Tuesday, December 8, 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, Katie Finney, Lea Youngkamp (recorder), Shar Krater, Jamie Clyde

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 12/8/15 regular meeting agenda with the addition of Discussion Item G Resolution of Vote of No Confidence (Prevost/Pratt) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 12/1/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 12/1/15 as presented (Pratt/Thao). 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of 2016 Election Procedures. Motion to approve 2016 Election Procedures, as presented (Jacobs/Pratt). Montalbano suggested that there is someone tabling in the gauntlet with a laptop to ensure that people can register to vote. Slaughter said that in the past, there have been difficulties due to security, but it would be a good idea if we can get it to work. 6-0-0 MSC.

B. Information Item: Progress Report on Activity Fee Program “We Wills” for the Strategic Plan – Slaughter said that for GAC he wanted to show the progress being made in AS programs. After BOD approved the directive for each committee and programs, it is to formulate “we wills” and what we can do to support. Each program had to weigh in on what they can do, and he went through and formulated a new draft in the plan. There is mention in the plan of the support of a dream center, and veterans’ programs. He wishes to articulate some of these statements better, and more will be updated next semester with the help of GAC. He will send out a copy to everyone so that they may look over it.

C. Information Item: 10/31/15 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual – Nguyen said that our benchmark is 33% right now. Revenue is a little high, but is a good thing. Expenses, AF operational budget, Government Affairs budget, campus programs, as well as community programs were discussed and how in line we are with the allotted budget. Government affairs budget is right on target, and campus programs are a little high. The campus and community programs are high because it includes anticipated incomes that haven’t been sent out yet.

D. Information Item: Discussion Regarding Taxi Service – Montalbano explained programs that are going on at other campuses that could help us formulate our program. One of the schools that is similar, is UC San Diego called College Cab. They are different, because they charge a $10 flat rate, and have a different demographic than us. Sonoma State is also similar, but is used as a voucher program. Their numbers are really low, and are sponsored by the university, but not sure who funds it. University of Southern California has a program that would be more useful for us as a model. They use an app that is linked to the Uber cars, which are paid for by the school. UC Davis is the most demographically similar to ours. As far as the size of the city, it is the most related to Chico. They charge a fee of $3 per ride, and $2 for booking a ride in advance. It is a taxi system which takes people from place to place, not just back home. In Chico, it would be sponsored by AS and a transportation company available here such as Uber and B-Line, and Lyft would be willing to come to Chico state to be used in our program. The trial period was pushed back to allow more analysis of trends for
our students. Mission and vision statements were discussed, and he asked GAC to provide feedback and help him draft a better version, and will email the members. Discussion was held between members about how long it would take to get a ride, and how much it would cost the students. Krater wondered why there was a sharp decrease in Sonoma States ride numbers for their program. Montalbano said that Uber currently has 18 cabs and is expanding rapidly. If timed correctly in the fall, there will be more drivers available to feed the supply. Thao asked if rides in the trial will only go to a two mile radius. Discussion was held between members regarding how far the taxi service would take the students, and what it would cost out of pocket for them to get these services. Budgeted high to allow 250 rides per weekend, but is not capped at that number. He will discuss the next steps for this next meeting and in the future.

E. Information Item: Wildcat Statue Update – Jarquin presented updates that have been made regarding the wildcat statue. A location that has been suggested is by the bike cart near the BMU, in AS territory. She wanted to get feedback from the committee about the new proposed location. Jacobs said that there is a window that would be blocked by the statue, so a wall would have to be put behind it. Trinity Commons could still be an option, but may not be an option right now. She said that they might have to wait a year to bring this back to the table. Carter said that this project seems like it is just wanted to be tucked out of the way, and not seen as a symbol of pride. Prevost said that for a lot of students that this is their first mascot and that we shouldn’t compromise, especially if this is the location that was decided upon by our students. We need to advocate for student voice, and we shouldn’t back down from that. Curtis said that this should be something that could bring students together, and won’t have the same impact if it is tucked away. Montalbano suggested administering another survey to see if students choose the same location. This is a lot of money to be spending, and needs to be done the right way. Thao said we need to remind the administration of our student voice. Results didn’t come in as the committee expected, so it was deemed invalid. Committee is not happy with the compromise, and Jarquin will keep them updated on any news.

F. Information Item: Discussion regarding Student Campus Climate Survey – Jarquin explained that Fresno did a climate survey, and she will look over it and come back with more info and a different survey. If anyone can think of anything that they would like to have added, please email Jarquin.

G. Discussion Item: Resolution of Vote of No Confidence – Jarquin explained that this means we don’t have confidence in the leadership ability. It is a statement that doesn’t really do anything specific for our campus, but is for the Chancellor’s Office, Board of Trustees and the future president. We asked to do this because it is the right thing to do. A proposed resolution will be discussed at the next Academic Senate meeting. Jarquin asked for direct feedback about this specific resolution, versus the climate in general. She explained that we can add or remove the word student from the resolution. Curtis said that it’s our job to keep track of this, and said that as representation, if we believe that these statements are true, we need to leave students in there. She asked for agreements or disagreements from the group. Curtis said that this has a lot more context after the Campus Climate meeting. Discussion was held between committee members about how this will affect our campus. There are so many layers to the lack of communication, and there are a lot of challenges being dealt with. A strong message needs to be sent, whether in this format, or our own resolutions. Nguyen brought up that removing ourselves from this could be beneficial in setting the tone to our new president that we will always stand behind student voice. It is the administration’s job to make sure that faculty and staff are doing the right thing. Howell said that students should be removed completely from the resolution, and that anything being said on behalf of the students’ needs to come directly from AS.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: None. Jacobs: SFAC met yesterday and it went really well. They funded about $3500 out of total budget and got some cool projects coming up. Boxed water is here on Thursday, and shirts are available. Prevost: None. Zaleski: None. Jarquin: If anyone has any questions email please. Sally’s retirement party is next Tuesday from 3-5pm. University has coupons and program to alert student that their furniture is in violation. Thao: None. Curtis: None. Montalbano: City Council passed ordinance saying that it is illegal to have flammable furniture in front yards and on porches. They are also considering transportation services to take your furniture to the dump to avoid getting cited. Finney: Announced that she is still in the process of matching up shadow partners for FLO. Ice cream social 7-9 on the first Wednesday that we get back from school. Pratt: None.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Slaughter: None. Krater: Announced that she hired a new Outreach and Elections person. He will start on Thursday or Friday of this week. If you have events coming up that you will need outreach, set up a meeting with us to utilize these services.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said that scantrons will be available today through finals
week on his desk. He reminded the group to come to winter training, where teambuilding exercises will be done and will be mapping out the next semester. Mid-point will take place on January 22nd, and will most likely be an all-day event.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Nguyen thanked group for participating in BLBG last Friday. Krater said that the LGBTQ+ Conference this weekend was a really cool event for GSEC. Curtis read a message that he wrote to the committee announcing that effective December 15 he will be resigning from his position, and thanked the committee for what they have taught him during his term.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.