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

Tuesday, October 27, 2015  8 a.m.  BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- Susan Anderson, CC Carter, Charlie Curtis

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

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

II. AGENDA – Nguyen added Items. VII. C. and D. to the agenda Motion to approve the 10/27/15 agenda with the additional Items VII. C. and D. (Jacobs/Pratt) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 10/20/15/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/20/15 as presented (Prevost/Jacobs) 7-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $3,690 for The New Music Symposium presented by the Student Composers Forum on February 24-26, 2016 in the Performing Arts building. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $3,690 for The New Music Symposium presented by the Student Composers Forum on February 24-26, 2016 in the Performing Arts building (Pratt/Jacobs) 7-0-0 MSC.

B. Information Item: 9/30/15 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience –Nguyen explained the Activity Fee budget to the committee and a breakdown from the past quarter was provided. Total expenses were explained as well as the budgets that pertain to the operational, Government Affairs, campus programs, and community programs budgets. The benchmark for the year is 25%. Student programing directly affects GAC, and is shared with DAC and EFAC. Budget income we received is close to zero, but that will even out gradually. total 19.89 %

C. Information Item: Wildcat Store Renovations Presentation – Zaleski provided packets to the committee outlining the store’s graphic proposal where two plans were presented. More student feedback was requested by ASBC for opinions on these graphic designs. Committee looked through packet and a discussion was held regarding opinions on these graphics for feedback. Jarquin liked the July 30th presentation better, and suggested that they choose fonts which pertain to Chico State, and use less angular designs. Prevost asked if they could change the wording of quenched to refreshed, and use traditional university font. Finney disliked the angles in the designs as well. Nguyen wondered if the pine wood would match with the BMU’s decor already. Zaleski announced that different photos will be added throughout the design. This project is about 6 months away from start and will be completed over winter or summer break.

D. Information Item: Presidential Letter Update – Jarquin structured the letter by laying out some facts about Chico State itself, before discussing each conversation point. Some points that will be discussed within the letter are, being community oriented, compassionate, approachable, and interactive, as well as some call to action points. Discussion was held between members, and what they believe is most important for our future president. Slaughter suggested the word successful be added to the experience of the future president. Prevost suggested that the president should reach out to students by participating in diversity events, and by walking around campus to directly engage with students. Montalbano voiced how beneficial it is for the president to have an open door policy for students and be approachable. Howell said there is a big difference between someone who meets with students, and then who is receptive to students, and make the changes
they need. Prevost suggested that the future president have open office hours for students to voice opinions and concerns. Krater said that the Sacramento State president allows a block of time to meet with students, community and staff to stay in the loop. Jarquin is having a hard time formulating what to discuss in the shared governance section of the letter. AS is the student voice, and it is important for the future president to work with these groups. Jarquin invites everyone to come to her for any more ideas or revisions to the letter.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Has been working on the Legislative Affairs area of AS to create more structure and direction within. Howell reached out to the chair of financial aid advisory committee, and still hasn’t received a response. Jacobs: Sustainability Affairs meeting coming up. Jacobs and Curtis appointed people for SFAC, and were approved in BMUC. He is currently working on a composting area in north campus. Will be doing trash talks to inform students about contaminants, and differentiate between compostable and recyclable. Boxed water will be here by the end of the week which was one of his goals. Prevost: Proposal from the Marxists student organization will be presented in EFAC, so more info will be brought next week after their presentation. The flash mob dance is choreographed and rehearsals will be held soon for those who are interested. Videos will be created to send out so that participants can practice at home. The dance will be performed between 8:30pm and 9pm on Halloween night. Zaleski: ASBC went over the Wildcat Store Proposals. Replacement of Security cameras were discussed, to be placed around the Marketplace and the BMU. The idea of combining Catering and Conference Services was discussed, and might make sense to combine the departments. Jarquin: We are now 6 months through this term, as of last week. Start thinking about how students will start contacting you about your position, and if no one is reaching out, reach out to students who might be interested in the future. We received a grant to use towards finding high impact practices on campus regarding undergraduate research. The process of opening a Dream Center is currently in place, and looking to move through that process. Jarquin reminded members to vote for Wildcat statue location, and to advertise the Safety Summit around campus and to other students. Koffee and Kudos at the presidents’ mansion is this week. Individual meetings with committee members will be coming up soon. Thao: DAC met last week, and LEAD presented follow up presentations, which were very successful. Met with GSEC to find out how DAC can better support them as an organization. They would like to see more of a presence from AS officers at their events and help in promoting these events. Curtis: None. Montalbano: Next week he will be presenting at GAC about the Student Taxi program to get feedback. A Task force meeting will be taking place at 3pm today. Safety Summit will take place November 4th from 4-6. Advisory Board’s first meeting will take place during the 1st week in December. Last week, a safety walk took place, where all blue lights and street lights were assessed on their functionality. Finney: If you need to de-stress, a meditation session will be taking place at 8pm tomorrow. On January 27th from 7pm-9pm, all AS programs are invited to an ice-cream social with new freshman. Shadow program applications will go out tomorrow. Pratt: Gave an update on the faculty strike from CFA, and the progression of the strike. Authorization is still taking place, but the vote to strike will go through. The process of the strike layout is still being decided, but will most likely be a one campus per day for 23 days format. Chico is low priority on the list, so high target areas will be reached first. Students would be notified a month in advance, so preparations can be made. February is around the time that the strike will take place. Nguyen asked how courses and syllabuses will be affected due to the strike. Unions in Chico will be honoring the strike as well. The chair for academic affairs committee is requesting academic journals of student research and writings, to formulate an academic publications list. Send her an email if you have any further information.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: None Slaughter: Wednesday November 4th from 12-1, will be an opportunity through the Wildcat Institute, to host a lunch with Lou Leukins. Four representatives from the Government Affairs office will be selected. Slaughter reminded everyone on BOD that they are not eligible to win prizes while participating in events that we support and fund in AS. Commissioners and Senators should keep in mind the perception of them winning. Bobo Bingo is this Thursday, and Night of the Living Pancake will be on Saturday. Krater: Interviews for the outreach election positions will be rescheduled, and the position is available again online. Reminded everyone to send in schedules for next semester, to help plan for meeting times. The Activity Fee cash handling policy is being reviewed because we don’t have a unified way of handling cash and we are expecting an audit.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said that GAC meetings should remain scheduled for 8am on Tuesdays for the spring semester. Another officers and info event will be taking place this Thursday. Night of the Living Pancake will be taking place Saturday. MAC night will be on November 12th from 6-9pm. This week is national collegiate alcohol awareness week, and is being put on by CADEC. More student staff is needed to help with the event, so reach out to anyone who would be interested. BLBG was canceled on Friday due to unforeseen circumstances. Will look at schedules to find time for another one.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Jacobs announced that Sutter goes pink is tomorrow, so wear pink in the office.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None
XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Prevost thanked council for supporting him during his speech at Chico Preview Day. EFAC will be reinventing an event similar to Clubtacular. Krater thanked those who went to Chico Preview Day. Meditation session with FLO was fascinating and recommends everyone try it.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.