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

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

8 a.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Vu Nguyen, Michael Pratt, Nick Howell, Oliver Montalbano, Aaron Thao, Jake Jacobs, Susan Anderson.

MEMBERS ABSENT- Deanna Jarquin (excused), Jerad Prevost (excused), CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater (recorder), Matt Zaleski, Andrew Roberts, Jamie Clyde, Alex Alcantar, Julia May, Mark Stemen, Nan Timmons

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. The question of the day was “What was the last present you bought for someone”?

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/9/16 regular meeting agenda (Montalbano/Jacob) 5-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 2/26/16. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/2/16 as presented (Pratt/Roberts), 5-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. 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 approve the Consent Agenda (Jacobs/Pratt). 5-0-0 MSC.

2015-16 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of resignations from Event Funding Allocation Council
- Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs appointments: Liz Buhler and Nate Marsh
- Executive Vice President appointment: Betty Hernandez

Confirmation of resignation from Community Affairs Council - postponed to 2/16
- Executive Vice President appointment: John-Michael Dyer

Confirmation of appointment to Community Affairs Council – postponed to 2/16
- Executive Vice President appointment: Shyal Singh

Confirmation of resignation from Diversity Affairs Council
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs appointment: Xyin Yang

Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs appointment: Alexis Butcher
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs appointment: Joselin Medina

B. Information Item: Geography 440 Initiatives Discussion – Julia May and Mark Stemen discussed the proposed ballot initiative for the 2016 elections. The student from his class will be recommending that the AS move to no longer selling plastic water bottles in any of our locations including Concessions, Convenience Stores and Vending Machines. Discussion was held with the students for clarification. Stemen stated that they would not be looking to prevent water bottle sales from events such as graduation or for events where free water bottles are handed out to students. Comments were made regarding our current contracts with both Follett and
possibly vending/concessions that could lead to potential complications with the Wildcat Store complying as it is being leased out to Follett at this time.

C. Action Item: Approval to move forward with the Student Taxi Service Request for Proposal. **This item was postponed to 2/16/16 meeting as the entire committee was not present.**

D. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $402.61 for UNICEF’s Syrian Refugee Info Night hosted by CALMENA on February 17, 2016 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the UHUB. **Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $402.61 for UNICEF’s Syrian Refugee Info Night hosted by CALMENA on February 17, 2016 from 4pm to 7 p.m. in the UHUB, as presented** (Pratt /Jacobs). 5-0-0 MSC.

E. Discussion Item: Compensation Update – Discuss fact finding information about changing compensation structure to accommodate students who cannot legally work in the United States – Postponed for a future meeting as Jarquin was not present to discuss.

F. Information Item: CFA Strike Conversation – The elected officers will discuss the CFA strike including impact to students, procedural next steps and possible stances – Pratt discussed the upcoming CFA strike that is set to take place from April 13 – 19, 2016. Discussion was held regarding the elections timeline and the committee will consider moving the date of elections to April 13th or April 20th. Timmons stated that the posters have not gone to press at this time. Voting will take place on line regardless of the date but the sample ballot needs to be published at least two weeks prior to the election start. Nguyen will bring this to the Board at the meeting tomorrow. Thao is planning the Diversity Conference for April 15th and that date will be reviewed as well. Vendors may also consider withholding delivery during the strike which could impact the Marketplace and Sutter.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Jarquin, Pratt and Howell will be at the Maritime CSSA for Valentine’s Day with two additional students. Rachel Ward and Joshua Franco will be attending with them. Jacobs: Wednesday at 2pm is when the Sustainability Affairs Council will meet. The QR code is being reviewed and will be pitched to a computer science class. A delegate is needed for Campus Conservation Committee as Jacobs has a class conflict. AS Sustainability is still looking for interns. Zaleski: An interview was held for the Dining Services Director and applications are still open. The catering menu is being worked on and will be released towards the end of this month. Follett is working on increasing pre-order for graduation supplies. They are hoping to improve the 60% pre-order number to an increase of 80% Thao: No report. Roberts: BMU space options were brought to BMUC. Carter recommended an imagination tour to see what the building could provide. The possibility of a turf field is being discussed as well as the upcoming feasibility study. Montalbano: Cats in the Community is March 31 so save the date if you are interested. The Police Student Advisory Board is going to meet on the first Wednesday of March. He attended the City Council meeting. A citizen request to rename the municipal center to the Fred Davis Municipal Center was presented. The Torres Shelter made a presentation as they are in a state of financial emergency. Pratt: One of the CFA strike concerns is the unintended consequence to students. Staff and union people will likely strike including mental health counselors. Conversations are taking place to have an emergency back-up for students in need of counseling. There are three vacant senator positions – College of HFA, Business and Communication. The deadline is Wednesday at 11:59pm. Accreditation efforts are starting to ramp up and WASC will meet this week. Unions who sympathize with our faculty may not cross the line and then not deliver product including Recology. On-line classes, TA’s and lectures are part of the UAW and would impact students.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: No report. Slaughter: The items from the budget sheets at retreat have been calculated and all proposed items add up to $250k. More information regarding these items will be coming to the committee soon. This Thursday a Skype interview will be held for WLI Director and Roberts is participating. Slaughter will tap Jake for updates regarding the Sustainability position as the candidates who applied did not meet the minimums for consideration Krater: We made an offer to a new Minute Taker and hope to have her hired by Friday.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said he is working on a newsletter for the corporation. In that items such as meeting times for the council and committees and upcoming events could be useful for students. Template for officer reports will be sent out to help meeting run more efficiently. The survey for the retreat was sent out so please complete by end of day on Wednesday. A mini checkpoint will be held on Thursday with all of the AS Programs outreach people.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None
XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Anderson discussed spring graduation. The deadline is Friday to get your name in the program. Roberts stated that the space update forms are being reviewed. A charging station is being considered as he and Nguyen have already priced some equipment. Pratt stated that there may be 100-200 U-course students who will be coming to our office in the next few weeks. Clyde provided the numbers for bottled water sales. There were 40,260 bottles of water sold for a $41,000 profit. Thao mentioned that the Vagina Monologues is happening this weekend. There is one show on Friday night and two shows on Saturday. Tickets are on sale and the event is taking place in the BMU Auditorium. Chico State Pride is putting on Mardi Gras in the U-Hub tonight and this is a DAC funded event. Nguyen went to the PSAB meeting and appreciated speaking with Chief Feeney.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.