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

Tuesday, August 25, 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 – Shari Krater, Jamie Clyde, Jon Slaughter

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 8/25/15 regular meeting agenda (Pratt/Prevost) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 5/5/15. Action Requested: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 5/5/15, as presented (Pratt/Jacobs). 6-0-1 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2015-16. Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Government Affairs Committee Meetings for the academic year 2015-16, as presented (Jacobs/Pratt). Discussion held regarding why the times are being established for the year. 7-0-0 MSC.

B. Information Item: Funding Executive Orders 2015-03 and 2015-04 – Jarquin explained that we funded three (3) events at the end of last year and due to the time constraints, Executive Orders were done. Diversity Affairs Council funded the LEAD event and Event Funding Allocation Council funded the Chico Forensic Conference and Constitution Day.

C. Information Item: Review of Investments, Local Agency Investment Fund – Quarter ending 6/30/15 – Slaughter explained that this is a review of each quarter of schedule of investments and earnings. What money we have invested in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). RAC endowment and money coming to us from the Follett lease. What GAC should notice is the 2nd line down – Activity Fee. The average daily investment is a little over $2 million dollars. Annualized return is low. On any given day in LAIF we have $11 million dollars in the account. Activity Fee funds at CSUC are billed from the University through expenditures. More specifics will come as we start the year. Susan Jennings will present this information at the Board of Directors meeting. Montalbano asked if this is cash that we have on hand. Slaughter confirmed that it is available for operating expenses, payroll needs, etc. and spoke about the interest earned on student club accounts. Montalbano asked for an explanation on the credit-debits. Slaughter said that Activity Fee sponsors the student organization accounts. The Executive Vice President approves the club to open an agency account. Activity Fee receives the interest on the club account holdings. Our cost to that service to the groups is $16,000.

D. Information Item: Labor Day Week planning reports – Jarquin stated that there are three (3) events for the Labor Day Weekend and asked that the committee sign up for spots. Proposed that everyone go to at least one full activity and attend others for a small amount of time. Pratt reported that they are working on Marketing. He asked for help with White Board blitzing this Friday afternoon after 4pm. The marketing team plans to put A-frames on campus and make flyers to hand out. They purchased a pancake and can costume for tabling purposes. Montalbano is working with Fraternity and Sorority Affairs to do some competitive events to raise can donations. Zaleski is working on supply list and then Jarquin will make purchases. Prevost is gathering raffle prizes. We have a night stay at the Hotel Diamond and $500 in bookstore
scholarships from the Wildcat Store. Slaughter reminded everyone that we may need information to provide to Financial Services depending on the raffle prize. Thao and Curtis are working on volunteers.

E. Information Item: Shared Governance Consultation – Pratt explained the definition of shared governance and what campus decisions have been made. Susan Elrod is the new permanent provost. Belsey is concerned about that decision as no consultation was had before the decision was made. Pratt stated that from the faculty perspective, the president breached the protocols and procedures established. The faculty was already upset when Elrod was appointed as interim provost as this is the highest academic officer of the university. From the Student Academic perspective, how would this impact the student? Will the faculty have a walk-out or work stoppage? Jarquin understands that is challenging but we would have a hard time keeping Provost Elrod from leaving as interim and President Ziegge may have felt that this creates stability on campus. Jarquin is asking for everyone’s general opinion. Jacobs asked what the provost actually does. Pratt explained what she is in charge of. Howell expressed concern that they appointed an interim provost for a year but no search has been done. Pratt explained that the president’s heart issue may have kept them from a search. Prevost said it was a missed opportunity for us to educate the campus for what this person does. Jarquin asked Prevost if he had the opportunity to go through the search would it have been better. Prevost said yes, we should all be on the right page. Montalbano stated he could see everyone’s opinions. The president had his own reasons and maybe we should create some more checks and balances. Thao believes our administration should be more proactive than reactive in this situation. Zaleski agreed that the president had really good reasons to why he did it but we don’t want this to keep happening. Jarquin said that there is a meeting on Thursday in Colusa to talk about shared governance.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: CSSA is in a few weeks and CSUnity went well. His goals: Legislative Affairs Committee, CSSA, Voter Registration and SIRF outreach. Smaller Lobby Corps Unit to help outreach – breaking apart from LAC. Jacobs: Looking for people for the committees and councils. His goal is to decrease plastic water bottle use. Looking for the viable alternative. Capri Sun type option that is BPA free.

Prevost: Getting people for council. Working on training and goal setting. Zaleski: ASBC application open. Have to have student chosen and approved by first week in September. Working with Jaimie Clyde to get textbook scholarships as they have about $30,000. Working on hiring new Dining Services Directors – preparing for interviews. Jarquin: We have an Ad Hoc committee to discuss the statue placement. A new survey will be out in October. The two choices are Trinity Commons or outside of PAC. There are no agendas being printed in an effort to be sustainable. Had the opportunity to speak at the convocation. Labor Day planning is under way. Going to Town & Gown tonight with Montalbano. Officers started the conversation last year about compensation for elected officers and we will be having that conversation again. Thao: Council applications for DAC. Prevost and Thao did two short presentations for re-recognition event. People are showing a lot of interest. Curtis: Accepting BMUC applications. Was on the interview committee for Union Technology position. Moving forward on becoming a more bicycle friendly campus. Montalbano: Town and Gown tonight. Representatives for City, Butte, and Campus etc. come together. Jarquin and I will be presenting our goals. Has set up a meeting with Police Chief. Finney: Looking to get 80 – 120 applicants for FLO. Pratt: Reviewing shared governance, college visits – 3 scheduled for this week. AS Committee and Council applications. 68 AS spots and over 70 campus spots to fill. One interim Dean (Agriculture) but other Dean spots are filled. Dean of Library search is beginning. Student Academic Senate meeting are 7pm on Mondays. Drafting recruitment on the search for diverse faculty. Institute for Teaching and Learning is a system-wide committee. Need a student to sit on Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB). This board reports to the provost. The Academic EPP and ... seats have not been filled. Thursday 2:30 – 5:00pm every other week.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: Introduced herself as campus legislative liaison. Sits on GAC in an advisory capacity to represent the alumni. Nguyen came to the Alumni Board Meeting. Last Tuesday of every month she will have a conflict with the DCBA meetings. Slaughter: Housekeeping – reminder that as you are setting your schedules you also need to keep 9 units. Recruitment – we are reviewing applications for Coordinator for Sustainability. Lots of change happening in our staffing. Awesome opportunity for student leaders to help in selecting presidential and provost candidates. Today is our very first GAC meeting. If we are talking about officer compensation our timeline is December. Officer changes need to happen in the fall so that we can publish them with the elections. Krater: Reminded officers to update their office hours on their calendars.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – CSUnity and Officer Training was a success. Starting Point was great. We will have Check Point and then an end of the year surprise. September 2nd is the close date for Council and Committee applications. Please share this opportunity if you have social media. Tap people on the shoulder who you feel would be good for applications. One-on-one meetings – please update your calendars so that I can start scheduling these. We are looking at potential dates for January winter retreat. Keep that in mind for when you need to be back in Chico.
XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Jarquin asked about creating liaisons for officer positions and AS programs. Nguyen would like to determine those during the one-on-one meetings. Also, her friend Matt from Maritime is the Executive Vice President and Technology Officer. He asked what the biggest challenge is for technology on our campus. Please talk to her about it after the meeting. Krater reminded the group that they are required to contact Nguyen if they are going to be absent.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – Happy Birthday to Jamie, Jon and Nick for August birthdays.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.