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

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 8 a.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Vu Nguyen, Michael Pratt, Nick Howell, Deanna Jarquin, Oliver Montalbano, Aaron Thao, Jerad Prevost, Jake Jacobs, Susan Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT- CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Matt Zaleski, Shar Krater, Jamie Clyde, Jon Slaughter

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/1/15 revised meeting agenda to include item B. Council and Committee selection process update (Jacobs/Howell) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 8/25/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 8/25/15, as presented (Jacobs/Howell). 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Can we correct Jerads name on the roll call sheet? Jarquin asked everyone about events happening this week for WWW. Officers ran through the list of events including a Local Job Fair, Hypnotist, Double Feature movie, Pancake Breakfast, Choose to Cruise, Bidwell Bash, Cirque du UV, Wildcats Can. Howell on behalf of Pi Sigma Alpha invited everyone to attend a luncheon with an Irvine Law professor on September 16, 2015 for Constitution Day in BMU 304.

A. Business item. Raffle – How are the task forces doing? Mathew Ceniceros-Rodriguez is going out to do follow ups for prizes. Jarquin requested that Nguyen talk about the approval process to drive during his report. Pratt – We plan to do White Board blasts and place A-frames. Bookmarks are in and the 400 students in POLS 155 will get them. Jarquin – no more tabling – walk around in the can suit instead. Thao – hard to get volunteers to go on the website. Volunteers would be walking around in the can suit. Jacob suggested that we reach out to CAVE. Nguyen asked who the leads are that are signed up for events and what are their responsibilities? There are three events and Jarquin will place a program outline in officers’ in-box. The Midnight Pancake Breakfast is on Friday from 10pm -2am in the BMU auditorium. Set-up starts at 8pm. Leads – Prevost, Zaleski, Jacobs, Erica Moran and maybe Montalbano. Games in the auditorium will be set up with instructions at each station. Games include Giant Jenga, Connect Four, and photo booth. Will have 500 – 600 pancakes. AS Productions will be there and CADEC will be there giving out water. Montalbano arrived at 8:15. Vendor contact for the DJ will be Jacobs. Mathew Ceniceros-Rodriguez in charge of decorations. Moran in charge of social Media and act as runner. Prevost will be gamekeeper during the event. Photography will be assigned to Ceniceros-Rodriguez. Four people with roles will stay until 2am. Food stops at 1:30am or whenever we run out of food. Sunday is Bidwell Bash BBQ. Meet in the office. Set-up starts at 8am and we have food for 1,000. They will be using the maintenance truck to get the supplies to the park. There will be lawn games from 11am – 3pm. Water balloon toss, ice block, 3-legged race, ice block game, sorting & recycling game, egg and spoon race, etc. Set-up roles: Zaleski, Pratt and 2 senators. Senators TBD will be in charge of decorations. Vendor contact for the day is Michael (The Bear and port-a-potties). Zaleski in charge of Game organization. Last minute social media. During the event – Pratt is vendor contact. Game keeper during the event is Zaleski. Oliver – Ice block melt. Zaleski – Water balloon toss. Pratt – Tarp puzzles. Nguyen – egg and spoon race. Jacobs – sorting & recycling game. On Monday, September 7th is Wildcats Can and we have catered food for 100. Set-up starts at 10am and goes until noon. Set-up for pizza, can counting and last minute social media. Howell is in charge of food set-up. Nguyen will do social media and photography. Howell – pass out food. Senators TBD are in charge of can counting and music. Nguyen asks how many cans we have. Jarquin will ask Mary Wallmark to count. We think we have 1,000 cans plus we have cash donations. The goal is 4,000. Discussed sustainable funding for the pantry.

B. Council and committee process update. Nguyen asked how many AS seats are available? Jacobs said 68. We only have 26 applicants right now. How can we improve? Jacobs suggested we go to Deans and have them recommend people. Pratt said POLS 155 could possibly offer extra credit. Thao recommended class talks in your classes and announce it in Model UN. Slaughter reminded everyone that any credit bearing opportunity would need to have the instructor of record and we would need to talk about the required hours. Pratt – public sphere pedagogy – looking for credit opportunities. Jacobs – CLIC is a good place. Jarquin – have we made headway in finding the contacts from last year? Prevost – minutes were approved. Montalbano – talk to your Deans. Pratt –
we have a list of people because they were approved at GAC. Can we extend the deadline? We are trying to get on the next BOD agenda. Thao has reached out to DAC from last year and is willing to do class talks. Not sure we can do it in campus wide e-mail. Jacobs will table. Jarquin can table at 11am. Prevost – can spread the word through Housing. Slaughter stated that you must have a quorum of your committee seated and approved through GAC and BOD before you can do business. Howell asked if we can approve a quorum and then add new people. Yes. Everyone who has a class today please give a class talk. Jacobs, Thao and Jarquin tabling today. Nguyen asked that everyone send him 5 names and e-mails for each council and he will send them an e-mail.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Received all SIRF materials so he will do class talks and talk to FSA, POLS 155, History 130 and communications class. Reached out to Veterans Affairs and the fee are not covered under their financial aid. He will talk to the Student Veterans Organization on Friday. Jarquin asked Howell if we have talked to other campuses about the issue with the fee and the impact to veterans. Howell has e-mailed Miles Nevin and Taylor Herren. Jacobs: Asked three people to join his council and he has done class talks. Prevost: Had someone from last year’s EFAC reach out and started a group text. Talking with David Buckley and Matt Wente to distribute the 2017 t-shirts. Zaleski: ASBC and BMUC applicants should be approved by tomorrow morning. Charlie Curtis already knows who he has chosen. Zaleski will review recipients next week for textbook scholarship recipients. Gary Arthur is coming for the dining director interviews this week. Meeting with catering to talk about to-go boxes. Jarquin: Pratt and she met with people to talk about shared governance. Went to the Emergency Action Council with Pratt and attended Town and Gown with Montalbano. Talking about the Strategic Plan at the Board of Directors. Will review this and send out to the standing committees to discuss how we are implementing this. Montalbano and she talked with Farzad Azad about donations for the Wildcat food pantry. Sent out a doodle regarding the presidential search and shared governance forum. Would like to advertise it so that students will be interested in attending. Go to the Office Diversity webpage to see when the welcome receptions are happening. Good way to connect with people on campus. Talked with Dan Herbert about internship program. Thao: DAC is going well and he is super stoked. Multicultural collaboration is October 1st – 3rd – talked to Ann Schulte. CC is able to sponsor 5 students to go to the conference. Diversity, equity and democracy in education. Sergio Garcia will be a speaker as well as the Dean of Education for UC SF. October 2nd – 4th is Diversity Summit. Jarquin will be a facilitator. Prevost confirmed it was a great experience. Talk to the CCLC if you need a scholarship. Montalbano: Addressed the fact that he was late. Would like to create an incentive to break this habit. Town and Gown talked about public and student safety. Was happy with how the first week went. The city helped him to obtain a goal with more lighting and replaced lights with sustainable LED lights. Met with Chief Feeney and feels that he genuinely cares about student safety – want to create a public safety forum. Create a monthly community police meeting with the students and UPD. Pratt: E-mail sent out about university committee obligations. Will need a follow up with attached memorandum, there are 30 committees but it is hard to find the designated chair. Everyone has a university committee to sit on other than Prevost. Student Academic Senate met last night. 9 motions were made with 28 speakers. Invited someone from the Veterans Organizations to attend as a liaison. Last week, we updated GAC about the provost situation. Eirod declined the position. Presidents’ search is starting in October and the provost search is being pushed back. BOT indicated that we might have a president by January.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: Sunday, October 18th 10- noon will be the AS Alumni Reunion. Alumni Association will host current officers and it will be a $10 charge for alumni. Can current officers reach out and contact the previous officers from the last five years? Krater indicated that the GAC front desk has the list of officer names. The brunch will be in BMU 203. Would like feedback for programming for this event along with a planned tour of the WLC.

X. Slaughter: BE Chico was this past Saturday. There were 300 participants last year and 100 this year. Activity Fee an organic cotton resolution. Any t-shirts must be organic cotton as of 2000. Bring it to GAC for further discussion to move it to policy or make changes. Sustainability Coordinator recruitment.

XI. Krater: Nothing to report

XII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said that Starting Point link evaluation is due. Thang Ho reached out regarding AS website. Ho and Kristina Hamilton are hoping for us to review the site and give feedback. Nguyen will send out the link after the meeting. Started one-on-ones with officers. If anyone is feeling uneasy about anything please come to him. Goals – Labor Day and Council and Committee applications. Next week, the agenda will be full. Appointments will be chosen by the group in the office Wednesday night.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Nielsen’s office is sending a representative. Will be biking to the office. Could he use the AS Honda? Yes – connect with Karen. Slaughter – AS overview of the DMV process. DMV check, insurance and registration with parents included. Honda can never spend the night at someone’s house. Risk Management is very important. See Shar if you need to be approved to drive. Jacobs – not interested in driving. Putting things on the agenda. Oliver will be walking around the FSA houses to drop off boxes.
XIV. PUBLIC OPINION – None

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.