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

Tuesday, November 17, 2015  8 a.m.  BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- Oliver Montalbano (unexcused), Susan Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Lea Youngkamp (recorder), Shar Krater, Jamie Clyde, Robert Gregg

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 11/17/15 regular meeting agenda with the addition of Information Item C Capitol Fellowship Presentation (Pratt/Jacobs) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 11/10/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 11/10/15 as presented (Pratt/Jacobs). 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $476 for Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration presented by the Chico Chinese Students & Scholars Association to be held on Glenn Lawn on 2/8/16. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $476 for Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration presented by the Chico Chinese Students & Scholars Association to be held on Glenn Lawn on 2/8/16. (Thao, Prevost) 6-0-0.

B. Information Item: 9/30/15 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – Slaughter presented the Capital Expenditure Report for the Activity Fee fund. He said this quarterly review budget shows a breakdown of the first quarter’s report of the 2015-2016 year. Slaughter explained how the purchasing of new laptops and computers for AS programs are shown on the budget, and the process of depreciation. This budget tracks all of the actual expenditures that are done. He explained that he is currently in a fact finding mission with different programs to see what they need in terms of materials, like the laptops and anything needed to help their programs. He is currently looking through files and is asking certain programs to see if there’s a particular form to fill out, in a priority way to take inventory. This information should come in after Thanksgiving break, and then it will be brought to the committee to discuss further.

C. Information Item: Capitol Fellowship Presentation – Gregg, the Capitol Fellowship representative, informed the committee of an opportunity at Sacramento State, called Capitol Fellowship Programs. There are four available positions: the executive fellowship program, judicial administrative fellowship, as well as positions in the senate and assembly, in the state building. Through these fellowships, you would be brought on as staff in office, and there are 64 spots open. There is a detailed application process, so start thinking about applying in advance. Applications are due in February, interviews begin in May and applicants will find out about acceptance at the end of the month. He strongly encouraged committee members to apply, because this is a CSU run program. This is a paid program, at $2,600 a month, and is considered a living stipend. State employees and students get full benefits, and would be a good start to a future in public service. Through this program, you can receive 6 units that can be put towards public policy and admin credits for graduate school. If you have any further questions, feel free to ask Jarquin.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: CSSA was this past weekend, with some students still there in attendance, and will see a number of students at Board of Trustees. During CSSA, they discussed rewriting policies and the constitution. A preliminary will take place over the phone, and will be 3 hours long. The ad hoc lobby corporation will be making a spoken word video, where Howell will be shown. Jacobs: If you read
the trash talk article, Jacobs wrote a follow up response to the article, if you would like to see it. He is having a meeting with the writer today, to follow up with him and set the record straight. The writer will then rewrite his article with a more informed view, and he invited Clyde to come and be a resource for him. **Prevost:** None. **Zaleski:** Executive Chef interviews will take place on Friday. The Faculty Recognition Service Committee met, and chose award winners. They will be having meetings to help develop that committee’s policy. **Jarquin:** The Wildcat Statue campus planning committee was Friday, where the vote was pushed back until the next meeting in December. She will be bringing this item to the Board of Directors meeting, and will discuss if the money will be given, if statue is not placed in Trinity Commons. There is question about whether the location is available for the statue, because it conflicts with the 2005 master plan. Wonders if the statue is a priority, and if it will be passed at all. She will keep the committee updated on why there is such a strong push to not have the statue be at Trinity Commons, and what is stopping it. Jarquin said she would send out the presidential traits letter to the full Board of Trustees. She said the Operating and Lease agreement will also be discussed, and will update the committee when it is completed. On December 10 the Presidential Leadership recognition banquet will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. in BMU 203. In light of what is happening at other campuses, she empowers everyone as leaders to keep their eyes open for hateful things that are happening on campus. Let her know if you have a recommendation for who the next president should be. **Thao:** MAC Night was a success and he enjoyed every performer. **Curtis:** None. **Montalbano:** None. **Finney:** She announced that the last general FLO meeting is tomorrow, and that the semester went by really fast. The holiday party will be the week after Thanksgiving, and there will be many fun activities. On Wednesday from 7-9pm, the shadow program will be starting up, and everyone on the committee will have a shadow. **Pratt:** Announced that CFA was at the Board of Trustees, where they are still undergoing a fact finding mission. There will be no new information until after Thanksgiving break. Our resolution of shared governance which was passed is now being distributed to other campuses. Student trustee ad hoc meeting will be on January 21st to find out what we would like to see with student trustees. Currently there are three students that are being looked at based on region. Any suggestions for student trustee members would be greatly appreciated, before January 21st.

IX. **REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson:** None. **Slaughter:** Informed committee that the Chancellor’s Office auditors are here on campus. Election procedures are being worked on for next year, will be ready before next semester, and will then come to GAC for approval. The AS Sustainability Coordinator position is active as well as the Wildcat Leadership Director position. Staff is working on the Strategic Plan, and procedures will be coming to GAC for review soon. Previous AS presidents are walking around on campus today. **Krater:** None. **Carter:** On March 10th CCLC will be holding a Courageous Conference to discuss the status of equity and racism on campus. It will bring to the surface real feelings and frustration. We can then focus on solutions, and use this to have a conversation to the new president. Will be looking for a broad group of students, faculty and staff to facilitate these conversations. For those that went to the Form Fair with the hiring committee for new president, He commended them for going and encouraged the committee to set up relationship with president in relation to shared governance. You never know what will spark an incident, and will speak with police and discuss a protocol so that we can minimize potential issues and challenges we may face in the future.

X. **REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen** said that at the Board of Directors meeting, they talked about the wildcat statue and how people want to know why students feel so strongly for that site. He is going to reschedule Strength Finders, but announced that Build Bigs will be on December 4th 3-5 and received confirmation that there will be a facilitator. 2-on-1 conversations with Nguyen and Jarquin will be an honest conversation about moving forward and ways to help each other succeed. Grade checks have been distributed in mailboxes, and will be due on Friday before Thanksgiving break. At checkpoint, the holiday bash was discussed, and will be held on December 4th. He suggested we have an activity prepared for the event, and all students and AS programs are invited. He asked the committee about ideas they have for the activity, and Nguyen suggested making boxed water gingerbread houses.

XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – **Howell:** In December, there will be an event in student life and leadership where there will be tables educating people about different cultural holidays celebrated in December. **Krater:** Tomorrow is the potluck and baby shower, so please sign up for a food item. Don’t forget to turn in a baby picture, before 3pm today.

XII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None

XIII. **OPINION** – None

XIV. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Nguyen:** Thao did a great job at MAC Night.

XV. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.