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

Thursday, November 20, 2014  8 a.m.  BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jeffery Zawoysky, Michael Pratt, Taylor Herren, Kassandra Bednarski, Courtney Silver, Jordan Walsh, Anita Zamora, Susan Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT- Darion Johnston (excused), CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Nicole Lung, Shar Krater, Riley Wood, Ewan McCloy (recording), Nan Timmons, Katie Peterson

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Zawoysky, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 11/20/14 regular meeting agenda (Herren/Zamora) 5-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 11/13/14 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/13/14 regular meeting (Zamora/Herren) 5-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $950 for “Mardi Gras” hosted by Chico State Pride on February 17, 2015 from 6:30-9:00pm in the UHUB. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $950 for “Mardi Gras” hosted by Chico State Pride on February 17, 2015 from 6:30-9 p.m. in the UHUB, as presented (Herren/Bednarski). Walsh said that Chico State Pride put on Mardi Gras last year in UV and they are going to move it to UHUB this year. The event is partially funded by other sources and DAC funding will cover having food for up to 100 people, entertainment by a DJ, and other fun activities such as mask making. 4-0-1 MSC. (Silver arrived at 8:09 a.m.)

B. Information Item: 2015 Elections Process – Motion to table Information Item B until Timmons is fully ready to present (Herren/Zamora). 5-0-1 MSC. After Information Item C, the committee returned to Information Item B. Timmons explained what the revisions of the elections for this year are: a one day, 24 hour election, codifying senators where appropriate, updating commissioner titles, stipulating the 132 unit maximum at the end of fall for spring filing, creating a two-tiered filling process (an intent to file document which determines eligibility and a declaration of candidacy document), a shorter campaigning period, an elimination of absentee ballots, and amend instant run-off process where candidate with most votes is elected in cases if 50% + 1 majority is not reached. Each of these revisions also has a relevant document where the revisions are applicable. Timmons showed the new proposed timeline which has a few changes, such as intent to file packets being available earlier and a longer period to have this intent to file packet. Timmons showed the intent to file packet which included the checklist and form. The committee had discussion on the 150 unit cap and its potential negative impact on students who need to take 12 units for financial aid. Herren stated that the cap was in place through the Chancellor’s office. Some majors such as engineering have higher unit requirements so this is a discussion that would need to be talked about further.

C. Information Item: Officer/Program Spotlight – Kassandra Bednarski (Safety issues) and Cross Cultural Leadership Center (CCLC) – Peterson presented the Cross Cultural Leadership Center to the committee. She showed the mission of the CCLC, which has a focus on leadership development, cultural awareness, community education, and the creation of a constructive social change. The CCLC also has a focus on supporting underrepresented communities on campus. Showed a video of what the CCLC directly means to the campus. Represents being a home, representing diversity, etc. Highlighting components of program – leadership development (investing in leadership skills will then pass along to other students), puts on iLead conference, other resources such as providing Sunday study sessions, other studying resources, class registration resources, programming space that is open for students to use. Core programs (once a year or
throughout semester): Late Night Lounge series to focus on alternative programming at nighttime that looks at modern culture. They also host Diversity Summit and Leave a Legacy series. CCLC co-sponsors programs where other students or organizations reach out for help. Lots of classroom presentations and workshops. Future directions – starting BOLD (beyond obstacles leadership development) to have weekly opportunities will be starting next semester and develop in the fall. Mission is to get people to really know those in the CCLC and exposure to various issues in diversity and leadership development. Want to develop a mentorship program. Some obstacles are limited time and having a permanent funding source as staffing is costly. The space is very loud and active. Big focus on training rather than the production, which helps a lot with leadership. Biggest need is mentorship and empowerment, increase on-campus diversity, more dedication to community-specific areas. • Bednarski discussed Community Affairs Council, town and gown (meets monthly) trying to get transfer advisory committee, public safety committee, police advisory committee. Planning Cats in the Community. Different vision to move this to later in the day and also making sure people stay for the after-party of the event. New Cesar Chavez movie came out and would like to have it showing before Cats in the Community to motivate people to come and support this event. Safety fair – Community Affairs Council is trying to have in the spring semester to cover different areas of safety concern such as sexual assault (GSEC), bike safety, lighting and bike path, fraternity/sorority working on couch burning. Some other activities also being talked about, but focus on having events with activities fronted by organizations. Applying to grants for lighting and couch burning. Looking at how much will be specifically needed before actually sending out these grants. Part of Cats in Community would like to implement is encompass drop and dash (of couches that get burnt) program into the event.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Zamora: Have been working on an Involvement fair which has a working title of Spring Mix. Want to do it April 9th, week before of elections, increase student involvement as a way for organizations to tell people about revenue sharing. Bednarski: Nothing to report. Walsh: Nothing. Pratt: Working on honor code. By end of next semester there will be something solidified and approved. At beginning of every exam there will be a reminder to students to not cheat. Academic integrity issues, on-line cheating. Working on university committees and council numbers. Issues with committee chairs and students who are not being let into councils and committees. Herren: CS Unity planning meetings – working with Zamora and Timmons to have a survey to be distributed on campus. There will be a meeting next month and next semester there will be bi-monthly meetings. Lung: Sent out request for participation in the Au Bon Pain tasting at Sutter Dining. Sampling and presentation at around the same time with remaining time Q&A. Please stay the whole time. Silver: Had three SFAC workshops yesterday. Total of 22 people in attendance which is a very high turnout. A lot of engagement and excitement. Proposals are due December 12th. Riley: Nothing.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Nothing for Krater and Anderson

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Parenti is working on card access to south-east entrance for the team. Please reply to email about availability during Thanksgiving break as Zawoysky is trying to plan for a winter retreat.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – If you know your spring schedule and office hours please put it on your Outlook so that Karen Bang has access. Lung is doing a class project and would like to have surveys done – please check for her e-mail.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.