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

Thursday, December 11, 2014 8 a.m. BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jeffery Zawoysky, Michael Pratt, Darion Johnston, Kassandra Bednarski, Courtney Silver, Jordan Walsh, Anita Zamora

MEMBERS ABSENT- Taylor Herren (excused), Susan Anderson, CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Ewan McCloy (recording),

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 12/11/14 regular meeting agenda (Johnston/Walsh) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 12/4/14 regular and special meetings. Motion to approve the minutes of the 12/4/14 regular and special meetings (Walsh/Pratt) 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – There is a student leadership procession tonight at 4 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS –

A. Action Item: Approval of Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings – Spring Semester of 2014-15 Academic Year. Motion to approve Revised Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings – Spring Semester of 2014-15 Academic Year, as presented (Johnston/Zamora). This motion is to state that next semester’s GAC meetings will be on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in BMU 205. The committee then moved to a vote. 6-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $2,300 for the Up ‘til Dawn event on February 27, 2015 in the BMU. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $2,300 for the Up ‘til Dawn event on February 27, 2015 in the BMU, as presented (Zamora/Pratt). Zamora explained that Jimmy Draper came to EFAC to talk about Up ‘til Dawn and how it will run this year. Draper said the event would have a carnival theme with superhero cut-outs and activities such as bean bag toss. There will also be food in the lobby of the BMU. This year, the organization will be switching up sending out emails instead of written letters, which is a lot more sustainable. The amount of emails sent correlates to participation in the activities. The location for Up ‘til Dawn this year will be in the BMU, specifically the auditorium, the lobby, and the basement. Red Bull and Rockstar will give out some of their drinks and food will be served from AS Catering, which is mandatory for organizations that have events in the BMU. Motion to amend the amount from $2,300 to $2,100 (Johnston/Zamora) 6-0-0 MSC. The committee then further discussed the amended motion. The committee was asking why there needed to be money allocated to reserving the BMU, but because Up ‘til Dawn will be using the staff and tech people in the building so money will need to be a part of reservation. 6-0-0 MSC.

C. Information Item: Officer/Program Spotlight – Courtney Silver (AS Sustainability) – AS Sustainability was meant to come to the meeting to present their program, so they will be rescheduled to present next semester. Silver discussed what she has been working on and will continue to work on in the next semester. She is currently working on getting SFAC up and running, which has been very successful recently. All applications for funding are due tomorrow at 12 p.m. Twenty-two people came to the workshops and because applicants only had two and a half weeks to fill out these applications Silver is hoping to get at least 10 applications. The SFAC committee is together and it is going very well. Silver is working with Krystle Tonga from the CCLC to find a way to bring sustainability and diversity together. She discussed wanting to come up with a survey with Nan Timmons that can be sent out to everyone on campus. This survey would cover identifying ethnicity and identified sustainable practices, and then creating focus groups for different communities on campus. The goal of this is to figure out different practices for different ethnicities and highlighting different cultures on
campus that have sustainable practices. This process may involve posters or a video. Silver also showed interest in writing a paper if there are sufficient statistical results from these surveys. She also discussed the Paul Maslin Award for sustainability that started more than 10 years ago. However, the plaque with the names on it was lost for a couple of years and the award also hasn’t been awarded for a couple of years. Silver would like to bring the entire award back and create official documentation for it, as this does not already exist. She is going to go back through different emails, posts, and announcements to get more knowledge on the award. She plans to make the award selection through her council. On the subject of her council, she is working on solidifying her council, as some members were removed for not being responsive.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Pratt: The senate is done for the semester. They are working on planning for next semester. A lot of what the senate is doing now will focus on different initiatives to encourage shared governance, such as a shared governance luncheon to highlight faculty, staff, or students who are actively working to promote shared governance. There are currently some issues that mostly stem from committees not taking minutes or posting agendas publicly. Sometimes members don’t even realize when meetings are happening. Pratt also discussed some issues with students not being invited to sit on certain committees that need student representation. Zamora: She is meeting with Shar, Katie, Mary, Joel, and CC to discuss the Spring Mix fair that will happen next semester. Zamora will create applications over the break. Johnston: LAC has been doing a good job recently. The council has been working on a project to collect information from representatives regarding their office locations, their phone numbers, and their emails. There is a focus on representatives with interest in higher education. These representatives cover California’s governor, 2 senators, house member, state assembly member, and state senator and representatives for satellite campus in Redding. The council is also putting together a little bio on representative’s background and trends in voting. These will cover the issues that they are interested in and policies that they ran for their position with. In February, there is the California Higher Education Student Summit, or CHESS, which is a big lobbying day in Sacramento. This takes place of the CSSA meeting that month. Johnston wants to set up some sort of training with whoever is interested in attending this event before going to CHESS. She was recently appointed to the Title IX committee, which talks about sexual assault on this campus. Bednarski: She went to a dinner last night at Sierra Nevada with Chico Velo, which is a bike company downtown. After this dinner, Sierra Nevada agreed to donate to a community issue that Bednarski will decide on once we know how much money we will be receiving. Also, getting bike lights this semester has been tough, so Chico Velo will give us a lot of donations for the Safety Fair and also to pass out in general. They would also like to have a bike safety education booth at this event. Bednarski has been planning Cats in the Community and having meetings this week. Silver: She has been working on planning the This Way to Sustainability conference. Walsh: She is currently working on putting a blog together for students to submit narratives, essays or poems that relate to social justice issues. Walsh will make sure to proofread entries before they post. International Festival is April 25. She will be planning an additional event to form a relationship between students and police officers.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater: The Ferguson event from today was postponed due to weather concerns.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Zawoysky asked all members to send official dates of their planned events with the committee so that an official calendar can be created. Please let Zawoysky know about availability for retreat. The committee, senators and Government Affairs office will be going to Nevada City. Please be aware of emails over the break. Keep in mind, especially over the break, what you want to leave behind to the person who takes over your position and work on creating lessons learned. If there is anything the members want to talk about at retreat please let Zawoysky know. We need to find a time to get a group picture. Please update schedules on Outlook. He will update the list of committee member pictures with the new schedules and office hours at the office.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – CHESS conference is February 28. It is a weekend-long event, but Johnston discussed only going for the day.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – It has been a great semester.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.