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

Thursday, September 4, 2014 8 a.m. BMU 209

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

MEMBERS ABSENT - Susan Anderson

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

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/4/14 regular meeting agenda (Keller /Johnston) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 8/28/14 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 8/28/14 meeting (Bednarski/Walsh) 7-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Herren connected with Adam from IFC and sent invitations through this venue for people to come to GAC meetings. Denise Crosswhite said she would try to get the RHA officers that were just elected to come as well. Melody is looking for a few volunteers for games and activities at ‘Grilllin on the Grass’, which is next week. Today from 1pm – 2:30pm there will be student life success action conversations that lead to an improvement in student lifelong success. Pratt said that we are looking for students to get good input. There is also another meeting time from 12 – 1:30pm, and these two meetings will be every Thursday and Friday. These are at the SSC 270.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Community Affairs Council

   Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Community Affairs Council Code, as presented (Keller/Zamora). Smith had a friendly amendment to update the names of the commissioners on the revisions code to Diversity and Environmental Affairs from their previous titles and Zamora accepted. The committee then moved on to a vote. 7-0-0 MSC.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Bednarski: Meeting this Friday with Denise and RHA officers about the AOD conference that students were sent to last year to look into more opportunities. JW, the previous officer, wanted to create a forum or discussion led by the students who went to last year’s conference. This could be combined with the social host ordinance forum that Johnston was hoping to have. Meeting with Dan from City Council regarding downtown lighting. Herren: There is a week left of gathering council members, so it’s important to personally reach out to people, do class talks, and market so that we have an ample amount of council members. The target number is 50, but it’s better to have more. The final count being 50 – 60 members is looking the most realistic. Regarding the Wildcat statue, the Board will be discussing a contribution that may come out of the one-time commission from the Wildcat Store last semester. Let Herren know if you are interested in being a part of this discussion. Would also like to thank the committee for all the hard work that they have done in the busy week. Zamora: Working with Student Life to get a table set up for council member recruitment. Smith: There are currently 30 people who have applied to be on a council. There were 75 people at the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge at the WREC’s pool. Diversity Summit applications will be due next week. The ice cream social yesterday in the new office went well. Johnston: Reaching out to LEAD, which is a club on campus to help undocumented students. Went to a LEAD meeting to discuss possibilities of building a Dream Center. They had many ideas and are excited to work with them this year. CSSA is tomorrow in Fullerton and is getting prepared for this. The letter from Herren to all club presidents went out two days ago and response looks good. Wrote a press release about sexual assault that hopefully could start in The Orion and expand to other newspaper venues. Working with Office of Civic Engagement for voter registration and voter education. First training next week Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Having a turnout of 2,000 registered students would be ambitious. Lung: Had a conversation with David Buckley regarding commissions from the bookstore and this is a conversation Lung would like to have with everyone. Suggestion for Wildcat Store advisory or web committee where all the AS outreach could be put together and made more efficient. For instance, double planned
IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Carter: A representative from Chico Fire met with Carter last Friday and talked about the week before. More than fifteen couches were burnt. There is concern on students not paying attention to potential damage that could happen with lighting couches on fire, using the example of the fraternity house that was burnt down recently. The City of Chico is not going to be spending money repairing streets ruined by couch bonfires. Talked with Officer Beck regarding how Labor Day weekend went and there were less than 600 people floating, which is an improvement from the past years. Good job to everyone with the One Mile BBQ. Observation that as we reach our second week, we are not quite hitting the level of comfort that we are looking for on people going to the 2nd floor leadership center. Wants to work with Smith and others to have small simple activities to have people come into the space. Tabling at ‘Grillin on the Grass’ highly recommended. Study sessions in CCLC on Sundays. There is a plan to create a retreat focusing on leadership development. Suggestion to have Good Morning with GAC in the leadership center rather than outside to get people there. Krater: Adventure Outings is doing their river clean up soon. Connect with Masen if you are interested in this. It is the same weekend as Diversity Summit. The food pantry is now in Drew’s office at Kendall Hall. Dream students are looking for extra supplies such as books, so please bring your extra supplies so that they can be given out. Jodi Strong and Eli Goodsell are leaving their current positions and moving on to exciting things; farewell parties are being planned. Collective decision that we will not get name plates, so please wear name badges in the office so that people can get to know your name. Thank you to those participating in interviews for HR. Looking at shirt designs and officers may need to add a small contribution if the selection is not in our budget.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Masen: Meeting yesterday about SAP regarding what will be done for starting points. Having one-on-ones with officers this week to get updates with people. Committee handout template being done. Working on Butte Collaboration Summit that will mostly focus on their AS connecting with our AS. Start working on binder for The Orion, and will talk with The Orion to see if this is something that could be beneficial to them or not.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – Fifteen weeks until the end of the semester, so please keep priorities in check and keep personal care at the highest priority.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Masen, adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.