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

Tuesday, April 21, 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-

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

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Zawoysky, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 4/21/15 regular meeting agenda (Bednarski/Walsh) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meetings of 4/7/15 and 4/14/15. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/7/15 and 4/14/15, as presented (Silver/Zamora). 6-0-1 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: SCOOP – Silver explained that SCOOP gives out an award every year on Earth Day for the different groups and offices on campus. They worked with the GAC office this semester. This is a three-tier award and the awardees receive a nice plaque. This year, the GAC office is a tier-three award recipient. One requirement for the office receiving the award if having Silver talk at a meeting with everyone in the office on sustainable practices. To ensure the office being a tier-three there will be an increased focus on paper recycling. There is a green box for pens and pencils that AS Recycling will use to find a way to utilize these pens and pencils rather than throwing them away. There is also a box to change paper that hasn’t been used on one side into scrap paper. Silver wants to get everyone to try to use double-sided printing. She wanted to see if it’s possible to make the double-sided printing the default for the computers. Silver also had a suggestion of not printing all the agendas for meetings unless people specifically ask for them. This can be practiced at GAC first. Herren said that for transitions it is important to change the culture of the new officers reading agendas prior to meeting rather than relying on printed agendas in meetings. Silver wanted to change the lights in the office so that the rarely-used rooms can be off when not in use. She also suggested having a person from our side of the office when we are done at 7 p.m. rather than waiting for SLL to turn the lights off. Jarquin said there could be an issue of SLL looking closed if our side of the office is dark. Silver wanted to look into natural lighting in early hours. Bednarski said she turned the lights off at one time at 3 p.m. and the natural light was sufficient. Silver said tomorrow at 1:15 p.m. SCOOP will be awarding us at the Earth Day event. It will be in Trinity Commons. If some people from the committee could be present to accept the award this would be good. Krater also said that there will be an office for batteries to recycle them. All these recycle boxes will be by the printer.

B. Action Item: Approval of the Activity Fee Fund Budget, including Activity Fee Administration, Capital Expenditures, Government Affairs Office and Elections Budget, estimated results 2014-15 and proposed budget 2015-16 – Slaughter brought a spreadsheet of the budget for updating reserves. He clarified that this motion will cover the approval of the new budget for next year as well as the revised budget from this year. For income sources, it is based on the estimated enrollment number. University service fees are based on copyright fees, indirect costs to the Research Foundation to administer our own grants, and the custodial fee paid to the VP Business and Finance. Contract programs cover CCLC, Financial Aid component expenses, the Student Shuttle Program based on alternate transportation, and the additional 60% increase for the Student Shuttle Program discussed last meeting and with the appropriate ad hoc committee. Corporate services are all set at the Board level. Activity fee operational costs cover corporate service charges to be able to operate as an activity fee. In this level activity fee administration is the assessment cost as well as other positions, even if the positions are vacant and not planned to be hired. Government affairs fees cover office administration, officer budgets, election budgets, and FLO. Funding allocations cover EFAC and DAC.
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increasing to $40,000, revenue sharing, and traditional programming for events like time capsule and Cats in
the community. Slaughter explained that money not used in the activity fee area will go to the bottom line. Staff
managed AF programs include CAVE and the CDL. Student run activity fee programs include GSEC, CLIC,
and KCSC. Carter clarified in the student run programs that this is including salaries and Slaughter
explained that allocation of funds happens first and then they make the best of the amount that they received.
The new unallocated balance is $74,654 because of the increase in the Student Shuttle program and
increase in revenue sharing. Herren explained that the ad hoc committee met today in discussing
compensating senators for $5,000, which breaks down to $3,500 for programming for senators and $1,500 for
the director to do training. The next item the committee discussed was student-run programs and we hadn’t
looked at staff-managed programs because they have been hit the hardest in regards to reduced funding and
have the highest amount of growth. There will be an applied 10% increase in KCSC and CLIC and the
committee was in agreement with doing so. In looking at GSEC they have a short-term need for programming
and the committee had concern on a programmatic level and that there needs to be more direct support staff
and they would need more than a 10% increase. The conversation started with the student academic senate
and Slaughter asked the committee to what level we can compensate senators. There are some issues with
HR and labor laws on having increased non-hourly wages. Slaughter said that compensation would start the
next cycle rather than with the newly elected senators, but also said that there are other ways of
compensation for the newly elected senators such as units or priority registration. Zawoysky said that it is
necessary to have senator training and he is unsure if $1,500 is necessary for this training if senators are able
to attend GAC trainings. Johnston had some concern with having the senators look at GAC-specific training
sessions that would not be relevant for senators, such as discussions that come up regarding the budget.
Jarquin also emphasized having the Director of University Affairs being in charge of training so that senators
know their person to go to. Carter emphasized having senators well-prepared to make the positions have
significance, so finding out what specifically the training is. Zawoysky said he doesn’t want money to just be
stagnant and go nowhere and this is why he would have preference of moving this money to a different area.
Herren believes that this should be $1,500 for the importance of their own training. Zamora asked Pratt what
this training would look like. Pratt explained it wouldn’t all be for just training but it would cover a multitude of
conferences and current practices. Slaughter said that the first expenditure will be very important in setting
the precedent of future funding. Sustainability and other funding sources will be important discussions as well,
so the allocation would be well thought out and well-spent. There was an example given of trainings that
senators can use being a diversity training workshop with a college that has issues with diversity. Moving
away from the topic of senator compensation, Bednarski suggested lowering the amount of the EFAC and
DAC allocation to $35,000 from $40,000. Pratt was saying that with CFAC, IRA, and the senate outreach is
allowing for a huge amount of outreach about funding opportunities through EFAC and DAC which could
actually allow for an increase. Walsh suggested focusing on having a portion of the funding go to either
outreach or funding workshops. Slaughter also reminded people receiving funding for the beginning of the
semester receiving funding at the end of the previous semester. Bednarski said the process of going through
EFAC and DAC being very in-depth is her concern and why organizations don’t want to go through this
process. Pratt was wondering where a better area of this decreased amount would go. Herren said that the
committee needs to postpone this budget and put it on the agenda amendment style so that there are no
cyclical conversations. Silver suggested that if there are further ad hoc committees then there should be dollar
figures of suggestions rather than broad suggestions. Slaughter reminded the committee that discussions on
compensation will not be implemented next year. **Motion to table the action item until Thursday, April 23rd
at 7:30 a.m. (Herren/Johnston). 7-0-0 MSC.**

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Reports were skipped for the sake of time.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Reports were skipped for the sake of time.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Reports were skipped for the sake of time.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.