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

Tuesday, January 26, 2016  8:00 a.m.  BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- Jake Jacobs (excused), Susan Anderson.

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater (recorder), Nan Timmons, Alex Alcantar, Jamie Clyde,

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Action Item: Approval to move forward with the Student Taxi Service Request for Proposal was tabled to the next scheduled meeting by the chair (Nguyen). Motion to approve the revised 1/26/16 regular meeting agenda (Howell/Thao) 5-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 12/8/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 12/8/15 as presented (Howell/Prevost). 5-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval to move forward with the Student Taxi Service Request for Proposal - Tabled until next meeting by chair.

B. Information Item: Election branding conversation presented by Nan Timmons – Talked about new website and using the current officers to promote running for elected office. Timmons asked officers to send her quote by Monday. Introduced Alex Alcantar as the new Elections/Outreach Coordinator. Discussed having a consistent brand to market the elections. Jarquin likes branding but doesn’t think that last year’s image is the best representation of elections. Nguyen asked how much time would be needed to create a new image and how much money would we save. Timmons mentioned E-card design (7 cards) costs a lot of money in design time as each poster is unique. Jarquin thinks that the e-cards are the better choice. Alcantar likes the model from last year. Thao branded MAC night and likes the recognition that came from using that strategy. Alcantar recommended using last year’s poster for this year and then we can look to change it next year. Howell and Montalbano like the branding but thought that the poster was a little busy. Jarquin stated that anytime we do something more than once it is expected that we will continue doing it. Prevost wants a handout or postcard that is easy to read and Roberts agreed that the flyers had too much information. Can we use the design for posters and have a modified version for postcards? Timmons said we had great voter turnout last year. Consensus that we will keep last year’s branding and look at a less complicated postcard. Students would like to look at a new brand to use in 2017.

C. Information Item: Student Compensation Conversation – Discussion on pros and cons of changing student officer compensation to be inclusive of students unable to legally work in the United States. Jarquin led the discussion. Howell asked for clarification and supports the idea. Thao also supports looking at a way to get more students involved. Alcantar supports this as we are a Hispanic serving institution. Prevost asked if DACA students are eligible to work elsewhere on campus. Slaughter stated that students may self-select out of elections if they cannot legally work in the US. Roberts stated this is important but we should review all of the information. Krater would like to research the logistics of how students on financial aid may be impacted. Slaughter supports moving forward but does not know that we will be able to make the decision prior to electing next year’s officers.

D. Information Item: Funding Executive Order 2015-06 – Nguyen had everyone review the EO that was sent out last semester. No comment from the officers.
E. Information Item: 11/30/15 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – Slaughter explained where we are in the budget and stated that we are just where we need to be. The figures we are reviewing are from November. In Government Affairs and Activity Fee – overall we are at 34% which is below the benchmark of 42%. Campus programs show over 70% but this is expected as the funds are received. Overall, we are at 41% for our total expenses.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Discussed the San Diego CSSA trip. CHESS is March 13-14 and March 29 is Advocacy Day. There will be a Mascot Day at the capitol in April. May 18th we have campus button day to hand out school buttons to our campus legislature. February 12-14 is a CSSA Maritime trip that is open to officers and councils and committees. Send a paragraph of why you want to go to Howell by Friday. They will decide two people to go to CSSA by next Tuesday. Prevost: EFAC is planning a huge event in the middle of campus. Throwing a party for his council when they have $10k left in the EFAC budget – they are currently at $18,000. Jarquin asked if the proposal form could be available on Wildcat Sync. Prevost, Thao and Krater explained why the packets are only available once they have met with the commissioner. There are 4 open spots in EFAC – Krater suggested that students applying for councils and committees use Wildcat Sync. Zaleski: Wildcat Store implemented designs and decals were put up over the break. Dining is working on the combination of catering and conference services. This department moved to the 2nd floor in BMU 213. The Dining Director position has been re-posted. Clyde and the catering department are currently working on a student menu. Jarquin: Be mindful of taking fliers – it may be construed as being supportive of an event or cause. Consultant came to campus to discuss what the presidential transition will look like. Stay Sharp Safety week is the week before Spring Break and is currently being planned. Friday at 9am is a meeting to discuss what success looks like for that week – please join if you are available. The Good Neighbor internship is happening – look for a flyer in your mailbox. Applications are due February 10th at 5pm. Thao: Facilitated training with RHA Director (Danielle) where they did the color and privilege walk. Sunday was the re-recognition event. The Diversity Conference is happening on Friday, April 15th and the theme is coming soon. International Festival is April 30th. Roberts: Thank you all for inviting him in to the group. He is excited to dive in and would like to have individual meetings with everyone. Roberts would like a semester project for the BMU. Montalbano: Police/Student Advisory Committee will happen February 2nd. Alcantar: Would like to leave a transition binder for the next Outreach person. Alcantar has already met with Rachel Ward from GSEC and would like to cross-promote the AS Programs. She has created a submission link so that she can know what events are coming up and where you all need help. Pratt: Faculty update – strike notification sent out. Students are encouraged to not cross the picket line during the strike if it happens. If students want to show support of the faculty strike, they are urged to wear red the first week of school. Faculty is encouraged to add to their syllabus informing students of a potential strike this semester. Our office is currently not taking a formal stance on the matter.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Carter: Two observations – you have all grown and the maturity you show in your conversations is encouraging. This team has instilled hope in him about supporting undocumented students. Student Life and Leadership welcomes the Summer Orientation staff to our space. It will be livelier in the center during the summer. New initiative at the CCLC – Pipeline to College. Egypt Howard has been hired as career staff to support this effort. Slaughter: Thank you all for the good budget conversation. We also need to talk about how to service distance learners. Can we live stream events, etc? They pay the campus based fees so we would like to make sure that they have access to as many opportunities as possible. The number of distance learners is growing. Krater: Hiring for Minute Taker position to support GAC and SAS.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen stated that everyone should have received a meeting request from him for individual meetings. Look at council and committee applications from fall. I am excited to work on budget season! Really enjoyed Midpoint and have some good ideas for Marketing. BOD is discussing the marketing aspect at their next meeting. Working with Mary Wallmark and DCBA for student space outside of campus. Friday from 12:30 to – 1:30pm there will be a potluck to welcome Summer O to our space. Sign up sent out for potluck items. Please update your Outlook calendars with your new class schedule and office hours. Krater asked that they update it right now to the best of their knowledge. It can change but it is very helpful for everyone including the front desk to have some sort of schedule.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Howell – tell council members about Maritime opportunity.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.