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

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

8 a.m.

BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- None

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Marcos Zepeda, Fernanda Infante, Larissa Thomburg, Andrew Roberts, Matt Zaleski.

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 4/5/16 regular meeting agenda (Jacobs/Prevost) 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $459.08 for Kids Carnival event presented by Upsilon Kappa Delta to be held on 4/16/16 in Trinity Commons. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the revised amount of $630.29 for Kids Carnival event presented by Upsilon Kappa Delta to be held on 4/16/16 in Trinity Commons (Thao/Jarquin). 7-0-0 MSC

B. Information Item: CFA strike Conversation – Nguyen stated that students should be represented best during the strike. Joint efforts should be made for unity and there should not be a stance from the elected officers. There should be a focus on supporting funding from the state legislature but also the fact that the office is here for the students if the strike does happen. If the committee will be meeting during the strike, the office should not be misperceived as taking a stance and the message should be very clear. The office should be open during the strike and officers should still attend office hours. The fact that the office is out of the realm should be stressed, but the office will be a resource available for students throughout the week. There is a good opportunity from the Associated Students to show that they are supporting the students. There will be information on the Chico State website during the strike for questions students have. The office is planning to have tutoring services in the office during the strike if possible, and office hours will be moved around at the timings of the strike.

C. Information Item: Activity Fee Fund Overview estimated results 2015-16 and proposed budget 2016-17 – Discussion was held regarding the Activity Fee Fund Overview. Slaughter said the whole packet and Activity Fee Fund is summarized in pages 2 and 3 of the packet. The currently unallocated amount is $28,000. The approval of another increase in minimum wage is not in this budget as presented. The impact in Activity Fee is just a little less of $5,000. $5,000 is needed next year to meet that minimum wage increase. Essentially, next year the minimum wage is scheduled to increase in January by 50 cents. There can be significant impacts on AS due to the minimum wage and overtime. The reserves on the current operations are incredibly healthy and will be maintained. The Activity Fee Administration line can be found in Tab 2 that can be found in the overview. Tab 3 is Government Affairs Office and Elections. These expenses of Government Affairs are here. Page three shows how Government Affairs is reimbursed by other areas of the union as BOD members exist in the office. Page three shows the shared costs which have a $4,000 and $3,800 figure. Page four is the elected student compensations, these figures are the current paid officers but the senators are not on this sheet as it is not yet approved. The proposed amount for 2016-17 has a proposed 2% adjustment. The elections budget can be seen in page nine and it is known as a corporate budget as all areas pay in to elections, as all officers of the corporation are being elected not just Government Affairs. Government Affairs has 44% of the elected officers in this current formula, and senators are not on here. This is because senators
are 100% the responsibility of the Government Affairs Committee. The elections budget is on the following page, and the elections are roughly a $15,000 – $16,000 endeavor, and all the other areas pay for this, as can be seen as it is split between the corporations. Tab 5 is a schedule of how everyone is reimbursed. One thing not seen in this budget book but can be seen now if looked at the staff managed and student run programs, is the net cost. Student run programs such as KCSC, CLIC, and GSEC do not have normally set up budgets as the budgets are not certain and consistent. The bottom line numbers seen in this budget are different from the numbers seen in the columns because of the activity fund overview. These are different as revenue sharing allocations are different each year. Remember, going back to Tab 1 Page 1 officer budgets, included $5,000 given to the Student Academic Senate. This program doesn’t have a consistent budget but the $5,000 is allocated for them.

D. Information Item: Activity Fee Administration Budget, estimated results 2015-16 and proposed budget 2016-17 – Covered in Information Item C

E. Information Item: Activity Fee Capital Expenditures Budget, estimated results 2015-16 and proposed budget 2016-17 – Covered in Information Item C

F. Information Item: Government Affairs Office Budget, estimated results 2015-16 and proposed budget 2016-17 – Covered in Information Item C

G. Information Item: Elections Budget, estimated results 2015-16 and proposed budget 2016-17 – Covered in Information Item C

H. Information Item: Corporate Service Funds and Area Reimbursements Summary – Covered in Information Item C

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Nothing Jacobs: Working on finishing up Green Tips and they will go out to the residence halls hopefully. Prevoist: EFAC is moving forward and time capsule event is going well. Working on getting words of wisdom on contributions on words and quotes for how you got through the year. Will be reaching out to Student Life and Leadership for these words. If anyone knows of any students who want to get involved in campus programs, there are opportunities for students to serve on student panels. One can contact him or Jarquin for that. Zaleski: ASBC met yesterday and the Dining Services team is ready for the strike and will be aware that many people may not be on campus. The graduation cap and gown sales were really good this year and the Wildcat Store did really good with sales compared to last year. There is going to be a minimum wage increase in future so will be planning for that. Discussing regarding a retail location in the old Conference Services space. Jarquin: Thanked Montalbano for putting in great work for Cats in the Community event as well as Krater. An e-mail about CSSA was sent so please answer it and send it back. We are conducting David Buckley’s Executive Director evaluation. Leah Railey from HR will be coming in to talk in about scholarship compensation vs monetary compensation. Everyone should tweet and use the hashtag #ChooseChico as many perspective students who will be coming to Choose Chico this week and these students are on Twitter. Look for an e-mail about the Welcome Video which is being shot this Friday afternoon. Additionally, the Good Neighbor internship for which they had applications for in the beginning of the year has been successful and Mitchell Foster is working with them. He will be doing a pop up Art Show on Main Street and this will be highlighted on April 17th-19th. Thao: He, Prevoist, Jarquin, and the Diversity Affairs Council are working on the Diversity Conference. The Diversity Conference is this Friday so please come and support. Roberts: BMUC meets on Thursday and we will go over budget. They are having a meeting today with Clyde to discuss the old Conference Services room. Montalbano: Police Student Advisory Board is coming up this Wednesday at 5:30 pm. We will be working on putting mirrors in the parking structure behind UPD. Cats in the Community happened last Thursday and over 160 students showed up. Based on personal feedback, most students and sites had positive experiences. Finney: The FLO barbeque is tomorrow and Choose Chico is on Saturday. Have applications for Coordinator position and FLO facilitator applications are out as well so please let anyone know. Pratt: The draft white paper is on student trustees were just issued out so will be submitting that for CSSA. Will put that out for purposes of figuring out how we can support our student trustees and how communication can be facilitated back and forth. Focusing on shared governance reception and working on the awards that will be given to faculty, staff, and administration that have been particularly helpful in promoting shared governance and that are going above and beyond for students.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: Commencement tickets are available online. If you can mark your calendars for April 22nd there will be a farewell ceremony for President Zingg, staff and students are all invited. Slaughter: Excited to state that there is a brand new Program Director for the Wildcat Leadership Institute. She has a long history with the Associated Students; she started off being the Director of University affairs in 1999. She started the organization of FLO as Road Crew and she worked in Student Affairs. She has great familiarity with campus. She will start working on Monday June 6th. Krater: The GSEC Tran’s conference was this weekend
and was successful and we are happy with the turnout for that. Had a conversation with some students on campus on Chavez Day and they said they thought it was interesting that the University wants to do alternative programming so students don’t drink downtown but the University is closed simultaneously and there is no place for them to study. Gearing up for Take Back the Night Week which will be held soon and Choose Chico Day.

Carter: Everyone that is a part of Student Life and Leadership please greet Rebecca Berner and her staff. Academic Senate is working on a diversity resolution which has been the most interesting process in terms of developing a resolution. Before even getting it to the senate, there are many conversations being made and there will be more to come. He is also in conversation with Senate and others about diversity being a part of our strategic planning. In conversation with the university about three potential centers: a Dream Center, Foster Youth and Veterans Center. He is still in conversation for in terms of where the space will be for these centers. For Dead week and finals week, he is working with the Student Learning Center that will be providing tutoring in areas of Math and Writing during the two weeks. He wants the Government Affairs Committee to think more strategically and sustainably for how tutoring can happen during finals and dead week. The SSC closes at 5pm or 6pm so during these two weeks maybe something different can be done so tutoring can happen. Had an interesting conversation with Chico Police and was talking with him about what is happening with demographic changes in terms of diversity. Thought it would be good to initiate a Barbeque Meet and Greet with Officers in the first two weeks of school, where they can meet with the Police as citizens and not law enforcement officers. More information will be coming soon.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said Choose Chico is on the 9th and the schedule for it will be e-mailed to everyone. Met with Tray Robinson to talk about how the AS can focus more on diversity and one of the things he will be working on is incorporating some diversity related learning objectives. Finalizing the video details and pre-production so everything is set on Friday when the video is shot. Also along with Pratt and Justin Peterson will go to Sutter Hall tomorrow night to promote involvement and elections. Will be meeting with Elaine from Catering to look at the presidential menu. Nguyen and a few others were able to meet with the new University President and they are looking forward to next year and how campus is impacted.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Jarquin printed out the schedule of everyone’s office hours and there are not enough people during specific times. Howell stated that Biztalks are being put on this Wednesday in the PAC at 4pm. Environmental Advocates Department for CLIC has a water panel discussion in the BMU on April 26th from 6:30-7:30. Jacobs stated it is Earth Month, Student Life and Leadership is doing a competition for sustainable habits. Congratulations for Thao and his Model UN group as they got outstanding delegation and were awarded.

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