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

Thursday, November 6, 2014 8 a.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jeffery Zawoysky, Michael Pratt, Darion Johnston, Taylor Herren, Kassandra Bednarski, Jordan Walsh, Anita Zamora, CC Carter.

MEMBERS ABSENT- Courtney Silver (excused), Susan Anderson.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Zawoysky, called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 11/6/14 regular meeting agenda (Johnston/Zamora) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 10-30-14 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 10-30-14 regular meeting (Bednarski/Pratt) 5-0-1 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAC Night is tonight at 7:00 p.m.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – Thank you to everyone for submitting reports last week. Welcome to our new Chair: Jeff Zawoyski.

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 resignation of appointment to Community Affairs Council:
- Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Radhika Kataria

Confirmation of appointment to Community Affairs Council:
- Commissioner of Community Affairs Student Appointment: Kevin Hernandez

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented (Johnston/Zamora) 6-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $1,956 for Posada Navidena hosted by Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity on December 8, 2014. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $1,956 for Posada Navidena hosted by Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity on December 8, 2014, as presented (Pratt/Zamora). In DAC, the amount was changed to $1,838.50 because the budget for food was slightly over $600. The maximum amount of funding an organization can receive for food is $500, so the overall amount was lowered so that the food cost went down to $500. Motion to amend the amount of funding from $1,956.00 to $1,838.50 (Walsh/Herren). The organization is collaborating with other organizations for this event. Nu Alpha Kappa is expecting 300-350 students to attend. It will be in the UHUB. The committee then moved to a vote. 6-0-0 MSC.

C. Information Item: Review of Investments. Local Agency Investment Fund – Quarter ending 9/30/14 – Slaughter presented the Local Area Investment Fund, which is where most of the university’s cash is kept. It is a safe fund that does not generate a lot of interest for this cash on hand. The section on Activity Fee has an average daily investment at a little over $575,000. The investment balance is a little over $2 million at the end of the quarter. We get fees from university based on billing them. Everyone from university has paid their fees, so it’s currently waiting at CSUC. Because of this we get a little bit of interest when they hold onto this money. These reviews are quarterly.

D. Information Item: Officer/Program Spotlight – Jovan Smith (WLC, BMUC, SFAC) and Cross Cultural Leadership Center – Smith said that his focus for this officer spotlight would be on the WLC. He began with a
discussion on how to improve office culture. The WLC is the first stop for all students looking for leadership and involvement opportunities on campus. The directional arrow at the top of the stairs is very impactful in leading people to the office, especially with the “This way to your future” quote. Smith then invited the committee to discuss what is going well in culture in the office. These included a welcoming group of people, inviting outside people into the space, being approachable to new people when they come into the office, hosting events (especially when food is present), sharing stories, having traditions such as Good Morning with GAC, using open space to have a conversation, programming such as MAC Night auditions, and open and conscious communication. Returning to his presentation, Smith noted that the committee has extremely welcoming staff who smile when you come in. We have a warm and comfortable environment with great furniture. Smith showed the committee what the quote on the elevator is to be. This decision was made with committee input and the decision to have diversity with the quote, as previous quotes have been from males. Also, the WLC is a clean office. Smith then invited the committee to discuss what could be done better with culture, such as playing background music, being consistent with music, having the gate open longer, thinking of the office space as a whole and not just the GAC area, getting students into the space, gaining awareness on students knowing where the space is. From these improvements, the committee made suggestions on solidifying the office culture such as setting a goal of having one program a week, different officers being in charge of this every week, having legacy talks, working on how we define the space as a leadership space, and having food in the WLC during finals week. Smith noted that the walls are looking a little white and plain. This acknowledgement shows that while we have our space, the work in making it the best space possible is not done yet. Moving forward, send suggestions to Smith if you think of anything for the WLC and improving culture. There is an idea of building history in the space, similar to BMU 205 having previous officer plaques on the wall. Smith continued with his presentation and stated that we need to create house rules. Lastly on the presentation, if we’re a team, we should look like one. T-shirts have already been ordered and there will be protocol in ordering next term’s T-shirts earlier. There was a suggestion to adjust the time frame of the office being open longer because students today are on campus longer and we should adjust accordingly. It would be important to extend office hours of officers if we decide to extend the time of the space being open.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Zamora: Yesterday was the English Graduate Student Council Symposium. The event went well. She is currently collecting officer information from different universities to get a survey going out. Johnston: CSSA is this weekend. SIRF will be the only discussion point. Smith: BMU 203 will be completed in the next week or two. Lung: AS Catering is doing really well in this current financial block. The Wildcat Store will have two Wildcat Wednesdays this year. She is looking to have outside companies bring in different food options and one specific company would like students to try their food. The company would potentially like to have this tasting happen sometime before winter break. Creekside is not doing as well now as they have in the past financially, which is most likely because of the broken bridge. Common Grounds is exceeding expectations. Walsh: MAC Night is tonight. Herren: CS Unity discussions will be done once a month. Wildcat Statue, Wildcat Way, Wildcat Welcome, and Halloween debriefs will be happening soon. We are officially on the agenda for University Foundation on the proposal for divestment. Next week is the Academic Conference at Long Beach. Pratt: He is moving forward with the student honor code. University committees are currently being difficult because there are incomplete files on how many there are, so Pratt is working on unearthing how many committees there are. Bednarски: She is applying for grants to help with couch burning and lighting. She is planning on meeting with Ken Grossman for a donation on lighting as he has worked with downtown ambassadors in the past. She is working with the city manager and council on creating a lighting and landscaping district. Lastly, she is planning a safety day event the second week of spring semester with organizations involved to present safety issues in the community.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater: Nothing to report. Carter: There is a meeting today at 3 p.m. in BMU 220 in regards to sexual assault. Next week’s meeting on planning Men’s Retreat will be on Thursday. Greek Life recently had a meeting at Shady Creek. Slaughter: Nothing to report.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Zawoysky said he will be meeting with everyone on the committee one-on-one as soon as possible. He also requested everyone to come to these meetings promptly at 8 a.m. so that they can be started on time and end on time and the meetings can be efficient.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – Herren officially gave Zawoysky his name badge and gavel and the committee officially welcomed him to the committee and to his Chair position.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.