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

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8 a.m.  BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- Susan Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Lea Youngkamp (recorder), Matt Zaleski, Shar Krater, Jamie Clyde, Katie Finney

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Information Item VII. F. – Presidential Letter by Deanna Jarquin was added to the agenda. Motion to approve the amended agenda of 10/20/15, adding Information Item F. (Montalbano/ Prevost) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 10/13/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/13/15 as presented (Prevost/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 appointments to Activity Fee Capital Expenditure Committee
- Executive Vice President appointment: Michael Billington. Corrected to Mitchell Billington.
- Government Affairs Committee appointment: Jerad Prevost

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item A: Confirmation of appointments to Activity Fee Capital Expenditure Committee (Jacobs/Thao) 7-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $1,245 for Second Symposium of Hispanic Literature and Culture hosted by Expresiones, Literarias, Artisticas Y Culturales de Chico on 11/9/15 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in BMU 203. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $1,245 for Second Symposium of Hispanic Literature and Culture hosted by Expresiones, Literarias, Artisticas Y Culturales de Chico on 11/9/15 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in BMU 203 (Jacobs/Prevost) 7-0-0 MSC.

C. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $1,571 for Latina Youth Conference hosted by Lambda Theta Nu on 11/6/15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $1,571 for Latina Youth Conference hosted by Lambda Theta Nu on 11/6/15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium (Howell/Jarquin)

Motion to approve amending the amount of funding from $1,571 to $1,563. (Thao/Pratt)
The committee then moved to a vote on the motion amended for $1,563. 7-0-0 MSC

D. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $1,599.55 for the English Symposium presented by the English Graduate Student Council on 11/4/15 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the BMU. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $1,599.55 for the English Symposium presented by the English Graduate Student Council on 11/4/15 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the BMU (Howell/Prevost) 7-0-0 MSC.
Explanation was given about this event and its purpose on campus.
Motion to approve amendment the amount of funding from $1,599.55 to $1,060.48 (Thao, Pratt)
The committee then moved to a vote on the motion amended for $1,060.48. 7-0-0 MSC

E. Information Item: University Diversity Council Update by Aaron Thao – Thao led an informational presentation about UDC president appointed body, and desire to include more and diverse representation. CC Carter said that he would support Thao if he would speak with the president about more representatives. In DAC, there are 3 work force groups which use the KPI Key performance indicators, and a new plan is being developed, or improve current plan. AS Student Diversity Action Plan will be developed and implement for a more diverse representation. An annual diversity conference on campus has been discussed, and will take place in the spring. Carter asked group to reflect on leadership, lead by example and be aware of representation internally. (22.28)

F. Information Item: Presidential Letter by Deanna Jarquin- Jarquin said that a letter will be written soon outlining desired qualities, traits, and past careers that would be ideal in presidential candidates. Discussion was held about what members would like to see in the next elected president, such as being open to growth and change. Some main focuses were diversity, accountability and being community oriented. Open communication with student leadership, and visibility are also important traits. A first draft will be authored next week and brought back to discuss.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: A phone conference will take place with Turbo Vote to see how they can contribute to our campus drive. Jacobs: Campus Sustainability Day is tomorrow, Wednesday October 21st, so wear green to support the event. Prevost: Proposal will be coming up on Thursday, so more information will be given next GAC meeting. Zaleski: In the last ASBC meeting, a motion was approved to buy more coffee equipment for Common Grounds. Meeting about catering took place, and the best solution will be working out plan with Sutter dining at beginning of next year because the Marketplace is closed in the evening. Jarquin: Go buy raffle ticket to support child adoption at Christmas time. Gift cards will go to families to help pay for Christmas dinners. University farm event will take place on December 9th. A post on facebook will be made to remind people to vote the wildcat statue. Hungry wildcat pantry working group is ongoing, but more people are welcome. Safety Summit will be November 4th and planning is still taking place. Purpose of dream center is to support undocumented students to get resources for financial aid and social stigmas. Thao: MAC night will take place from 6-9pm on November 12. Thao made personal invitations for the front desk staff members. Curtis: None. Montalbano: Student taxi force is going well and more information will be presented in the first GAC meeting in November. Cal Fresh is going well and there are two main issues to solve in regards to students filling out the form and receiving those funds. Communication between police and students has been an issue, so a feedback meeting will be held monthly on campus to be directed for students. Finney: Mentor applications are due at the end of the month. Finney explained that the mentor shadow program will expand to include a more diverse group of people. Pratt: A meeting with the provost took place, where discussion was held about the diversity action plan and agriculture shuttle. Meet the Administrator Monday will be continued so students can meet them face to face. Faculty strike is getting a lot of press, and Chico is voting for authorization to strike by the end of this week. Next week a better update will be available about CSU strike votes. Student academic senate meeting will be next Monday at 7pm, with CFA if you would like more info.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Slaughter: None. Krater: Applications for Outreach & Elections Assistant are being reviewed, and interviews will be scheduled for later this week. FLO will be giving tours on Chico Preview Day in the Government Affairs office. Carter: Today at 12:00 in BMU 210 an event “Black Lives Matter” will take place, specifically for staff and faculty, but student officers are welcome.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said Halloween weekend will be a main focus for this week. Check point was yesterday, which went very well. Mid-semester check-ins will take place in January or February of next year. Build Bigs Training will take place from 3-5pm, and senators have been invited to attend. Strengths finder’s books will be handed out today, and should be completed by Friday’s meeting.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Montelbano announced that a moonlight safety walk will be taking place by UPD at 6:30 pm to look for broken street lights. Moving Chico forward will discuss a 5 point action plan that the city has provided which will be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – Clyde: handed out recyclable boxed water to sample. ‘Sutter Goes Pink’ event will be October 28th and they are serving breast cancer preventative foods.
XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Howell: Waterski team took 11th place this past weekend. Jacobs: New compost signs have been put up. Nguyen: Committee has 2 weeks left to complete buddy dates, so get in touch with your group and complete those.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.