged to write a list of 5 – 10 people they know that would be viable candidates for councils and personally invite them. Zamora: Working on getting people to sign up for the kickball tournament and looking for people on the EFAC council. Keller: Waiting for committee and waiting to pick the time once all the people are on the committee. Looking at alternative locations for the marquee and an engineer will come out here to look at where to put it. Idea for pillars at Common Grounds to support the marquee. Potential for extra money on marquee to retrofit the marquee, as the marquee cost less than expected.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Masen discussed that at Starting Points there was a lack of communication between programs and the student advisory panel and will be working on meetings for this. If anyone has ideas for this topic, please let Masen know. Friday the 12th will be the deadline for selection of committees and councils of officers. Wood has been working on a hand-out to pass around after class talks on committees. Been working with Butte College for a collaboration summit. It would be Sunday the 14th from 4 – 8 pm. Would like to see if staff have ideas for committee and council members. Everyone from Starting Points will be invited to the OrgSync training workshop. Not asking for official office hours until the end of next week.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Johnston has been working on the tournament and will be out of town this weekend, so if anyone wants to help meet with her. 100% in for Starting Point evaluations. Shar will be a facilitator at Diversity Summit. Student Senate meetings will be Friday at 3pm.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Masen, adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.