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

Thursday, October 30, 2014 8 a.m. BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT- Darion Johnston, Taylor Herren, Kassandra Bednarski, Jordan Walsh, Anita Zamora

MEMBERS ABSENT- Michael Pratt, Courtney Silver, Susan Anderson, CC Carter (all excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jovan Smith, Shar Krater, Riley Wood, Jon Slaughter, Ewan McCloy (recording), Jeff Zawoysky

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 10/30/14 regular meeting agenda (Johnston/Zamora) 4-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 10-23-14 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 10-23-14 regular meeting (Johnston/Walsh) 4-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Go Giants! We had a lot of water donated from Pepsi for CADEC to pass out on Halloween.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS –

A. Action Item: Approval of recommendation to the Associated Students Board of Directors of appointment of Crystal Vasquez to the College of Natural Sciences Senator position. Motion to approve recommendation to the Associated Students Board of Directors of appointment of Crystal Vasquez to the College of Natural Sciences Senator position, as presented (Johnston/Zamora). This decision was based on her being very well prepared for the interview, she is a very involved student, and she is extremely qualified. She has lots of prior work with organizations and professional staff. This is great as the position would need someone organized who can work with College of Natural Sciences and its dean. 4-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of recommendation to the Associated Students Board of Directors of appointment of Madeline Michael to the College of Communication and Education Senator position. Motion to approve recommendation to the Associated Students Board of Directors of appointment of Madeline Michael to the College of Communication and Education Senator position, as presented (Johnston/Zamora). This decision was based on academic success, extracurricular activities and availability to commit to the position. She is extremely excited and wants to go to as many meetings as possible. 4-0-0 MSC.

C. Information Item: 9/30/14 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – Johnston presented the Activity Fee financial statements for this meeting. We are a quarter of the way through the year and based off this 25% is the number that we are looking for on every section. We are already at about 50% collection of revenues. Expenses are currently much lower based on some contract invoices not yet coming through. These expenses relate to B-Line and CCLC. Student programming is still low because proposals from DAC and EFAC are just now coming in. The Activity Fee Operations and Government Affairs sections are both very close at 25%. Campus-based programs are a bit higher based on earlier billing of future costs. Total expenses are slightly under at around 21%.

D. Information Item: Officer/Program Spotlight – Jordan Walsh (DAC, MAC Night) and Anita Zamora (EFAC, Involvement Fair) – Zamora: Talking with some people in relations to the Involvement Fair and wants to hold it in spring. A big reason for this is many first-year students spend their first semester getting acclimated to the campus and want to start getting involved their following semester. Also talked to Krystle to have an inclusive language workshop for fraternities and sororities right before recruitment week. Hopes to have this event in December, but it is looking more like it will be in January. Walsh: The DAC council has been super supportive and showing up to everything asked of them. One member was at MAC Night rehearsal for the entire time frame of 4 – 9pm and many others were there over 4 hours. The night currently has 16 performances, potentially going down to 15, but this organization that may drop out is placed in a way where if they don’t
attend then it will not mess up the flow of the evening. The video on what diversity means to students on campus is being finalized now. If you notice somewhere on campus without a poster for MAC Night, let Walsh know. Thanks to Wood for helping with promo. The event is next week on Thursday. If anyone has classes with potential interest in attending the event, talk to professors about potential for allowing extra credit.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Zamora: Nothing further to report. Walsh: Discussed the University Diversity Committee with faculty and staff that she is a part of. They are working on a half-day retreat, and Walsh is going to be asking to pull more students. Bednarski: Tuesday was the Safety Walk and it went very well. About 50 people showed up and Bednarski really appreciates everyone for helping out. After the event, an excel sheet was created that covered all the locations that do not feel safe that can be sent out to the relevant parties. Met about the bike path, which is owned by three different parties, to find a way to light it up more and make it safer. Private grants for funding are being worked on with council. Wants to have a safety day event the second week of the spring semester. Wants to have other organizations be a part of this event in relation to bike safety, sexual assault, couch burning and more. Wood: Thanked everyone for helping out and tabling when needed. It is extremely important to do class talks and other word of mouth outreach, as this is the most effective way to market. Smith: Tonight will be Boba Bingo. Officers are getting shirts for the Night of the Living Pancake event. UHUB is doing a haunted hub event. Johnston: Rock the Vote was on Tuesday and went really well. A lot of students were excited to be there and a handful of people were very appreciative of learning something new. Student organizations were very passionate. The signs on campus to remind students to vote were donated from a nonprofit organization. Monday is mostly full for tabling, and needs some people to help sign up for tabling on Tuesday. Looking for new projects post-voter awareness.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater: Wants to have a conversation regarding catering and determine earlier if there is a need to have catering for events. We need to be thoughtful about what events are coming up so we can follow their two week request for events. Slaughter: Already starting to work on elections. Has been working with Nan Timmons to adjust various documents to address some of the most recent challenges with availability of officers, units remaining in the full school year, and other recent issues. The most significant change would be that someone elected doesn’t hit excess units while in office. Slaughter also reminded the committee that the elections will now be one day for 24 hours. Interviews for the AS Sustainability Coordinator were recently conducted on the phone. There was a previous suggestion to combine Recycling and Sustainability, but it seemed to mix up the responsibilities of the position. Recycling will stay in Union operations and Sustainability will be with AS Programs. Within this next month, the position will be recruiting again.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Herren: There was a campus planning meeting that discussed the broken bridge. The campus is already working to replace the physical science building bridge, which will now be expanded to include the broken bridge. It will be rebuilt over summer. Shout-out to Morgan Schmitt and the tech lab group. There was recent funding for the filming of a consent video that fell through and he and his crew filmed the video regardless. This video did a great job of being extremely student-involved. As a result of the Student Academic Senate, there will be a campus climate survey created and sent out to the campus.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Someone asked where Good Morning with GAC will be if it rains, and it will be in the Wildcat Leadership Center in BMU 220.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice-Chair, Herren, adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.