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

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 2 p.m. BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- Susan Anderson

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

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Zawoysky, called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 1/20/15 regular meeting agenda (Herren/Johnston) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 12/11/14 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 12/11/14 regular meeting (Pratt/Zamora) 7-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – Herren congratulated Zawoysky for a successful retreat last week and welcomed everyone back for the semester.

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $1,205.05 for the Multicultural Echoes Magazine Reading event hosted by Phi Sigma Iota on February 9, 2015 in Selvesters 100 – Walsh explained that with the change of when DAC meets from Tuesdays to Thursdays that this proposal will not need to be voted on until next week. Motion to table the approval of this allocation until the next GAC meeting (Herren/Johnston) 7-0-0 MSC.

B. Information Item: 11/30/14 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – Zawoysky reviewed the information with the committee. He explained that the budget covers five months of the fiscal year. The benchmark percent to approved budget that is ideal for the budget is 41.67%. We currently have a higher revenue at 54.3% and a lower total expense at 36.16%, and both of these variations to the ideal are good. The expenses for contracted programs (such as the B-Line and CCLC) corporate services, our contribution to Financial Services, and student programming for DAC and EFAC are all pretty low but as contracts come in this will be higher and balance out to the ideal percentage. The total of AS operational fee is at 41%, which is right at the benchmark. Government Affairs expenses are about the same with 39% and will balance out as contracts come in. The expenses that are currently over budget are campus programs, such as the KCSC and Child Development Lab, CLIC and CAVE currently at 50.85%. The reason for this higher percentage is because not all of their income has come in yet and wages for student temp staff is a little high, which will both balance out.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Johnston: She discussed the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) which is a weekend-long conference where students can learn about lobbying, learn about student advocating, and meet with legislators. Johnston said that she was open to bringing along five people outside of herself, Pratt, and Herren. If anyone on the committee is interested or knows anyone that would be, let Johnston know. CHESS will take place the last weekend of February in Sacramento. She also talked about SIRF, which stands for the Student Involvement Representation Fund. There is an updated packet of information for SIRF on the CSSA website. Johnston and other members of the team are going to CSSA this weekend in San Marcos. Zamora: Before break, Zamora got the template of logistics for Grillin’ on the Grass. She will be planning the details for the upcoming spring involvement fair and when it is completed she will work with Krater. Zamora has also met with AS Sustainability and the Green Team to make the event sustainable. She will also be going to meet with student organizations to talk to them about the event and also campaigning for EFAC proposals. The spring involvement fair name will be worked on. Please send suggestions if you have them. Wood: She is working on rolling out the senator campaign for the first week of February. Wood will be meeting with Nan
Timmons soon to talk about elections and develop a theme. **Walsh:** Walsh is starting to work on International Festival, which will be held April 25. A rubric on appropriate content is in the works for the newly made blog that covers social justice issues. **Smith:** There are new people working at Student Life and Leadership, so go say hi to them. **Lung:** ASBC meetings for this semester will be held Mondays at 11 am. The committee had a discussion on the discounts for students working for the AS. **Herren:** Herren reported on the University Foundation adopting the proposal for divestment and their plan to look at a new investment policy. The President will be speaking next Thursday, January 29. He will talk about his initiatives for the year and recognize AS and student leadership on campus. CSUnity meetings will be the first Wednesday of every month. February 4 is the date of the next meeting. **SIRF** will be up for a vote on the Board of Trustees next Wednesday. Herren has been looking over the goal-setting notes from retreat and can send these notes out to the committee members. **Pratt:** He worked with the Student Academic Senate yesterday on planning for the semester. They also discussed the topics at retreat for the senators who couldn’t attend. By middle of semester, the senate will have college councils for each of the departments so that there is direct communication and more student representation. Pratt is also working on the Colleges Funding Council, or CFAC, and Pedro Douglas is helping with this. Tomorrow will be a goal setting meeting with the senate for individual senator goals and what the senate’s goals as a whole are. Senate meetings are on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. Next Wednesday is the first meeting for the semester and then the week after that will be meetings with the sub-committees. These meetings will alternate every week. Johnston suggested utilizing the Summer Orientation crew in helping to talk to department liaisons since they are well-versed in talking to faculty. **Bednarski:** Cats in the Community is coming up and Bednarski will be sending out emails regarding the event and signing up. She has a class that conflicts with a Policy Community Advisory Board meeting that occurs once a month on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. If anyone is interested in attending these, let Bednarski know. She also cannot attend Town and Gown, which meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., and Bednarski will get one of her committee members to fill her space. Cesar Chavez Day is March 31. **Silver:** SFAC meetings and presentations are beginning this Thursday from 2-4 p.m. Silver is currently looking for someone to be a minute taker, as many minute takers are busy in this time-frame. She will be working to get the Sustainability Affairs Council up and running. Silver removed some members from the council who weren’t responding so she needs some new people to be on this council. She will also be bringing some plants to the office.

**IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Slaughter:** The level of excitement and energy in the office is great. He is reviewing Sustainability Coordinator applications this week. For the Wildcat Leadership Institute, the first meeting of mastery students is this Thursday. Mastery students have been a part of the Wildcat Leadership Institute for every semester that it has been active. **Carter:** There have been some unfortunate events happening to people in the community recently. A student got hit by a car and passed away on Friday. Two students were hurt over the weekend – one as a part of a motorcycle accident and the other was beat up on the railroad tracks. These recent events have made it clear that issues of lighting and assault are both still really big. Student Life and Leadership has restructured and become more proactive and interactive in reaching out to student organizations instead of waiting for them to come in to the office. Front-line staff are now referred to as Involvement Coordinators and have been trained so they can do room reservations and forms for facility management, so their role is more comprehensive. The numbers for this year of students on campus is over 16,000 people. Slaughter explained that this is over 800-900 budgeted students. **Krater:** She is starting grade and GPA checks and working with Slaughter on the budgets. Sally Parenti is working on getting south east access to the BMU and what this will look like. There are currently strains on the Financial Services Office so if receipts can get photocopied and turned in ASAP that would be great.

**X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Zawoysky** reported that he sent out meeting requests to set up a one-on-one meeting with every officer every other week, not including this week. BLBG is currently slated for Mondays at 10 am. A Buddy Dates list has been made. Please send in office hours by the end of next week. If committee members have events that are being planned or that they are a part of please send them to Zawoysky so that he can compile a large calendar.

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Wood gave a run-down on CAVE and explained that applications are available in the BMU 209 or downstairs in the BMU. **Krater** asked everyone to please plug in laptops when they are not being used. **Carter** said the Men’s Conference will be on February 7. The objective is to take 50 men and applications are in the CCLC. Zawoysky reminded everyone to save documents to the shared GAC drive. **Johnston** told the committee that Pratt agreed to run a Parliamentary Procedures explanation meeting soon and that anyone can attend these meetings, as well as people on other councils.

**XII. PUBLIC OPINION –** None

**XIII. OPINION –** There needs be another team picture taken soon.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm.