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

Tuesday, March 29, 2016 8 a.m. BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- Deanna Jarquin, Aaron Thao (Excused) Susan Anderson, CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Kater, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Tamara Fleet, Andrew Roberts, Matt Zaleski.

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 3/29/16 regular meeting agenda (Prevost/Jacobs). 5-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the regular meeting of 3/22/16. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 3/22/16, as presented.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Jacobs: This Way to Sustainability Conference went really well. Howell: This Wednesday Biztalks are being held at 5 p.m. in PAC 144 and will have TED talk presentations and Chico State Alumni present.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $832 for “Emergency Survival 101” event presented by Pre Medical Association to be held on April 11, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Holt 350 and 352. Action Requested: Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $832 for “Emergency Survival 101” event presented by Pre Medical Association to be held on April 11, 2016 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Holt 350 and 352, as presented (Howell /Jacobs). 5-0-0

B. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Appointment Policy.

C. Information Item: 2/29/16 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – For the month of February the benchmark was 67%, so total revenues are at 98.3% and total expenses were at 53%. Has been under budget all year. Going along individual lines for expenses, the total for this month is 42.3% and is under for contract programs, and we are right on target. AS Operational is 42.7%, Government Affairs Office is at 54.35%, campus programs are at 62.8% and Community Programs at 62.8%.

D. Information Item: Budget process update – The good news is that over $201,848 will be added to the bottom line this year. $28,235 is currently unallocated for next year. With the extra $28,235 funding comes Senator Compensation, Dream Center Allocation, Student Run Programs Increase, and Elected Officer Compensation. Front Desk Career Staff position, career program coordinator for GSEC, Assistant Director of AS Programs, and a “Dedicated” Marketing/Social media budget will be removed. With this, 75% of the desire from previous meetings is hit. This budget will be implemented on July 1st.

E. Discussion Item: Elections etiquette – Received comments that the office has not been quite neutral about elections. As we head into campaign season please remember certain rules. It may be hard to remember, but keep in mind that it is important to remain as inclusive as possible. Please make sure no candidate endorsements are made while in capacity of your position and talking about elections is off limits. If running for a position, one cannot talk about plans for next year because that goes into campaigning. One also can’t talk about who they are going to vote for as it turns into an endorsement. Basically, anything regarding anything happening in the gauntlet will muddle what is going on the office. Please find a more appropriate place to talk about elections rather than the Government Affairs Office. The office is a neutral zone, along with any AS building. If one is over concerned, please be hyper vigilant. No campaign materials can be in the office and no use of printing or AS resources for one’s election materials in the office.
VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: None Jacobs: Found final member for SFAC, now just has to make sure that they can attend. Reaching out to someone from AS Sustainability, and trying to see if boxed water could be sold instead of bottled water at the commencement ceremony for graduation. Campus Conservation Committee is putting out recommendations for putting out sustainable labelled bins for trash and recycle. He has found out that in Holt Hall, there are not enough recycling bins. Working on educational campaign and hoping to get it out by end of next week. Currently working on sustainability report which will basically go over what has been accomplished this year sustainably. A video for AS recycling is being made, which will go over the cycle of trash in a time lapse. This will be an educational video that AS Recycling will use to promote themselves. Prevoost: EFAC has two new members, Zach and Jorge. Taking students to Career Center soon and helping them learn how to apply for jobs. Doing a tabling event for time capsule event. Please stop by at his table, they will be taking words of wisdom and video clips for the time capsule. If anyone has words of wisdom to give and cannot stop by, pass those on to him. Zaleski: None Jarquin: Absent Thao: Absent Roberts: Meeting with students this week to fill in an open spot on BMUC. The charging station is almost complete and now he is working on putting on guidelines and trying to find the perfect location. For the BMU lounge update, he is getting some numbers from the budget to work with. Looking to redo the flooring down in 008. He is planning on putting in new furniture and a pool table in the area. His hope is to have a solid plan in the next few weeks and hopefully it gets done before the end of the school year. Montalbano: Cats in the Community is being held this Thursday. The Police Student Advisory Board is happening on April 6th, at 5:30 PM in BMU 209. Finney: Absent Pratt: CFA strike update – a report was released recently and he spoke to the president of the local CFA and has confirmed that the faculty thinks the 10% decrease in pay taken in 2008 justifies the request for a pay raise and keeping pace with inflation. The report also indicated that there are not sustained funds to support the pay increase. Ultimately the CFA is urging the CSU to take action and increase the budget to avoid budget cuts which are vital to CSU success, retention, and recruitment rates of students. Important to note that the strikes will mainly affect academic buildings, so most will be primarily lined up around the buildings. For the Student Senate meeting yesterday, he had an interesting discussion about office hours and attendance policy. They went over how office hours should work and how senators can be held accountable, especially with conversations about compensation moving forward. The Shared Governance Committee is double checking to get committees operational. A Constitutional Convention will be convened in the fall to discuss changes to the Academic Senate’s constitution and restructuring of the university committees. More student seats will also be added to the table.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: None Slaughter: None Krater: None

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said Choose Chico Day is being held on April 9th. Please respond to Doodle Poll regarding that. Andrew brought up an important aspect regarding office hours, that as the CFA strike comes near we need to think about spaces for students to meet. We will still be expected to hold office hours. One of the officers has to be in the office at all times. When it comes to officers crossing the picket line, officers need to understand their elected duties as well. Has continued to work on the video for the President, getting the final list of items needed for the video completion. Based on Appointment Policy it is clear that there are ideas present needed for transition. Went to lunch with the candidate for the Wildcat Leadership Institute. She was the one who started FLO on campus, and she was Director of University Affairs previously. There is an opportunity coming up for officers to speak at Sutter Hall’s event, “Conversation Corners.” They have invited elected officers to come talk about being involved on campus and the importance of their positions. The new president lunch is tomorrow at 4:00 pm; please make sure everyone attending is dressed appropriately.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Trans Conference will be held this Sunday in the BMU at 11:30 am until 5:00 pm, this is the largest Trans Conference being held in the Northern State.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – April 1st is the deadline for scholarships based on merit. If anyone wants to apply for these scholarships please get started. Faculty members have to nominate the student and send the application to their dean for the scholarships.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.