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

Thursday, December 4, 2014  8 a.m.  BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- None

OTHERS PRESENT – Jovan Smith, Nicole Lung, Shar Krater, Riley Wood, Jon Slaughter, Ewan McCloy (recording), Nan Timmons, Logan Baird

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 12/4/14 regular meeting agenda (Zamora/Silver) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 11/20/14 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/20/14 regular meeting (Silver/Zamora) 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS –

A. Action Item: Approval of 2015 Election Process including associated revisions to affected policies. Action Requested: Motion to approve 2015 Election Process including associated revisions to affected policies, as presented (Herren/Johnston) – There was an informal amendment to the motion to state: approve the 2015 election process including revisions to the Election Policy as presented. The committee then moved to a vote. 6-0-0 MSC (Walsh arrived at 8:04 a.m.).

B. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Bylaws – Slaughter discussed that while GAC does not vote on the Bylaws, the BOD does, it is important for the committee to look over the revisions to the Bylaws. Committee members who were at BOD earlier in the week know most of these revisions, but the only change we are suggesting now is that we are including no more than 132 units at time of filing for elections. The reference to Senators in the Bylaws was taken out, as the Bylaws address the officers of the corporation. The Student Academic Senate is technically a subcommittee of GAC chaired by Pratt, so this can have its own code and not be in the Bylaws.

C. Information Item: 10/31/14 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – Wood presented report that represents the first four months of the fiscal year. She reviewed the budget and said that the goal for all sections is to be at 33.3%. Anything below for expenses, anything above this for income, or at percentage is great. Total income is at 49%, which is very high. Overall expenses are at 28%. Interest income and transfer are close to 33%. AFFA income usually is not posted until midyear, so it is currently blank. In the expense area, the first section is the contract areas such as CCLC and other similar programs. Total expenses are at 23% for these programs. AF operational expense, which is the administrative area, is at 33%. Government affairs expenses, which are the total affairs from the office, elections, and FLO, are at 30%. Campus programs expense, which include KCSC and GSEC, are at 23%. Community based programs expenses, which cover CLIC and CAVE, are slightly high at 40%, but it will even out as the year progresses as we are still waiting on income from these areas.

D. Information Item: Wildcat Leadership Center look ahead – Smith discussed the culture of the office and ensuring that the office culture is solidified in a positive way for future officers. He suggested having some sort of procedure that would increase office hours, extend shifts, etc. Next semester we may stay open to match Student Life and Leadership. All officers should have card swipe access. We will be installing more card access for the doors. There is some discussion on those who are looking for Student Life and Leadership. Rather than telling them where it is, we should lead them to the area while showing off the space. Silver
discussed the difference with the CCLC and that there is less opportunity for students to either relax in the Leadership space or be in there (besides just talking to officers). This has been an assorted discussion with committee members in regards to behavior in the office, greeting people when they walk into the office, conversations on if we have music or not and potentially extended hours. This conversation will now need to be implemented into 5-10 goals/principles for all officers to follow and this will give a way to measure culture change. The takeaway from this discussion is that the committee will have a conversation at retreat, extended office hours and having intentional programming. Carter challenged the officers to not necessarily look at other offices on what they want the 220 space to be, but rather think about what they want on their own for the space. Conference services will be intentionally pushing to rent the space when people go to rent a room. Carter solidified that Student Life and Leadership will be having these changed open office times – possibly to 10 p.m. next semester. They may hire a night supervisor to help with the programming and oversight.

E. Information Item: Officer/Program Spotlight – Nicole Lung (ASBC, Ad Hoc Committees); Riley Wood (Outreach) and KCSC Radio – Lung talked about ASBC. It is a committee with 8 voting members, with 3 of these members being selected from students. The committee discusses financials and budgets in Dining Services, the difference between dining hall and the Marketplace and other food stores, and the Wildcat Store. Recent discussions cover more cultural food that cannot be cooked with the standard on-campus food and actually working with this group to find solutions rather than simply say that it cannot be done. Another discussion has been with ‘Up ’til Dawn’ and their movement into the BMU Auditorium rather than Acker Gym. Due to the Hospitality Policy, AS Dining needs to cater this and no outside food is allowed. We don’t want to set the precedent that organizations can squeeze through this rule just because it is for a good cause. Some great improvements this year are Dining Services serving more meals this year, new system (Tapingo) in the Marketplace is making food purchasing much faster, which incentivizes people to come and get food more. Sales in Common Grounds have increased immensely, most likely due to the loss of the bridge by Selvester’s. There are increases in sales of 150% for clothing and 400% for gifts in the Wildcat Store. One ad hoc committee is meeting 11 am on Wednesday in BMU 220. The focus for this committee is to have students walk around the Wildcat Store and give feedback. Lung is still having conversations with the sampling from Au Bon Pain, mainly working on the feedback from the meeting before Thanksgiving Break. An Investment Committee meeting was held and they discussed staying away from where we only save less than 1% to investing in a 5-year investment program that can get up to 2% saving. Carter had a concern with food in the BMU not being a value to students, and if the Associated Students are about students rather than the enterprise. Herren stated that an outside may have a hospitality agreement that would not allow outside food anywhere on campus rather than just designated buildings, and one benefit of AS Dining allows us to have such a strong sustainability. Lung explained that there is an idea on a possible student package deal for the AS catering would be included in the reinstatement presentation for student organizations. • KCSC presented regarding their program. They were founded in 1951 as a part of the Speech and Drama Department. It was touted as the best college radio station in the states in the 1970s. In 2006, the organization moved their location from the current WREC location to Ivy Street, and now their location is in the BMU basement. KCSC has a music philosophy of not playing anything that is getting top 40 radio play to broaden students’ musical taste and musical horizons. The presenter showed examples of what is being played and not played. The programming director listens to everyone’s show at least once to make sure they are playing music correctly. There is a huge range of shows, a staff of 45 people, and the organization tries to cater to every major and skill-set with people that are part of their organization. They organize events, fundraisers and have been actively working on their social media on all different platforms.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Silver: SFAC is expecting to have a good amount of applications which are due next Friday. Most of Sustainability Affairs Committee now has a time to come in and work together. Silver put a deadline to people replying and those who didn’t were removed from the committee, so she will be looking for replacements. Working with the CCLC and Krystle Tonga to have a sustainability and diversity campaign. Pratt: Able to work with Faculty and Student Policies Committee to have a task committee on shared governance. Herren: Great job to Pratt for writing up the entire policy for shared governance. The CSUnity meeting will be held at 5 p.m. this evening. Next Wednesday Herren will be presenting divestment to the University Foundation in Colusa 100B. Walsh: Discussed Ferguson with DAC on Tuesday as there was no formal meeting. Met with President Zingg to discuss the University Diversity Committee. Lung: Nothing to report. Smith: BMUC has been talking about a survey for the students that use the BMU and those that don’t. We are having some discussion on changes to the BMU. Food will be in the office for all students during finals week and there will be extended hours for studying. BMU 203 will be done this week. Wednesday through Saturday, Smith, Herren, Slaughter and some other students will be going to a leadership conference next week. Bednarski: At 10 a.m. there will be a meeting about Cats in the Community planning. The Cesar Chavez movie may be played at ‘CITC’. Regarding grants, there is criticism about there not being a specific number of how much light replacement or placement will cost, so there is a meeting today to collect those numbers. Zamora: Nothing to report. Johnston: Nothing to report.
Wood: Yesterday was the last Good Morning with GAC for the semester. It is important for officers to be at the event. She wants to work on a better common time with everyone’s schedules for next semester’s Good Morning with GAC events.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – None

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Please RSVP to the availability of going to the winter break retreat. Please update your Outlook calendar with your finals schedule and next semester’s class schedule.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Wildcat Store is having a customer appreciation day all day on Friday.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – Lung will have a presentation at the end of the meeting to discuss the surveys that she sent out to the committee and the recommendations she and her group made for the Associated Students.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.