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

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

2 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jeffery Zawoysky, Michael Pratt, Kassandra Bednarski, Jordan Walsh, Anita Zamora

MEMBERS ABSENT- Taylor Herren (excused), Darion Johnston (excused), Courtney Silver (excused), Susan Anderson, CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Nicole Lung, Shar Krater, Riley Wood, Jon Slaughter, Ewan McCloy (recording), Ethan Dilley, Josh Franco, Mary Steves

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Zawoysky, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. AGENDA – Bednarski amended the agenda to add Discussion Item E – UPD Potential Chief of Police Candidates. Zamora amended the agenda to remove Action Item A because they will not be seeking funding from EFAC any longer. Zamora also wanted to amend Action Item B’s total cost from $3,966.23 to $3,399.23. Motion to approve the amended 3/3/15 regular meeting agenda (Pratt/Bednarski) 4-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/24/15 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/24/15 regular meeting (Zamora/Bednarski) 4-0-0 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. The organization did not seek funding from EFAC and this item was removed from the agenda.

B. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $3,399.23 for the NSSLHA Spring Conference hosted by the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association on April 25, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Colusa Hall. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $3,399.23 for the NSSLHA Spring Conference hosted by the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association on April 25, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Colusa Hall, as presented (Zamora/Walsh), Zamora explained that NSSLHA’s event is a yearly conference for speech, language, and hearing. They will have a focus on dyslexia for this conference. The organization is going to bring awareness for these types of disabilities to help students gain more confidence to seek help for their disabilities. 4-0-0 MSC.

C. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $329.50 for the Women’s Symposium event hosted by Sigma Omega Phi on March 25, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in BMU 203. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $329.50 for the Women’s Symposium event hosted by Sigma Omega Phi on March 25, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in BMU 203, as presented (Zamora/Bednarski), Zamora explained that this event is about empowering women and bring awareness to the issues that women face. The organization wants to make this an annual event. Zamora appreciated that the amount that Sigma Omega Phi requested was equal to the amount of money that they received from their own separate fundraising. 4-0-0 MSC.

D. Information Item: 1/31/15 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – Zamora said that this budget represents the seven months for the fiscal year in spending and earning money. The benchmark for this budget is 58.33%, so ideally revenues would be above or equal to this number and expenses would be below or equal to this number. We are still waiting on the income in certain areas of the budget, so expenses might currently look high. All the income in the breakdown is above the benchmark which is good. AFFA, which is a part of the financial aid that our sector receives, is the only income below the benchmark, but this will level out when we receive the remainder of the funding at the end of the spring term. Contract program services, the operations of the activity fee, government affairs operations, and campus programs are all close to or below...
the benchmark. Community programs are the only expense that is above the benchmark, which is solely because of the very low percentage of received income. If the income were taken out of community programs then the number would be closer to the benchmark, so this is still looking fine. Walsh will present next month’s activity fee fund.

E. Information Item: UPD Potential Chief of Police Candidates – Bednarski said that she and Zawoysky met with Chief Hearne last Wednesday and talked about Campus Connection. This conversation will be discussed at next week’s GAC meeting when there are more committee members in attendance. The two said that they want to have a presence from GAC and other students at the open forums for the next chief of police. Bednarski and Zawoysky will facilitate these forums with the potential chief of police candidates and asked the committee for question suggestions now, knowing that not all the committee members will be able to attend the forums. One forum will be open to all students to attend and the other will be just for GAC. Lung asked if the same people will be at all the forums and Bednarski said that there will be different candidates at both. The forums will be Friday, March 6th from 1:15 – 1:45 p.m. for the GAC-only panel and Friday, March 6th from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. for all students to attend. Zawoysky asked if the committee had any outright questions and if not then send them to himself or Bednarski in an email. Walsh suggested asking something about race related issues and how the candidates would handle diversity. Zamora suggested asking what the candidates would try to incorporate in their training to combat natural biases we all have. Zamora suggested asking about their knowledge on Campus Connections. Lung suggested prompting this question for an open discussion rather than just one person answering the question. Bednarski asked the committee to invite their council members to these forums and will potentially pitch the forum to FLO students.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Pratt: He and other delegates attended CHESS, the California Higher Education Student Summit, this past weekend in order to conduct legislative advocacy visits. The delegates met with government officials and one official they met, Gallagher, will be on campus on Wednesday and they will meet with him. He will be discussing the fiscal state of California in Selvester’s Café and the time is currently TBA, so it will be sent out to the committee. Pratt thanked Bednarski and Zawoysky for sitting on the committees that he was unable to attend while he was at CHESS. The student academic experience plan is currently in the works from the senators to see how students have felt about their academic experience as a whole. The senators want more senior-level students to be involved with this. Pratt will be travelling with some people to go to different campuses around the state to look at ombuds programs. Bednarski: Site lead applications for Cats in the Community are at the front desk. They are due Monday, March 9 at 5 pm. Bednarski explained that she was a part of a safety app demonstration for an app called Rave Guardian. It can be customized depending on the school and people can submit anonymous concerns or let people know if you do not feel safe. A guardian can watch you if you are walking home to get you home safe. There are many other good features in the app. Bednarski is looking at other safety apps such as 911-Cellular. Some CSUs and non-California schools have already implemented Rave Guardian at their campuses. Lung asked who the guardians for the app are and Bednarski explained that the user designates who will be the guardians. She is also working on getting attendees for the alcohol, tobacco, and drug conference that is coming up soon. Zamora: Nothing to report. Lung: She has been speaking with George Rankin regarding student organization discounts that can hopefully be implemented in the fall semester. Steves: FLO has a general meeting on Wednesday regarding the FLO BBQ and helping out with elections when needed. iLead was a great experience and Steves encourages everyone to go and encourage others to go to this event in future. She is also working on transitioning for when she will no longer be the FLO Coordinator. Walsh: She is working on International Festival. Holi, which was funded recently by DAC, is this Saturday. Wood: She is continuing working on elections. Good Morning with GAC will take place again next Monday, March 9 from 9 – 11 a.m. The theme and discussion points for that week will be Cats in the Community, elections, and a motto for the Wildcat Leadership Center. Wood also confirmed that having the next Good Morning with GAC on Monday, March 23 would still be a viable date, as it is the day after spring break.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater: She and Slaughter went to CHESS on Sunday with the delegates for the Advisor Summit portion of the event. Krater continues to be impressed with Chico and our reputation at events. Slaughter: He is currently working on budgets and waiting on financial services to send him a packet. This will then kick off sessions to explain what next year’s budget will be. This Friday is the deadline for the program arêtes, that Slaughter will then look over during and after spring break.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Zawoysky reported that face-wall photos will be happening in BMU 220J on Sunday, March 8 and the committee will be staffing that day to make sure everyone knows where to go. He asked the committee to sign up for an hour or two. The time frame of the photos will be from 12 – 9 pm. You get your picture taken if you sign up as well. It will be on the wall on the new Taylor Hall. Zawoysky will pass around the final listing of office hours to make sure they are correct. He is still working on getting everyone together for BLDBGs. Buddies are coming soon as well.
XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Lung said that the Wildcat Leadership Institute is having another interactive workshop facilitated by Austin Huddleson on Thursday at 7 p.m. She also said that the Wildcat Bookstore is having Grad Fest today and tomorrow between 10 am. – 5 pm. You can rent cap and gowns online until the 21st. Lung also said that Megan Odom and the Career Center will be having a professional etiquette dinner in the BMU on Wednesday, March 25 at 6 p.m. and tickets are $10. Bednarski will be working on the safety fund and where it will go with a move towards a potential scholarship for Marc Thompson and a focus on diversity which is an important part of safety. Krater said today is National Pancake Day.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.