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

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 8 a.m. BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- Nick Howell (excused), CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Billy Harkness, Kevin Ristow, Nicole Scoffield, Alex Alcantar

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 3/8/16 regular meeting agenda. Jarquin motioned to amend the agenda to have the Executive Vice Presidents report come first (Jarquin/Prevost) 4-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Jarquin: Nguyen and she are planning to do a welcome video from the Associated Students and Government Affairs for the new University President. They will be filming the weekend after Spring Break. She will send out an e-mail and is hoping everyone can reply to which date would work best for them.

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 (Prevost/Jarquin). 4-0-0 MSC.

   2015-16 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments
   Confirmation of resignations from Sustainability Affairs Council
   - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs appointments: Paulina Figueroa, Peter Hernandez, Anthony Lewis and Lucy Skillman
   Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council
   - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs appointments: Chance Watts, Daniel Human and Trenton Bilodeaux

B. Action Item: Approval of appointment of Malissa Pierce to the College of Humanities and Fine Arts Senator position. Action Requested: Motion to approve appointment of Malissa Pierce to the College of Humanities and Fine Arts Senator position, as presented (Jarquin/Prevost). 4-0-0 MSC

C. Action Item: Approval of appointment of Leanne Woods to the College of Communication and Education Senator position. Action Requested: Motion to approve appointment of Leanne Woods to the College of Communication and Education Senator position, as presented (Prevost/Jacobs). 4-0-0 MSC

D. Action Item: Approval of appointment of Marshall Abele to the College of Business Senator position, as presented. Action Requested: Motion to approve appointment of Marshall Abele to the College of Business Senator position, as presented (Jacobs/Prevost). 4-0-0 MSC

E. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $3,400 for HOLI – Festival of Colors event presented by Indian Student Association, on 3/26/16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Shasta lawn. Action Requested: Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amended amount of $3,215 for HOLI – Festival of Colors event presented by Indian Student Association, on 3/26/16 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Shasta
F. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $2,620 for the African Cuban Event Series presented by The African Diaspora Organization, from 9:00am-11:00am and 12:00pm-2:00pm on March 21, 2016; 3:00pm-4:00pm on March 22, 2016; 3:00pm-4:00pm on April 12, 2016; 9:00am-11:00am and 12:00pm-2:00pm on April 13, 2016. **Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $2,620 for the African Cuban Event Series presented by The African Diaspora Organization, from 9:00am-11:00am and 12:00pm-2:00pm on March 21, 2016; 3:00pm-4:00pm on March 22, 2016; 3:00pm-4:00pm on April 12, 2016; 9:00am-11:00am and 12:00pm-2:00pm on April 13, 2016, as presented. This event was tabled at DAC and will be brought back for consideration on March 10.** This event was tabled during the Diversity Affairs Council and will be brought back after spring break.

G. Information Item: Activity Fee Programs Presentations – KCSC: Kevin Ristow and Nicole Scofield presented information regarding the station and its history. We have been student owned and operated since 1950. We are dedicated to bringing entertaining and educational music to campus but we do not play top 40. They have been working on involving themselves more in the campus community including an event called “Cupcakes and Compliments.” There are about 105 students associated with KCSC and most of them earn units for the internship through Communication Design. FLO: Katie Finney presented information regarding the Freshman Leadership Opportunity program. The goal of FLO is to develop freshman leaders and get them involved on campus. The goal for FLO is continuous expansion and they have grown since their inception as R.O.A.D. Crew which was modeled after a program at Texas A&M. The name was changed to FLO in 2008. FLO participates in Choose Chico, Chico Preview Day and the Election BBQ. They have the vision to increase participation to 100 new students including transfer students in the next few years. They would like to expand to two FLO coordinators, 10 facilitators, a full retreat, their own office space, and an official advisor.

H. Action Item: Approval of AS Programs and Government Affairs Strategic Plan We Wills. **Motion to approve Activity Fee Strategic Plan We Wills, as presented (Pratt /Prevost) 5-0-0 MSC.**

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Absent Jacobs: Nothing to report. Prevost: The CCLC and Reach students have a mentor program in the SLC. These are freshman, first generation, low-income students if anyone wants to reach out. April 8th is the Diversity Conference. EFAC is going well and they are teaching students to do class talks and speeches. He is planning a tabling event for the Time Capsule event and any help would be great. Zaleski: There were over 200 people at the catering menu reveal and the new menu should be on-line by the end of the week. New textbook sales are down compared to last spring but the textbook rentals are up. The Grad Fest event was well attended. Jarquin: Nothing to report Thao: A correction: The Holi event time will be from 1pm-3pm and not 10am-3pm. The Diversity Conference is being worked on as it is approaching soon. Please share out event on Facebook. Roberts: SFAC approved modifications to two different projects so expect big news from that soon. Montalbano: The Safety Walk is happening tonight at 6pm. This is an event to improve areas around campus and will be held at BMU 220 - with snacks. Cats in the Community could use some help with marketing. If Government Affairs did three class talks and asked friends to sign up for volunteer spots then it would be beneficial. Finney: Has other priorities right now so may not be able to be a part of helping with events. The shadow program is going well and they have applications opening up for Coordinator to apply soon. Pratt: Focus groups are being held this week. He is working on improving funds for research of graduate students. The Shared Governance Committee is trying to restructure the university so students can be better served. A legal memo on the strike was prepared; there are a large number of students who don’t wish to cross the picket. Students can be penalized for not being in class if class is held so students should be aware of that. Instruct students to be in class when it is held and to not go out of town during the strike.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: None Slaughter: None Krater: The Queersino event held by the GSEC had a good turnout despite the rain this Saturday and they were able to raise a couple hundred dollars for their cause.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said “Good Morning with GAC” will be held this Thursday and they have scheduled who will be present. The video to welcome our new campus president is being worked on. Please respond to the email regarding the video. Choose Chico Day is being held April 9th. Budget conversations: today is the last of the Activity Fee program presentations. The unveiling of the new menu from Dining Services was a huge success.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Jacobs: There is a fundraiser for Syrian Refugees this Thursday at 7:30pm at Master Azad’s. The cost of admission will be $10 and the proceeds will go towards Syrian children in need.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None
XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.