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

Tuesday, September 22, 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, CC Carter.

MEMBERS ABSENT - None

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Jamie Clyde, Jon Slaughter, Lea Youngkamp

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/23/15 regular meeting agenda (Howell/Prevost) 7-0-0 MSC. Jarquin amended the agenda to include discussion of Wildcat Leadership Center mission and vision.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meetings of 9/8/15 and 9/15/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of 9/8/15 and 9/23/15, as presented (Jacobs/Howell). 7-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Shar introduced Lea Youngkamp as the new Minute Taker/Program Assistant. Jarquin reminded everyone that there will be an ASP movie on September 24th and CCLC is doing Hip Hop Lounge soon.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Associated Students’ Halloween Programming – Nguyen said we are doing ‘Night of the Living Pancake’. He is meeting with Mary Cox and Deborah Lemmo. Denise Crosswhite recommended a surprise to advertise the events. The Thursday before Halloween is ‘Bobo Bingo’. Friday will be ‘Haunted Hub’. Jarquin asked if we can help them by decorating a room. Jacobs asked if we can assist CADEC with water bottles. Carter commended the group on their planning for alternative programming as the work is significant and recognized. Finney recommended a Fright Night to show scary movies. Prevost recommended that we look at the BMU for a trick or treating maze in conjunction with Haunted Hub. BM-Boo week was suggested by Howell. Jarquin talked with DCBA regarding Treat Street. Chris Constantine from the city spoke with her about helping out with the event. Nguyen asked how everyone felt about a Jimmy Fallon night and will bring ideas back next week.

B. Discussion Item: Wildcat Store Textbook Scholarship Allocation/Lending Library – Zaleski discussed that we have $29,000 in textbook scholarships to give out. Lending library is posing a challenge. Some money could be given to each of the 7 senators to pass out scholarships to students within their colleges. Prevost said that students could do an essay promoting their college. Carter shared concerns about giving the money to the senators as Freshman do not necessarily connect with a college yet and are sometimes the ones who need to money the most. Zaleski said that at least half of the funding will go to on campus organizations and programs. Recognized student organizations will be considered to receive funding. Carter asked about the Lending Library and how this would negatively impact Follett. Do we have the numbers? Clyde clarified that Follett is the one who provided the scholarship money to us. The library would impact sales and also buying back used textbooks. Curtis asked if there was a way that so much money would go towards freshman or undeclared majors. Howell asked if we can work with RA’s in the dorms so that we are working with freshman. Montalbano asked if we can give them to community councils. Prevost said that a lot of freshman do not live in the dorms and may be in the most need of a scholarship. Slaughter asked if it was cash – it is a credit on your Wildcat ID card. Jarquin clarified that these are scholarships but it’s also a way to bring students into the store. Prevost asked what the primary goal is. Zaleski said that the main intention is to bring people into the store. Thao said that we could do an application. Jacobs supported the idea of a video or written response. Howell said that the OrgSync process does not reach a broader base of students. Curtis does not want to create a barrier by creating a large process for the applicants to go through. Slaughter asked that we keep in mind the sensitivities of those in need of financial assistance. Zaleski will send an e-mail out
to all campus organizations for responses. Will work with the senators and go over the ideas from today. Slaughter recommended the pool of students for the First Year Experience.

C. Discussion Item: Officer Outreach/Caffeine and Conversations with GAC – Talked about changing the name of Good Morning with GAC. Kristina Hamilton and Nguyen will meet to talk about branding. This is to reach out to students as the elected officers. Carter suggested that we don’t talk about campus wide issues but instead talk about current topics. Jarquin said that most students do not know what GAC is. This year’s topics will be more intentional with a couch and canopy. We are trying to have it next week. Krater reminded them to keep in mind the 7 -10 day lead time for catering. It will be sent out on a doodle poll to pick the time.

D. Discussion item: Wildcat Leadership Center mission and vision – Jarquin worked on this last year and is working with Hamilton on the placement of the graphic for the cattle chute. Everyone liked the graphic. Discussion was held regarding the addition of values to this. The graphic looks better on the wall as it is bigger and easier to read. Some of the group liked a more streamlined message with less font changes. The plus sign is confusing to some people. Jarquin will connect with Hamilton to finalize the layout.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Happy National voter registration. There will be tabling in the gauntlet to register voters from 10am – 2pm if anyone wants to help. Jacobs: Meeting with Jesus Torres regarding recycling. He will be meeting with Denise and Fletcher about housing and sustainability. Prevost: EFAC is finalizing their numbers. Please share tips and tricks for advertising funding opportunity. The money suit is in to help advertise and we will be working on a video. Zaleski: The Real Food Campus Commitment will be voted on at ASBC on Monday. Discussion was held regarding the administrative costs. Discussion was held about the text books. There is an open forum at 5:30pm tomorrow at the UHUB to talk about the Dining Hall. Jarquin: The Chancellors office released a document on sustainable financial model task force. Jarquin has a print out if anyone wants to read it. She attended the audit committee chaired by Lori Hoffman, went to a meeting regarding surveillance cameras by a bike path near Nord. The campus welcomed Alex Brown as the new Safe Place staff member. BOD will continue to have conversations about the strategic plan. No black faculty member hired in the last 3 years out of the 47 new faculties that have been hired this year. November 4th – student and community safety summit will be held. We will be talking about campus climate at the next meeting. We need to start talking about the NHC compensation for AS officers. Slaughter brought up the minimum wage increase and how this may impact the outcome. Slaughter will facilitate the meetings. Howell, Zaleski, Curtis, Pratt, Prevost would like to attend. Please meet with your liaisons for other programs. Thao: Attended the University meeting for UDC taskforce. Talked about diversity for faculty and staff on campus. Retention and recruitment. DAC is looking good. Curtis: BMUC will not meet this week. SFAC will also not meet. Tuesday at 1pm is when BMUC is scheduled to meet.

Montalbano: Had the first (unofficial) CAC meeting yesterday, attended the police advisory board last week and spoke about the ordinance for homeless population issue, met with Carter and Dan Reed and Cal Fresh to discuss the viability of an outreach for students who are eligible. Student Run Taxi Service – spoke with Matt from your Safe Ride Home. There will be a task force and a doodle poll to set up those meetings. Finney: We had 72 FLO applicants and 60 were selected. Wednesday is the Welcome Reception and officers are invited. There will be a chocolate fountain. The FLO Retreat is this weekend and a Transfer Lead Cat is in the works. Pratt: The senate task forces are being created to look at the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty and staff. By the beginning of October the college councils should be up and running. Visited ECC and they had concerns about the AS. We are doing a campus audit of committees.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: The public nuisance ordinance passed. Regulation regarding ghost bikes that are usually stolen. There were 52 people who commented during the public comment section of the meeting. Discussion was held regarding resources for people who have addiction issues. Slaughter: Nothing to report Krater: We have hired the Minute Taker/Program Assist position and are ready to make a decision on hiring more Front Desk staff. We will then review a timeline to recruit for Outreach Coordinator and Project Assistant.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said the focus is on Halloween. Working on Checkpoint and Caffeine and Conversations.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Buddy Dates should be happening. GAC liaisons should be in progress. Shar, Jon and Jamie will be out of town Thursday and Friday. Jarquin said we should be wearing our GAC shirts on Tuesdays.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None
XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Curtis thanked everyone for his ‘welcoming’ desk when he returned. Shout out to Katie and the FLO crew for their work on FLO interviews. Montalbano went to a concert this weekend. Howell is the President of the Water Ski Team and Delta Sigma Phi and he is really proud of his teams. Jarquin will be unreachable this weekend. Howell is in Phi Sigma Alpha. Thao is shocked that we haven’t hired a black faculty member and they are working on looking into the underserved populations. How can we get faculty and staff involved?

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.