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

Thursday, November 13, 2014 8 a.m. BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jeffery Zawoysky, Darion Johnston, Kassandra Bednarski, Courtney Silver, Jordan Walsh, Anita Zamora, Susan Anderson, CC Carter

MEMBERS ABSENT- Taylor Herren (excused), Michael Pratt (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jovan Smith, Nicole Lung, Shar Krater, Riley Wood, Jon Slaughter, Ewan McCloy (recording), Nan Timmons, Emma Hilder, Gian Gualco-Nelson, Megan McCay

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 11/13/14 regular meeting agenda (Johnston/Zamora) 5-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 11/6/14 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/6/14 regular meeting (Zamora/Silver) 5-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – Carter wanted to give congratulations to the council on how well MAC Night did.

VII. BUSINESS –

A. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $3,645 for New Music Symposium hosted by Student Composers Forum on February 26-27, 2015. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $3,645 for New Music Symposium hosted by Student Composers Forum on February 26-27, 2015, as presented (Zamora/Walsh). This event is yearly and done every February. Students get to come and perform any piece that they have created to their peers. Another aspect of this event is that a group of four composers will also come in and not only perform, but also teach a master class. This is a great opportunity for students. It is held in PAC 134. The council then moved to a vote. 5-0-0 MSC.

B. Information Item: 2015 Elections Process – Slaughter said that this new election process is scheduled to be an action item next week. He has been working with Timmons to tackle the issues regarding elections that have occurred over the past couple of years. GAC actually votes on the procedures themselves. Last spring, there was a vote on the proposal to change the voting time to a one-day election, which has already been approved. Slaughter and Timmons are working on a timeline to see what needs to be accomplished before elections begin. Slaughter said that the change in the process will address mentioning the senators in the bylaws as having the same eligibility as commissioners, the maximum number of units for a candidate being 132 units so that no officers exceed 150 units while in office, mentioning graduate student in the policy and their unit minimum being 3 graduate units, describing that if there is not a majority of 50% + 1 in the process that the candidate with the highest number of votes will get the position, and eligibility of a candidate to run. In regards to eligibility, Slaughter suggested to have an intent to file packet to pre-quality individuals that Timmons will look over. Once the candidates who are eligible are contacted, then they have to fill out a declaration of candidacy. Slaughter covered the timeline: February 23rd and 24th are candidate information sessions, the intent to file packets will be available March 2nd and due 9th, eligibility of candidates will be confirmed on March 11th, declaration of candidacy packets will be available March 12th and due the 27th, the sample ballot will be posted online April 1st and the mandatory candidate orientation will be the same day, elections will open at 8am for 24 continuous hours starting April 15th and end April 16th with the results posted at noon on that day. If a candidate does not turn in the intent to file packet in time, then they will have to be a write-in nomination if they still wish to run. Carter suggested that if the first place winner ends up winning and then not taking office if the first runner-up could take the position. Slaughter said the difficulty there was when officers are seated. The first runner-up could take the position if the officer who gets majority decides not to take the position before being officially seated. Silver discussed sustainability being an issue in the past with elections, and would like to be involved in making this process much more sustainable. To clarify, the 150 unit
maximum for commissioners is set by the chancellor’s office. Slaughter is going to look at getting documents next week and then this process as an action item the week after Thanksgiving break.

C. Information Item: Officer/Program Spotlight – Darion Johnston (CSSA) and Community Legal Information Center (CLIC) – Johnston explained that CSSA is Cal State system meet up that occurs every month except December at a different CSU. At CSSA, representatives from each CSU talk about issues pertinent to Cal State systems, such as loan repayment and sexual assault. The issues discussed are at the state and federal level. Some of what is discussed can be covered in solely university policies rather than the national policies. An example of this is EO 10-68, where student organizations need to have open membership and open leadership. Johnston explained that she is part of a social justice and equity council. Our campus is the most prominent student association. All campuses that have representation at CSSA have dues that they need to pay, partially split between the chancellor’s office and the campus. A large focus this year will be on the new funding model. This new funding model would charge every student individually with an opt-out option rather than the Associated Students as a whole paying in lieu of students. Lung, who attended CSSA last weekend with Johnston and Herren, said it was interesting to see all CSUs together and that Chico has good representation. It is good to see which campuses are having issues that we have had already or that we may potentially have in the future. • Two representatives who are administrative directors from CLIC presented on the center. It provides free legal information to students and community members and offers advocacy for those in need of support. On the student side, they provide students with internships in a professional setting and learning of legal research, communication, and teamwork skills. Every intern has to complete 120 hours a semester. The presenters had some quotes from interns and directors on how CLIC has helped them or what it has taught them. Their PowerPoint listed some distinguished alumni as well as some client feedback quotes. The center has large diversity with many different translators for Hmong, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Punjabi, Romanian, and Spanish. The presenters showed some programs that broke off from CLIC such as Community Housing Improvement Program. Lastly, the presenters went over the budget. They discussed the need to have some fundraising as they are going slightly over budget.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Zamora: EFAC’s meeting yesterday approved the New Music Symposium proposal. Bednarski: Nothing to report. Walsh: Nothing to report. Wood: She discussed that she wants to do a holiday card. Lung: Next Thursday the 20th the food company will come to Chico with samples of their food, so those on the council are recommended to be a part of this process. Smith: Nothing to report. Johnston: She is working on sexual assault policies and wants the Great Debate to cover this topic at their event. Silver: She is working on getting SFAC up and running. There are three workshops next week on these proposals and the funding process will start immediately, with applications due by Wednesday of dead week.


X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Zawoysky stressed everyone on the council to be ready for these meetings promptly at 8am.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today at 2pm on Butte main campus there will be a screening of the film “If These Halls Could Talk.”

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.