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

Tuesday, November 3, 2015
8 a.m. BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- CC Carter, Jake Jacobs (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Lea Youngkamp (recorder), Shar Krater.

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 11/3/15 regular meeting agenda. Motion to approve agenda with amendment of Action Item A and add Agenda Item F (Thao/Pratt) 5-0-0 MSC

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 10/27/15/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/27/15 as presented (Pratt/Jarquin) 5-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $1,336.05 for the Literary Reading ME Magazine 2016 presented by Phi Sigma Iota on February 9, 2016 in the CCLC at 5 p.m.. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $1,336.05 for the Literary Reading ME Magazine 2016 presented by Phi Sigma Iota on February 9, 2016 in the CCLC (Pratt/Thao). Motion to amend the amount of funding for the Literary Reading ME Magazine 2016 from $1,336.05 to $1,236.05. (Thao/Pratt) 5-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $997.15 for Lessons of the Black Panther Party presented by the Marxist Student Association on 11/20/15 in the BMU. Action Requested: Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $997.15 for Lessons of the Black Panther Party presented by the Marxist Student Association on 11/20/15 in the BMU. It was noted that EFAC did not fund this proposal at its last meeting. Motion to remove action Item B from the agenda (Pratt/Thao) 5-0-0 MSC.

C. Information Item: Strategic Plan – Jarquin explained that the Strategic Plan hadn’t been updated in a while. Seven Long Range Issues were expressed in the plan, followed by steps in place to address these issues. BOD approved these plans last week. Each standing committee must look through each of the goals laid out, and that should drive the budget in the future. Slaughter recommended taking the approved plan to each program area, so that they can independently address what they can do to support it. It will then be brought back to GAC and reevaluate from there. A task force will be created to help with this, and will consist of Nguyen, Montalbano and Pratt along with Slaughter.

D. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book: Event Funding Allocation Council Code – Krater explained that the code wasn’t in line with other codes throughout AS. Each chair goes through the process of electing a vice chair with their council, however, it is up to the commissioner to appoint that position. Next week, this will come back as action item during the GAC meeting.

E. Discussion Item: Student Taxi Service Presentation – Montalbano gave a PowerPoint presentation to outline the proposed student Taxi Service. The purpose is to inform the committee of progress made by the student taxi task force, and to update on its next steps in moving forward. Partnership with this taxi service is to provide rides to students on Friday and Saturday nights, to avoid high risk situations. He showed the crimes on a map of Chico, outlining specific crimes, and where they are targeted. Preliminary survey was given to 100 students on October 21st and October 28th. Majority of students responded positively that they were willing to pay for this service at $6 a semester. A trial period could potentially begin in March of 2016, and run
for 6 weeks, from 8pm-3am within the Chico city limits. Unlimited rides would be available for students on the weekends, to see if students use it. If the program goes well through that trial period, August 2017 would be ideal time to implement the full program. A request for proposal details will formally be sent out on November 11th 2015. The goal of the trial period is to test the viability of the taxi program, and gather info that can be used to create a full successful program. The cost of the trial will be $8,000, with $500 for marketing and $7,500 for actual rides. Jarquin asked if this would be a service that people could use to take from one party to another party, or bar. Montalbano clarified that this would be accurate, but only during the trial period. Thao brought up the shuttle service and if that’s an alternative for the shuttle from the library. Curtis suggested that to reduce abuse of this service and to ensure it is used only by students, ID numbers must be provided to get a ride. Suggestion was also made to have an e-voucher that includes their address, and proof of being a student. Jarquin asked if there are any studies on other campus that use a model similar to this. Main purpose of the taxi service is to provide a service to students and provide them with the opportunity to remove themselves from harmful situations. Thao suggested looking at the mission, and deciding what the main focus will be for this project. Slaughter suggested that this topic be brought up in Safety Summit tomorrow to get more feedback.

F. Presidential Letter Update – Jarquin updated the committee on the progress of the Presidential Letter. Revisions were made after last week’s comments that came up during discussion. A copy of the letter was handed out to the committee, and feedback was requested. Nguyen really liked the advocacy for growth and change section. Suggestions were made to make the letter more consistent in tone. Curtis brought up that the first 3 topics were single subject, and the following topics were more lumped together. Social change could be more narrowed down, and made into its own social issue. This will be brought back next week after re-editing. If there are any more big editing issues, please send to Jarquin by Thursday. On Friday, the most finalized copy will be sent out, and approved from there.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: None. Jacobs: absent. Prevost: Zaleski: Zaleski discussed the color schemes that were chosen for student store, which is in agreement with what everyone agreed with in GAC. He will keep the committee updated on the future progress. Jarquin: Safety Summit is this Wednesday from 4-6 in Selsever’s Cafe. The presidential search is coming up, so if you have a chance, look at the Sonoma State forum. Next Tuesday from 1-3, Chancellor White will be here, and Jarquin will be able to speak on behalf of student body, addressing these important points. The microphone will be open to anyone student, staff, or committee members who would like to talk directly about the future president. Thao: MAC Night is next Thursday from 6-9 pm. GSEC’s Annual Women’s conference is this Sunday, where cultural perspectives of women’s rights will be discussed. Curtis: SFAC is meeting today, and BMUC has been operating effectively. Montalbano: Safety Summit is on Wednesday. Regarding the request of proposal for Taxi Service, he will make the necessary changes and send out a copy by 5pm. Any major concerns you have about the Taxi Service, send to him by Thursday, and then a final will be revised for the proposal. Finney: Reminded committee to send in shadow applications. Pratt: The student trustee reception will be on November 10th. Please accept or decline the invitation he sent out, so that more students can attend. The strike vote will be announced next week, where numbers will be provided with CFA’s next steps, as well as a vote to move forward with the strike. University committees are slowly being called to order. The town hall meeting sign-ups to be a consultant or facilitator have gone out so please sign up.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: At the recent Family Weekend BBQ, there was not enough food from AS catering, and roughly $2,500 has been given as refunds. Anderson believes there are serious issues going on in catering, so she encouraged committee to not just hire someone to fill the spot, but to look at ways of also strengthening the current internal issues. Slaughter: Followed up on Anderson’s report, and announced that BMUC will be hearing the proposal about a potential restructure within AS catering. Lunch companions for Diplomat Leukins will be this Thursday at 12, instead of Wednesday. Krater: Announced that she received spring schedules for next semester from most committee members. Applications for an elections outreach assistant closes Friday, so interviews will be scheduled next week. She announced her absence from the office until Thursday.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Krater said to support Thao’s Mac Night event. Thank you to those who
helped during the storm that could have otherwise ruined Dia De Los Muertos. Nguyen thanked those who showed up to Night of the Living Pancake.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.