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

Tuesday, November 10, 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 – Jon Slaughter, Matt Zaleski, Lea Youngkamp (recorder), Shar Krater, Jamie Clyde

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 11/10/15 regular meeting agenda. Motion to approve the 11/10/15 regular meeting agenda with addition of Info Item E: The Wildcat Statue (Jacobs/Prevost) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 11/3/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 11/3/15 as presented (Montalbano/Pratt) 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 Community Affairs Council
- Commissioner of Community Affairs appointment: Chantal Narez
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs appointment: Tanner Hannon
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs appointment: Julia Sjodin
   Motion to approve the confirmation of appointments to the Community Affairs Council as presented (Thao/Prevost) 7-0-0 MSC.


C. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $613 for World AIDS Day presented by the American Assembly for Men in Nursing on 12/1/15 in the BMU atrium. Action Requested: Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $613 for World AIDS Day presented by the American Assembly for Men in Nursing on 12/1/15 in the BMU atrium. Prevost gave the committee some explanation about the World AIDS Day event, and what the funds will be allocated for. (Montalbano/Pratt) 7-0-0.

D. Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 9/30/15– Slaughter explained the certificates of deposit quarterly reports and the financial activity in CSUC’s Local Agency Investment Fund. He informed everyone that they will see the next quarter’s information in December.

E. Information Item: Wildcat Statue – Jarquin presented information about the statue and its potential location. She read the response letter, which recommended that the statue be located at the Chestnut St. location,
adjacent to the BMU. Although the student body voted for the location to be in Trinity commons, the Public Arts Committee suggested otherwise. If the recommendation is not taken from the Public Arts Committee, it won’t be approved at the Campus Planning meeting. Zinnig has supported the statue, but not sure how the new president will handle this project. Public Arts Committee showed no support for the Trinity Commons location, and some feel as though student opinion has been disregarded. Discussion was held between members, and how they felt about the response, and how to combat it. Montalbano questioned the reasoning behind the requested location, and if the statue should even be made at all if it is meant to be hidden. Carter urged the group to stand up to this and fight for student voice. Prevost believes this is detrimental to student voice, and that the AS isn’t supporting the majority if they accept the new location. Anderson said that Alumni has invested money, and voted for the Trinity Commons location as well. This topic is currently at the committee level, and hopes that the president will have urgency for this project as well. Jacobs believes that the committee is not living up to their word if they let this go, and will set a precedent that will be hard to come back from. Discussion was held regarding who would support AS in this decision. Slaughter suggested that Jarquin and Nguyen draft an email to be sent to the Board, expressing concerns. Members and senators are urged to attend the meeting on Friday from 3-4pm in Kendal Hall.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: There is a CSSA meeting this weekend, where policy and constitution changes will be discussed. They will be coming home on Sunday night, because the sustainability model won’t be looked at anymore, at the Board of Trustees meeting. Jacobs: Jacobs apologized for missing last week’s GAC meeting. Box water came to campus last week, and has been going great. Bags, shirts and merchandise will be available soon. A Follett textbook scholarship was given to the Instagram competition winner. Prevost: Last week, EFAC funded the World AIDS Day event by the American Assembly for Men in Nursing. Conversation will be held this Friday about a ballroom dancing event that will be coming up soon. There is one empty spot on EFAC, but council is running smoothly. Zaleski: Curtis wants to put out a survey to students about catering. Mary also wants to ask students through a survey how they feel about OrgSync. If anyone has any survey’s they want to send out, please let him know. Jarquin: She will send out a copy of the Safety Summit briefing to GAC. Jarquin urges members to look around on campus, and gauge the climate. She finished the presidential letter, and the presidential forum will be held later today. Today from 10-10:30, the Board of Trustees will be in the Wildcat Leadership Center. Thao: Announced that MAC Night is this Thursday from 6-9pm, and 14 groups will be performing. Curtis: None. Montalbano: Announced that there is a City Council meeting next Wednesday. New law is being put into effect as a safety method to break up parties, before they become an issue. Currently, police need a certain amount of complaints before a noise complaint is filed. Montalbano urges anyone who is interested to discuss this law, and speak out to the student body; to ensure that no one is blind-sided. He will post on the CSU page with information with a link to the ordinance. There will be a City Council meeting on November 17th. On December 2nd, the first Police Student Advisory Committee meeting will take place from 5:30-6:30, to build on topics that were discussed at the Safety Summit. Safety Summit was great, and had a great turnout. Brief discussion was held about Cal Fresh and the ability to use it on campus in the future. Finney: None. Pratt: He informed group that the vote for faculty strike has been completed and tallied across the system. The fact finding process of negotiations must be gone through, and will be completed around mid-December. A full system wide strike will be taking place, all at the same time, because the vote was 80%. Maggie White will be here 5-6:30, so please reply to request if you are attending.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: None. Slaughter: After break, will be seeing election procedures, and intent to file packets will be worked on. The first deadline will be on actual election procedures, but not much will be changed from the previous year, except a few dates. We will see the final packets after the holiday break, and will be able to go out for spring semester applicants. December 1st is the target date for the program director of the Wildcat Institute. This Wednesday is a holiday, so enjoy the day off. Slaughter wants to bring the unification of minimum qualifications for council and committee members, to a discussion in the future. Krater: Announced that officers and senators will be getting invitations today for event in December from the VP of Student Affairs office, so please respond to invitation. The Latina Women’s conference was this weekend and went very well. Grade checks will be happening after the break. For end of the year potluck, we will be getting together to have a baby shower for Billy Harkness, before paternity leave.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen announced that the Officers and Info event is going today from 11-1pm. He urged the group to go support Thao, and attend the MAC Night event. Grade checks will be done after the holiday break, for council and committee members.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None
XIII. OPINION – Krater appreciates the hard work of Lea as our Minute Taker – followed by a round of applause from the entire group!

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Jacobs was given praise for passing out the boxed water last week. Thao was given a shout out for planning MAC night and for always meeting students in office.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.