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

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

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 – Shar Krater, Jamie Clyde, Jon Slaughter

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/8/15 regular meeting agenda (Montalbano/Jacobs) Howell asked that we have a time certain adjournment at 8:55am. 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 9/1/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 9/1/15, as presented (Prevost/Jacobs), 7-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Jarquin is sending around Thank You cards for those that helped us put on the Labor Day weekend events.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda
All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are enacted by one motion without discussion. A member of the committee who desires a separate discussion of any item may pull that item from the Consent Agenda.

2015-16 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments:

Confirmation of Government Affairs Committee Appointment to Associated Students Businesses Committee: Brent Adams

Confirmation of Government Affairs Committee Appointment to Bell Memorial Union Committee: Anna Paladin

B. Information Item: GAC Officer Buddy Dates – Nguyen explained that Buddy Dates are a way for everyone to get to know each other better. A buddy will be assigned and the goal is to make time to hang out outside of the office. Theme for this month is service for the buddy dates and challenges.

C. Information Item: Wildcat Way Weekend Debrief – Jacobs stated that the pancake breakfast was really successful with over 700 students. Jarquin is giving event critique forms out to everyone and asked that everyone turn them in by the end of the day. Over 2,000 cans were donated for the Wildcat Can! Event. Montalbano asked why the pancakes were so expensive and asked if we can look into a less expensive option. Nguyen loved the pancake feed but didn’t see many officers at events where they weren’t required to be there. Please share all events on social media so we can be more effective. Howell believes that the Can counting event should be held on a school day. Howell and Nguyen gave out all of the purchased pizza to the freshman in the dorms.

D. Discussion Item: GAC Officer/AS Program Liaisons – Checkpoint is on October 19th. Officers and Senators will need to double up as there are more people than there are programs. Thao will partner with GSEC. Pratt will partner with CLIC. Jacobs will partner with Sustainability. Prevost will partner with AS Productions. Howell will partner with CAVE. Nguyen will partner with FLO. Zaleski will partner with Child Development Lab. Montalbano will partner with KCSC. Pratt will assign the senators. Discussion was held about the
expectations for the partners. Thao has been working with GSEC and meeting with Taylor Holmes. Working to co-lead the ice breaker for the LGBTQ Welcome Reception on 9/9/15. Nguyen asked if we can define an objective for the liaison program. Howell said that is should be to connect with programs and show our support. Jacobs would like to collaborate with the groups and see how we can help. Prevost asked for clarification. Is it attending events or sitting on councils? Slaughter will send out the Arête questions from last year to give the officers some prompts. Nguyen asked that before Checkpoint each officer/senator will meet with their program.

E. Discussion Item: Shared Governance/Presidential Search Open Forum – Jarquin asked if we want to hold a forum to get feedback. Jacobs asked how many students would show up and wanted to make sure we have an effective way to get feedback. Howell wants to make sure that the advertising is good to get the word out to students. Thao mentioned the forum idea to some friends and thinks that students would be interested. Pratt believes that using the student academic senators would be effective to share information. Montalbano plans to host a safety forum. Discussion was held regarding outreach to students. Slaughter wants to know what the purpose of the forum would be. Is it educational or to get feedback? Can we do a ‘Good Morning with GAC’ surrounding the topic? Montalbano thinks that two forums could be a little much. Safety forum is planned for the middle of October.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Will be attending CSSA in San Bernardino where they will elect committees for CHESS and Ad Hoc groups. There have been seven meetings and officers are welcome to look at the agendas – these are normally posted on-line but are not available on the website this month. Nguyen asked how SIRF is going. E-mails went out to groups and September 18th is the last day to opt out. Slaughter asked about what other campus are doing. Monterey Bay had an anti-SIRF group. Jacobs: SFAC type meeting will be held prior to the council members being confirmed and he attended the pancake feed. Prevost: Looking to solidify the council names. Zaleski: The first ASBC meeting will be on the 14th. An e-mail about textbook scholarships will go out. Discussion about incident in the Dining Hall. Direct questions to Jarquin or Zaleski. There are five individual textbook scholarships. Jarquin: Asked that officers keep going to welcome receptions to connect with students. Diversity Summit applications are due. Will continue conversations about a Town and Gown summit. 2100 cans were donated. Will talk to Drew Calandrella about sustainable funding for the food pantry. Thao: No Report Montalbano: Helped internally with Labor Day events and finished the Greek Can competition. Still setting up the Community Affairs Council. Starting to speak to representatives from other campus orgs about taxi service and how they deal with risk management. Police student advisory board conversation is on-going and he is looking to schedule dates for ride a-longs with UPD and Chico PD. Pratt: Senate allocated their budget that had been approved by GAC. Shared Governance committee met last night. There are 70 student positions need to be coordinated to fill spots on the University side. 20 people are needed in the next two weeks. Pratt sits on FASP and Jarquin sits on EPAP committee. Justin Peterson will also sit on FASP but the other three seats need to be filled. The shared governance resolution was passed and we are looking at developing an EM for those recommendations. We unofficially added a veteran’s liaison because of the SIRF fee and the impact that the fee has to them. Most students do not have an issue with the SIRF fee.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: No report Slaughter: Opened the student positions for the Wildcat Leadership Institute. Krater: Reviewing applications for Minute Taker position. Scheduling interviews Special Project Assistant and applications are out for Front Desk position.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said he is working on the officer liaison program. Looking at Outreach based upon issues we have had. Check point is coming up. We are also renaming the student advisory panel.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – Jamie Clyde asked about Outreach and Starting Point. She has been working with other areas. We are missing an opportunity to connect with operations instead of just programs. Mentioned Recycling, CDL, WREC, etc. and believes that they would benefit from and appreciate the connection. Clyde is currently working with Dining Services in the absence of a director.

XIII. OPINION –

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 8:56 a.m.