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

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

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 – Nicole Lung, Riley Wood, Ewan McCloy (recording), Mary Steves, Olivia VanDamme, Sarah Anderson, Brady Harris, Mark Stemen, Chris Smith, Marina Hemera, Danielle Baxter, Nan Timmons

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Zawoysky, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. AGENDA – Herren requested amending the agenda to add Information Item A: Discussion with GEOG 440 class about potential Advisory Measure for Spring 2015 Election Ballot. Motion to approve the 2/10/15 amended meeting agenda (Herren/Johnston) 8-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/3/15 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/3/15 regular meeting (Walsh/Zamora) 8-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Discussion with GEOG 440 class about potential Advisory Measure for Spring 2015 Election ballot – Stemen, who teaches the GEOG 440 class, presented the advisory measure. He explained that this class focuses on environmental thought that moves into action to make a change in the world. He said their project last year was the divestment issue and noted that these discussions begin at the beginning of the semester and then get narrowed down to one initiative. He said this group brings the initiative to GAC based on the committee members all being elected in their positions. Stemen said this year’s initiative focuses on food. Anderson said that the initiative is to commit to the real food challenge which is a national movement going on at all colleges and universities. She said 130 colleges and universities have signed up for this movement and the class would like Chico State to do the same. Anderson defined real food as local community-based, fair, ecologically sound and humane. She said the specifics of this initiative are to meet or exceed 20% of food produced being real food by 2020. Baxter discussed the community aspect of the project explaining that the current food system at Chico State is decreasing the amount of family farmers in the area. She said a school of this large size has leverage to change this and will increase relationships with community members. Baxter also said that investing in the local economy is also investing in students. VanDamme explained that the four components of this initiative are the consumer, the community, producers, and the earth. In discussing the consumer aspect of the project, VanDamme explained that this initiative will increase the health of students and their access to healthier food options. She said food is also a key concern to prospective students and whether or not they choose to attend Chico State. Harris discussed the image of this school already being very sustainable and green, using the high level of bike riding to campus as an example, and it would be important to keep this image of sustainability with this project. Smith said that environmental and social responsibility is important for school because students will have to face these health-related topics in the future. After the class presented, Silver discussed the importance of reaching out to AS Sustainability to help the class work on this initiative since they have already made strides on having more on-campus real food. She continued that the actual real food calculator defines the distance of locally-grown food as 200 miles from end-location while campus defines this as 250 miles. Herren discussed that the school has recently adopted a policy that would perfectly align with this initiative. Carter asked whether or not students would have to spend more on their food because of this change in food purchasing. Stemen said he has been in touch with the Chancellor’s Office and likes the initiative. He said Chico State is currently at 8% in how much of their food is real and that many campuses have gotten to 40% real food, such as UC Santa Cruz. Silver mentioned some training opportunities that she has personally attended that could help out the
class and this project. Stemen explained that the initiative needs to be signed off by the University president, so this measure has a focus on creating a partnership with the AS rather than asking the AS to do something for this project as they did with divestment. He said the class will be submitting the official language for this proposal to the AS EVP by 5 p.m. tonight. Herren discussed the need to have other on-campus entities be on board with this initiative because of the hospitality fee making food requirements and policies spread out farther than just the AS. She also recommended sticking to achieving 20% real food by 2020.

B. Information Item: Good Morning with GAC – Zawoysky explained that he and Wood have been meeting to work out the best dates and times for Good Morning with GAC. He said the current timing for them will be on Mondays from 9 – 11 a.m. If there are not enough students and if this time turns out to not be the best after a few trial runs then the date and time will be changed. The first Good Morning with GAC will be Monday, February 16. Wood explained that student announcements have been promoting elections and info sessions and based on that the next two Good Morning with GAC events on February 16 and 23 will have a focus on elections and answering questions about elections. As Good Morning with GAC goes on in the semester, other events that the committee is working on such as the Spring Fling Fair, International Festival, and Cats in the Community will be focused on. Carter asked if there was interest in asking the University president to attend one of the Good Morning with GAC events. Zawoysky elaborated that not every single committee member has to attend every Good Morning with GAC, but there were issues with participation last semester. He said the location will be in front of the BMU. Johnston suggested assigning a different officer every week to help Wood prepare Good Morning with GAC to increase accountability. Carter suggested a way to entice people to stay at the table and create conversation with questions. Zawoysky explained that meeting requests will be sent out for the February 16 Good Morning with GAC.

C. Information Item: Laptops – Zawoysky said Shar Krater and other committee members wanted the topic of in-office laptops to be formally discussed. Zawoysky said he would like the committee to create a list of the issues with laptops that can then be given to IT. He said the laptops also need to be used more so that issues can be further unearthed. Silver listed the issues so far: hard drive connection issues, printer connection issues, a lack of document recovery, the inability to use Outlook on the computer and instead needing to use the online version, continuous usage of laptop not being possible because of a lack of plugs, password issues for laptop access, and screen visibility issues. Additional issues noted are the inability to open multiple pages, the connection being so slow that videos and music cannot be played, and scroll bar issues. Silver explained that we cannot go straight to Dell. IT will need to go to Dell and that is why the committee is creating this list of laptop issues.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Bednarski: Reported that she needs help with finalizing sites for Cats in the Community as this is getting difficult without some help from the committee. Bednarski said that at next week’s meeting there will be an information item regarding experiences with Campus Connection not helping students out late at night when it is dangerous. Johnston said this should also be discussed at this Thursday’s 1 p.m. Wildcat Welcome meeting. Wood: If members on this committee are asked to do a short video on why students should run for office please help Wood out. She noted that campaigning for this semester’s elections will last 2 weeks. Silver: SFAC is going well. Silver said that SAC meetings are now up and running and the meetings are held Thursdays from 3 – 4 p.m. There are about 4 – 5 people on this council. Silver said she will also bring more plants to the office soon. Steves: The FLO shadow program is now officially underway. She noted that a GAC panel will be held at the February 18 FLO meeting at 7 p.m. in BMU 210. She said she would like to give the committee an hour and a half of time to talk to FLO members even if the whole time isn’t used for GAC. Lung: AS Dining will be participating at commencement ceremonies for the entire weekend. She said this topic will be discussed at ASBC on Monday February 23 at 11 a.m. If you have been at past commencements and seen what food and beverages should be there please let her know. The bookstore did pretty well with spring purchases, mostly on used rental books. The bookstore will also be participating in commencement ceremonies by having kiosks. Johnston: Said she will be taking five students to CHESS. If anyone else is interested in other opportunities regarding CHESS there may be some more availabilities coming up. Johnston also said to be aware of the student trustee topic. Herren: Reported that the Board of Directors approved the position description for the Associate Executive Director position. Herren estimated that within the next five years there will be changes in leadership. She said the job announcement for this position will go out in the next month or so. Herren said Vagina Monologues are this weekend and noted the dates and times. Herren said that on Thursday she will be going to lunch with a US ambassador. Pratt: There will be a Student Academic Senate meeting tomorrow at 8 a.m. Pratt discussed the topic of faculty and student policies and the need to have student input on a Faculty Code of Ethics regarding student-faculty relationships. He would also like student input regarding a Faculty Office Hour Policy. Walsh: Is continuing work on International Festival. She said she has also been working with Mazi Noble from the SSC to put together a panel event for the end of March involving conversations between the police and students on campus. Following the panel event there would then be a march to downtown during rush hour. Zamora: Nothing to report.
IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Carter: Noted the Director of Admissions presentations will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on February 23, March 2 and March 3 in BMU 220G. He said the candidates will present regarding who they are, what they plan to do, what their philosophy on Admissions is, and then there will be sections for questions and feedback.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Zawoysky thanked the committee for their hard work. He asked them to spread the word about elections and reminded that there are two packets to fill out: the Intent to File Application and the Candidacy Application. Zawoysky said he attended the Men’s Retreat this weekend and there were 54 students there.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Lung announced that this Thursday, Ryan Kahn will be speaking in BMU 203 at 7 p.m. about becoming a high achiever, how to get your dream job, and more. She said free tickets are available in the Student Life and Leadership office as well as at the Government Office’s front desk. She said that those that attend will receive a free electronic copy of his e-book.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.