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

Thursday, September 25, 2014 8 a.m.  BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT- Michael Pratt, Darion Johnst0n, Taylor Herren, Kassandra Bednarski, Jordan Walsh, Anita Zamora, Susan Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT- CC Carter

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

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Vice-Chair, Herren, called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/25/14 regular meeting agenda (Pratt/Zamora) 5-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/18/14 meeting (Pratt/Walsh) 5-0-0 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.

2014-15 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments:

Confirmation of Government Affairs Committee Appointment to Bell Memorial Union Committee: Leanne Woods.

Confirmation of Government Affairs Committee Appointment to Associated Students Businesses Committee: Kyler Newton

Confirmation of Appointments to Event Funding Allocation Council (EFAC)
- Executive Vice President Appointees: Sean Woulfe, Nathaneal Mash, Nathan Hill
- Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs Appointees: Betsabe Hernandez, Jessica Gonzales, Breeana Waggoner
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointee: Crystal Vasquez
- Joint Appointment by Commissioner of Diversity Affairs and Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs: Aaron Thao

Confirmation of Appointments to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC):
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointments: Stacy Gee, Erick Basquez, Katie Conley, Amelia Watkins, Vivian Rodriguez
- Executive Vice President Appointments: Eileen Rodriguez, Thembiso Mawema
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Xyin Yang
- Joint Appointment by Commissioner of Diversity Affairs and Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs: Aaron Thao

Confirmation of Appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee
- Executive Vice President Student Appointment: Erica Ploetz
- Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Charles Curtis
- Director of Legislative Affairs Student Appointments: Andrew Roberts and Matthew Munoz
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Student Appointment: Claire Godwin
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Student Appointment: Nicholas Howell
Confirmation of Sustainability Affairs Council Appointments
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Student Appointments: Justin Flick, Michael Gomez, Trevor Moore, Megan Barber, Sarah Wood, Trenten Bilodeaux

Confirmation of Appointments to Community Affairs Council
- Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointments: Candy Pahua, Bryan Mevi, Jacqueline Mansoor, Radhika Kataria
- Executive Vice President Student Appointment: Johnny Bryner
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Student Appointment: Elizabeth Buhler
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Student Appointment: Joseph McCurley
- Community representatives appointed by the Commissioner of Community Affairs: Trisha Seastrom and Mark Orme

2014-15 University Committee/Council Appointments:

Confirmation of Appointments to Academic Integrity Council
- Director of University Affairs (ex-officio Co-Chair): Michael Pratt
- AS President or designee: Taylor Herren
- AS Commissioner of Diversity Affairs or designee: Jordan Walsh
- Student from Council of Graduate Students: Alexandra Zanovitch, Jason Anson
- Student from Greek Life or Student Org: Emma Hilder
- Student At-Large: Rigoberto Vasquez

Confirmation of Appointment to Arboretum Committee
- AS Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs: Jovan Smith (interim)

Confirmation of Appointment to Campus Climate Committee
- Student Appointment by AS: Kaitlyn Entidinap

Confirmation of Appointment to Campus Equity Council
- Student Appointment by AS: Denisha Muldrow

Confirmation of Appointment to Campus Fee Advisory Committee
- Student Appointment by AS: Xyin (Shane) Yang

Campus Planning Committee
- AS President or designee: Paulina Belmontes

Campus Sustainability Committee
- Student Appointment by AS: Amanda Carpenter
- Proposed Student Addition: Trevor Moore

Commencement Committee
- Student Appointments by AS: Joseph McCurly and Dan Navarro

Curriculum Advisory Board
- AS President or designee: Darion Johnston

Enrollment Management Advisory Committee
- AS President or designee: Taylor Herren

Faculty Recognition and Support Committee
- Student Appointment by AS: Gian Gualco-Nelson

Financial Aid Advisory Committee
- Student Appointment by AS/EOPS: Alexander Fisher

Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Committee
- Student Appointment by AS (serves as Chair): Michael Pratt
- Student Appointments by AS: Taylor Herren, Jeff Zawoyshy, Sarah Campbell
Library Advisory Committee
- Student Appointment by AS: Brenna Burcell

Public Safety Committee
- Student Appointments by AS: Diego Martinez, Rahsadara Wright

Service Learning Advisory Committee
- Student Appointment by AS: Diego Martinez

Special Major Committee
- Student Appointment by AS: James Smith

Speech and Advocacy Advisory Board
- Student Appointments by AS: Diana Mosqueda, Shandor Tighe, Scott Hann, Mara Sachman

Student Evaluation of Teaching Committee
- Student Appointments by AS: Anna Flores, Alexandra Fisher, Rahsadara Wright

Student Council on Health Services
- Student Appointment by AS: Megan Barber

Transportation Committee
- AS Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs or designee: Trenton Bilodeaux

**Motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented (Johnston/Pratt) 5-0-0 MSC.** There are still a few committees and councils that need more members.

B. **Action Item: Approval of Ad Hoc Committees for Student Evaluation of Teaching, Campus Culture, Wildcat Leadership Center Visioning, Student Enterprise Initiative. Motion to approve Ad Hoc Committees for Student Evaluation of Teaching, Campus Culture, Wildcat Leadership Center Visioning, Student Enterprise Initiative, as presented (Pratt/Johnston).** Herren asked the committee to bring the names of those who will be on these committees to the next meeting. Many people were interested in these specific ad hoc committees, as discussed in the previous meeting. These are ad hoc committees for government affairs, such as downtown lighting and are in a different committee area. **5-0-0 MSC.**

C. **Action Item: Affirmation of the Senator and Officer Search Committees. Motion to Affirm the Senator and Officer Search Committees, as presented (Johnston/Pratt).** Most EVP interview times worked for those applying, but there are some that need to be looked into further. There were 14 applications given out as of yesterday. October 6 is the due date for applications to be turned in and one application has already been turned in. Interviews will begin on October 7 and should be finished the same week. In regards to the process, the specific committees come up with questions and Krater will be happy to review them to make sure they are all questions we are allowed to ask candidates. The interviews should be about 20 minutes per person. At the time of decision, if the committees don’t believe that any of the candidates would be a good fit for the open roles, then there will need to be a second appointment process. By this time next week, get together with your ad hoc group to put together questions. Also be sure to spread awareness of these positions being available. As a committee you will submit your feedback of each candidate and then the formalized decision is presented by the chair. **5-0-0 MSC.**

D. **Information Item: University Cabinet Meeting Agenda – The cabinet meeting will last 90 minutes, with lunch included. On the agenda, the first 15-20 minutes will be designated to introductions. Herren asked the members to identify what is important to you in your position, such as a specific item or a focus. Hopefully you can identify someone on the cabinet to work with you and have similar interests. The remaining portion of the meeting will be dedicated to a focused discussion on shared governance, the Wildcat Statue, Dream Center, and other points that members would like to discuss. Campus safety, such as sexual assault and downtown lighting, were discussed as potential discussion points. Due to scheduling and having no business items, GAC will not meet next week. It will return the week after. This will be the last meeting prior to the cabinet meeting, so keep that in mind and everyone was urged to bring their ideas to the table today. Campus culture can be an umbrella term to encompass everything that we want to talk about. Herren asked the members to send her anything that they wanted to talk about at this cabinet meeting.**

E. **Information Item: 6/30/14 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – This is the standing budget from the end of last year. This budget includes everything in the operating world of Activity Fee. All costs related to
Government Affairs are in here. Slaughter will put on a workshop regarding what exactly this budget means and where specifically each officer has relevance in the budget, such as Walsh and Zamora’s funding councils. This is a good snapshot on how we are looking for the remainder of the year. Some topics to note – we have $2 million in revenue and $200,000 was saved in expenses. We were $40,000 under budget for the government affairs section, which was most likely because we didn’t have Krater in her position until the beginning of this year. Campus programs are the most volatile area. Income is not necessarily meeting the requirements. Reserves continue to be incredibly healthy. Reserve level is over $1.7 million. There is no need for an operational fee increase and program growth is not increasing. Reserves are for the activity fee budget. Our money cannot intentionally support Union operations and vice versa. Neither can support commercial enterprises.

F. Information Item – Review of Investments
1. Local Agency Investment Fund – Quarter ending 6/30/14 – Slaughter reviewed and explained the LAIF Report. Slaughter discussed that we always have cash on hand which needs to be kept in a local investment that we can get the money out of when need be and put in when we have it. This is different from investing in stocks or the standard knowledge of investing. This was the last quarter from last year, which was from the beginning of April until the end of June and the four areas in the fund are auxiliary business, activity fee, student union, and RAC endowment. The total by the end of last year was around $10 million.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Zamora: Had great training this weekend with EFAC. Bednarski: There will be a student downtown safety forum on October 6 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. It will be held in the BMU Auditorium. It will cover different breakout sessions on Title 19, couch burning, social host ordinance, and more campus safety topics. Bednarski discussed had an issue that she had when last night she called UPD to have someone walk her to her car safely, but UPD responded in a manner that made it seem like it was a nuisance. This needs to be discussed further because UPD should not make it seem like getting to a safe location is a nuisance. Something similar happened to Johnston when she was a freshman, which puts a really bad vibe on reaching out to UPD in the future. Walsh: Had DAC training on Saturday. Working really hard on MAC night and Smith made the on-line application for MAC Night. Pratt: Working on Student Academic Senate – tomorrow is the final training. Next Friday will be a full senate meeting. Working on solidifying shared governance. This will cover who the chairs are, how to stay in contact, who to stay in contact with and more information. This is being made so that there are always readily available student representatives. Wood: Thank you to everyone who participated in Good Morning with GAC. There will be whiteboard blasts tomorrow on the open positions. Lung: All three members for ASBC have been selected. Wednesday October 8 at 8am is the first meeting, and the meetings will be every other Wednesday. This past Saturday, Lung and Herren went to the alumni association and they agreed to give $50,000 to the Wildcat Statue with other funding sources coming as well, so it is looking really good. Smith: This Friday is first Sustainability Affairs Council meeting. October 1 is the first BMU meeting. Decided to suspend the funding cycle for SFAC for this semester based on important members of this committee no longer working in their jobs. They will still meet periodically but will not have funding. Johnston: After CSSA – been talking about the ‘It’s On Us’ campaign which has to do with the White House combatting sexual assault on campus. Tabling for voter registration will begin next week until the day of the election, which is October 4. Planning to have a ‘Rock the Vote’ event with housing on the 15th on the materials that will be marketed for the Chico Week experience event. Bringing voter registration to a BBQ on October 11. CSSA is this weekend, so Johnston will be looking for others to head this project in her absence. A collaboration with Summer Orientation may work very well as they have iPads that can help with quick registration.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: Very happy to be putting $50,000 to the Wildcat Statue. Slaughter: Next Monday is the closing date for the AS Sustainability Coordinator position. Waiting for HR to look through applications before looking through them. Not moving forward with the candidate for the Wildcat Leadership position. Krater: Sent out emails on collaborations between our campus and Butte College. Will be picking up shirts on Friday – if officers are available please try on sizes so that they can be ordered as soon as possible.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Herren said that if anyone is interested in the progress of the Wildcat Statue, let her know. There will be a meeting on the topic tomorrow at noon. For those not on the board, feel free to come there as well. Confirming that the committee is okay not having GAC next week.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT– The Vice-Chair, Herren, adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.