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

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

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

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/29/15 regular meeting agenda (Jacobs/Pratt) 7-0-0 MSC

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 9/22/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 9/22/15 as presented (Howell/Thao). 7-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

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 resignation from Bell Memorial Union Committee:
   - Government Affairs Committee appointment: Anna Paladini:

   Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council: (Jarquin/Pratt) 6-1-0
   - Executive Vice President appointments: Kathy Pha and Robert Thammavong
   - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs appointment: Danielle Smart
   - Commissioner of Community Affairs appointment: Joshua Franco

B. Information Item: 8/31/15 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – Slaughter talked about recap of last fiscal year. Reports are now coming in and September report will be representing 1st quarter of this year. Slaughter and Nguyen decided to wait until quarter numbers are in to go into more depth about this. 17% of the fiscal year has already gone by and income is doing well at 44%, which represents activity fees coming from the university. Total expenses are 11.34 which are well within the 17% benchmark, so expenses are going well for first 2 months of the year. Nguyen will be guest presenter on this topic at a later date.

C. Information Item: 6/30/15 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter explains snapshot of last year’s activity in Capital expenditure. This refers to when you are purchasing equipment that can depreciate over a number of years. The year is primarily started off with $25,000. Throughout the year we try to keep expenditures capitalized or keep depreciation low in order to keep budgets in line. In Activity Fee for last year, the purchases made were laptop storage for GAC, a digital camera for KCSC podcasts, and a dishwasher for CDL. Three Dell computers were purchased for GSEC and CAVE got a new shredder. All of these purchases have been expensed in that fiscal year, so there is no depreciation. Capital expenditures meeting will be called soon to discuss new purchases that need to be made.

D. Information Item: Campus Climate – Jarquin explains timeline of climate for last year and this year, as well as information that were forwarded to Academic Senate about the emergency action response team, chancellor’s letter and response. Discussion was held regarding Campus Climate and e-mail sent from
Academic Senate. Strengthening campus shared governance, communication and moral was discussed. Retreat was renamed from Schedule of Retreat on Open Forum to Open Forum on Shared Governance and Campus Climate, which was on August 27th. Open forum, was held with Lori Lamb and Loren Blanchard. Emergency Action Council met Aug 28th with Lamb and Blanchard. A recommendation was made to take action in response to open forum on shared governance and campus climate survey. It was asking to reexamine the academic senate membership to include more staff and students, have campus be more involved with presidential search, have a process for how divisions are organized within university sphere. Action council and academic senate were also instructed to look at bullying to strengthen campus policy against bullying and university as necessary and to review facilities use on campus. Action council & academic senate pledged to work on the previously listed topics and to make them happen. Recommendation was only signed by Jarquin on behalf of Government Affairs. Pratt explained more about the relationship of the academic senate and administration when resolving issues. Jarquin said that emergency action council met and was unsure how to move forward with the best faith in being constructive while still offering some critique. Curtis asked if there had been any actions made by AS that contributed to these recommendations. Jarquin explained that emergency council recommendations were signed by Pratt on behalf of academic senate, and Jarquin signed on behalf of government affairs. Jarquin explained that in a previous GAC meeting there was a conversation about the president appointing the provost and campus climate. Montalbano asked if a checks and balances system is in place for President Zing. Carter explained that the President has ultimate say in appointing members but must follow process while doing so. Carter urges committee to think about how they want to define their relationships and be represented in policies. Jarquin describes how it is fairly telling how little has gone into the thought process in making decisions that affect student needs.

E. Information Item: Wildcat Statue: Tabled conversation for GAC meeting October 6th.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Announced that a LAC meeting will take place next week and they have full quorum. Wednesday leaders across CSU are calling governor to sign bills on his desk. Jacobs: no report. Prevost: Last Saturday EFAC Council Training took place where agenda and activity planning happened. Had a meeting with AS programming to discuss efforts of promotion they need help with. Zaleski: Had to table the action item at ASBC meeting for Monday in 2 weeks. On campus programs got 12 responses to textbook scholarships. Had a meeting with Jarquin on University Budget Committee to draft sustainable model for CSU system. There is a plan to present a model in November. A link to the website will be emailed to all committee members. Jarquin: no report. Thao: Diversity Affairs Council will hold the first meeting Thursday from 2-4 pm. They have four proposals to hear. Curtis: There has been an approval of a special item agenda. BMUC meeting next Tuesday at 1pm. Montalbano: Cameras to be added to bike path by train tracks. First student taxi meeting happened last week and will happen again each Tuesday from 3-4pm. Primary focus of next week is to discuss possible outreach for Cal Fresh to our students and get information about other schools. Will work with Jarquin on setting up safety summit. Finney: Absent. Pratt: Campus Climate survey data is available online to view. The student trustee committee is still working on recommendations and an e-mail with more details will be coming out soon. There are openings in the service learning advisory committee and student evaluation of teaching committee that needs to be filled. Service learning advisory committee meeting will take place today from 12-1:30pm. Campus audit of committees will be complete next Thursday. A review of campus fees will be made, especially health center fees. The Dean of Library search committee starts today. Faculty strike fliers have been posted around CFA. Conversation will be had with CFA to discuss the impact it will have on students. The student senate met last night, and minutes will be posted shortly. Shared Governance Task Force starting from scratch with proposal to crafting policy analysis and proposal.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: no report Slaughter: no report. Krater: Working on Outreach/Election Assistant position job descriptions which should be posted October 12. Two new people have been hired at the front desk. Officers, please update office hours in Outlook for appointments. Working on a new process for work flow to the front desk. The Wildcat Leadership Center is hosting First Friday in the office for Student Affairs staff at 8:30am. Krater, Slaughter and Clyde attended the AOA Student Union meeting in San Diego.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said buddy dates must be completed by 10/6 next meeting. Midnight pancake event is coming up. We will be serving 1800 pancakes and working on getting a caricaturist. FLO will be working together on this event. BLBG’s will be held once a month, and will be held October 23rd and December 3rd in BMU 220. Caffeine and Conversations changed title from Good Mornings with GAC. First event will be held Thursday from 12-2 pm in front of the BMU.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Howell: This Wednesday at 12, students are invited to place a call to governor’s office regarding unsigned bills.
XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XIII. OPINION – None.


XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at/ Recess 8:59 a.m. - Called back to order at 9:02 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.