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

Tuesday, February 24, 2015  2 p.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- Taylor Herren, Jordan Walsh, Susan Anderson, CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Nicole Lung, Shar Krater, Riley Wood, Jon Slaughter, Ewan McCloy (recording), Mary Steves, Mary Wallmark, Malcolm McLemore, Katrina Cunningham, Billy Harkness

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Zawoysky, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/24/15 regular meeting agenda (Johnston/Zamora). Zamora motioned to table Business Item A for next meeting of 3/3/15, seconded by Bednarski. 6-0-0 MSC. All those in favor of approving the agenda as amended 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/17/15 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/17/15 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 EFAC allocation in the amount of $1,636 for the Imagineer Day event hosted by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) on March 28, 2015 from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Langdon Hall. Motion to table the approval of the motion until the next regular meeting on 3/3/15.

B. Information Item: Wildcat Leadership Center Mission Statement – Jarquin explained that in looking at the mission statement for the center to look at the three words Wildcat, Leadership, and Center and what these mean. Jarquin had a list of related words for each of the three words presented to the committee as well as a formalized statement. She also looked at other leadership center’s mission statements. Arkansas State was the most consistent of being similar to us in having Greek Life and Student Life and Leadership in their leadership office. Wallmark liked the idea of emphasizing action and saying something along lines of “the center exists as a noun AND a verb.” Johnston said that making “noun” and “verb” into real word may be more meaningful, such as home instead of noun. Jarquin said that there were a lot of things about what the center is individually and how we create action and movements. Zamora also said she liked the way it is to have people fill in the blanks. McLemore has been through this process of making a mission statement with the CCLC and suggested staying away from the term home and put focus on leadership. He also had the idea of splitting it up with the vision statement and mission statement. The CCLC’s three-word phrase is people being respected, connected and affirmed. The vision statement explains where you want to be while the mission statement explains how you are going to get to this vision. Silver said that the phrase “place of action” is a good phrase that would stick. Krater said being inclusive is important. Slaughter suggested the quote be the space is “both a place and a place of blank.” Wallmark also wanted to emphasize that the WLC is a space that revolutionizes leadership. Bednarski wanted to add something about the space offering endless opportunities. McLemore wanted to end the mission statement with the phrase “and add immeasurably inspire leadership without borders/limits,” and discussed that there is a good marketing opportunity here to emulate PS2 advertisements and using student organizations. Silver suggested removing the phrase “tangibly.” After further brainstorming, the committee came up with a suggested vision and mission statements. Vision Statement: “The Wildcat Leadership Center is a place of action and a space that revolutionizes leadership.” Mission Statement: “Though consistently creating an innovative environment we dynamically engage students in tangible interactions that connect and inspire leadership without limits.” Jarquin asked if this would need to be brought back as an action item. Slaughter suggested she bring it up to BMUC as we are talking about the
entire center and not just Government Affairs. The SLL staff added that they are having a meeting on Thursday and would suggest this be discussed at this meeting.

C. Information Item: Wildcat Leadership Center Motto – Jarquin asked the committee for suggestions on a motto. Wood had the suggestion of “to develop innovative principles and insightful leaders who will change the world.” Johnston said that a motto doesn’t have to be a full sentence and it is more of a tagline. Her suggestion from Woods’s would be “change the world.” Zamora’s suggestion was “leadership without limits.” From this suggestion, Silver had a wanted to focus on the future. Zamora said that our school houses independent students that seek to have no boundaries and find ourselves. Johnston said time and age are limits and this suggestion encapsulates the future. Jarquin will do some informal polling of people in the center to find a more definitive idea for next week. She will also plan with Wood for a Good Morning with GAC focus on motto to find out what students want.

D. Information Item: Wildcat Leadership Center Hours – Zawoysky wanted feedback on how the extended hours are affecting the office. Zamora said most officers are there in the office from 5pm – 7pm. Bednarski said she has been in the office a lot and we are not getting as many students as expected in that longer time frame of being open. Slaughter said that the increase in hours had good intentions, but we need to find the needs of the students otherwise the attempt is empty. Jarquin wants to have purposeful programming in the late hours. Last year there were some pick-ups in people coming to the office but it was very low-key. Johnston said it has been helpful in scheduling meetings with people after typical hours. Student Life and Leadership is currently open until 10 pm. They are tracking the numbers but we need to be patient to see results of who is coming in. Finals week would be a good time to reach out because a lot of people were in the space last semester for finals week. Silver is confused on if students need longer open hours for service or a place to do homework because it isn’t a place to do homework. This is an issue because the space has no computer, desks but there are other people’s desks, no plugs, namely just in the Government Affairs area. Krafter discussed that if we have the space open longer we should review if that means having all of our services for students. If so, we should consider hiring staff for the front desk. Steves said by both sides being consistent having the space open longer makes the whole center more unified. Zawoysky suggested keeping office hours open later still to see if things improve. Cunningham said that Student Life and Leadership being open later has not translated with increasing numbers. Both sides should have this conversation to make this work.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Pratt: He is still working on the process of shared governance in finding ways to create better community buy-in. Pratt also wants other student bodies participating rather than just himself and Herren in voting on major things being passed at Academic Senate and then come back to GAC or the student academic senate. In those major considerations it should be a decision with more student consultation. He will be gone from Saturday to late Monday at CHESS and he needs committee meetings to be covered. One is the University Budget meeting memoranda committee, at 12 p.m. on Monday. Zawoysky will attend this meeting. Another is an ad hoc committee for student evaluation of teaching on Monday at 2 p.m. Zawoysky, if not then Jarquin, will attend this meeting. The last is an ad hoc on ombudsman office on Friday at 2 p.m. Zawoysky will also go to this meeting. Zamora: Nothing to report. Lung: Scholarships were discussed at ASBC. Jarquin: She is working on creating a project for BMUC so they can do something in the BMU so that they can utilize their time on the committee. If anyone from the committee has any ideas, specifically with the Wildcat Leadership Center, let Jarquin know. Space guidelines will be discussed next. During regular school week, she would like to meet sometime with Lung, Silver, and Johnston for a possible banquet for everyone’s committees. Johnston: Friday at LAC the council voted to have a semester project on “It’s on Us” which is a sexual assault prevention campaign. Wood: Thank you to everyone on the committee for attending the FLO panel. She will be having an elections presentation at 3:30 pm. Silver: Tomorrow SFAC will vote to fund AS Recycling for a new forklift. The committee usually focuses on student projects, but there was an SFAC approved proposal for a cardboard bailer with a need for a forklift to move the bailers. The forklift has been malfunctioning and is very unsafe. The proposal will be at around $17,000. Bednarski: She will discuss the planned UPD event at the next GAC meeting.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater: She wanted to ensure that Good Morning with GAC’s dates and times are working for everyone. Other students cannot check out laptops. Krater wanted to emphasize her role is to support everyone so be sure to update her on what you are working on.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – The first buddy list has been created and will be emailed out.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pratt said that tomorrow at 8 a.m. the provost will talk about the academic plan draft. Krater said that tomorrow is the day to wear pink in solidarity of anti-bullying. There will be a group photo in front of Kendall Hall.
XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.