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

Tuesday, September 8, 2015  
9 a.m.  
BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Vu Nguyen, Michael Pratt, Nick Howell, Deanna Jarquin, Oliver Montalbano, Aaron Thao, Jerad Prevost, Jake Jacobs

MEMBERS ABSENT- Susan Anderson, CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Jamie Clyde, Jon Slaughter

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 9/8/15 special meeting agenda (Prevost/Jacobs) 6-1-0 MSC.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

IV. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to items on the agenda

V. OPINIONS – None

VI. 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.

Motion to pull Maxie Holmberg-Douglas off of CAC and LAC and Andrew Roberts from LAC and EFAC changing the Consent Agenda. (Jarquin/Howell) 7-0-0 MSC.

Montalbano made a point of clarification that the potential members on the Community Affairs Council have not committed to the meeting time. Howell amended the motion to include Shereen Basi as she is also double appointed for Legislative Affairs Council and Community Affairs Council. Montalbano moved to pull all of the Community Affairs Council appointments off of the consent agenda. (Howell/Jacobs) 7-0-0 MSC.

2015-16 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments:

Confirmation of appointments to Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC)
- Executive Vice President appointment: Maxie Holmberg-Douglas
- Director of University Affairs appointment: Justin Peterson
- Commissioner of Community Affairs appointment: Andrew Roberts
- Director of Legislative Affairs appointments: Parker Rhodes and Sarah Wood
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs appointment: Sami Elamad
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs appointment: Shereen Basi
- AS President designee appointment: Sienna Dunakin

Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council (SAC)
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs appointments: Marco Machuca, Paulina Figueroa, Peter Hernandez, Anthony Lewis, Lucy Skillman and Taylor Wetzel.
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs community liaison: Clara Buchholtz

Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council (CAC)
- Commissioner of Community Affairs appointments: Maxie Holmberg, Katie Finney, Shereen Basi and Stephanie Ellis
- Executive Vice President appointment: John-Michael Dyer

VII. A.1.b.
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs appointment: Daisy Rodriguez

Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council (DAC)
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs appointments: Reyes Arreola, Mitchell Foster, William Mendoza-Cuevas, Jennifer Rodrigues and Xyin Yang
- Joint appointment by Commissioner of Diversity Affairs and Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs: Eileen Rodriguez

Confirmation of appointments to Event Funding Allocation Council
- Executive Vice President appointments: Kyle Prager, Betty Hernandez and Mikaela Priest
- Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs appointments: Andrew Roberts, Eileen Rodriguez and Nate Marsh
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Appointment: Steven Tapia

Jarquin stated that it seems inappropriate to double appoint students when we still have a pool of students who haven’t been chosen for appointments. Montalbano agrees and we should make the process as well rounded as possible. In the case of Maxie he thinks we can come to the half-way point? Montalbano will reach out to students to find new students to fill CAC seats but states that Maxie brings a unique perspective as far as her legislative affairs experience. There is a concern about how many people from FLO are on the committee and he will try to make it as balanced as possible. Slaughter asked about double appointing students. Could the three students in question select which appointment they would like to be on? Jarquin stated that this is an opportunity to grow students. Thao believes in giving students the opportunity to grow as he was on EFAC as a freshman without much experience and he gained so much because of it. Prevost is looking for EFAC students but many of them couldn’t meet the times or they wanted to be on another committee which is why Roberts was a double appointee. Howell clarified that Andrew Roberts reached out and was interested in being on two committees. Montalbano believes if students expressed an interest in being on a committee then they should be given the opportunity. Discussion was had about selecting students who listed a council as a 1st or 2nd choice. Pratt we have a lot of people who are still not appointed yet and are Freshmen and Sophomores who don’t know what the committee/council does. They may have interest in the council without knowing what the committee does so how can we match them up. Jarquin asked if procedurally we then vote on each person individually. Slaughter clarified what the process would be to approve the removal of double appointees from the process and then have the names come back on a consent agenda. Montalbano moved to postpone the appointments for Community Affairs Council appointments until the next meeting. (Montalbano/Howell) 7-0-0 MSC.

Prevost asked if we will be making changes before the next meeting. Slaughter said we need to reach out and then affirm with the removed individuals what the next steps are. Howell asked that Nguyen reach out to the individuals to ask them about their priorities. Jarquin asked if Howell and Prevost still have quorum. Prevost confirmed that EFAC does. Howell confirmed that LAC does. Jarquin move to approve the remaining appointments to LAC and EFAC. (Jarquin/Howell) 6-0-1 MSC

Howell asked that none of the officers speak to the three appointments in question and have them speak with Nguyen present.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

IX. PUBLIC OPINION –

XIII. OPINION –

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.