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

Tuesday, April 26, 2016
8 a.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT - Susan Anderson, CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Andrew Roberts, Matt Zaleski

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 4/19/16 regular meeting agenda (Prevost/Pratt) 5/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Prevost stated that today will be Senior Send-off. This will be held on the Trinity Commons Lawn. At 1:40 the time capsule will be buried in front of Kendall Hall. Jacobs stated that at 6:30 pm today, a renowned environmental law speaker will be in the BMU auditorium and Jacobs will be tabling there as well. Pratt stated that today from 6pm to 7pm in Colusa 100 A and B the council of graduate students will be putting on a panel discussion titled the “Allure of Terror.” Jarquin stated that the Good Neighbor Program intern, Mitchell Foster, will be putting on the Chico State Diversity Art Show at the Museum on 215 Main Street. It will be a cultural art event show and it will be open from 11am-5pm from Wednesday through Friday. Howell stated that tonight is, “What’s in my Water,” held at the BMU 6:30 till 7:30 and there will be two keynote speakers and a panel.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $995 for the Noche de Cervantina event presented by The Expresiones Literarias, artisticas, y culturales de Chico on May 3, 2016 in BMU 210 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Thao led a discussion about the event as it is to commemorate the Hispanic Culture. It will be based on the life of a famous Spanish author; the event will be about his life and showcase much about the Hispanic culture. Many students from upper division Spanish courses will be attending but they are requesting less money than their original proposal. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $845 for the Noche de Cervantina event presented by The Expresiones Literarias, y culturales de Chico on May 3, 2016 in BMU 210 from 6:30pm to 8 pm., as amended (Jacobs/Pratt). 6/0/0 MSC.

B. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Duties for the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management Senator – There is a student leadership council for these colleges. The dean convenes the meetings for this council and a senator is a member of that body. Discussion was held regarding what the vision and purpose of a college council is. The ECC college council in particular discusses everything from what is going on the college, issues they are having, things they need help with. Everyone who attends knows the Senator and Dean will be there to take suggestions and address problems. The ECC used to only send out invitations to the presidents to each club in the college.

C. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Duties for the College of Agriculture Senator – This is the interclub council that serves as their designated college council, they do not have departments. This council is open invite to Agriculture students to come in and give feedback.

D. Information Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Duties for the College of Natural Sciences Senator – This has the senate of College of Natural Sciences; this is not an existing structure. A Senator created this from scratch and put it together. This college sends out invitations to students to come to the meetings and give feedback.
E. Information Item: 3/31/16 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report – This is a running total of all capital expenditures done this year. Capitalization benefits the Activity Fee budget. Discussion is held regarding how these purchases are done and how a call for capital expenditures is held throughout the year. There are no large capital expenditures required for the 4th quarter, and there is a remaining balance of $13,000. This budget would be able to accommodate any needs for capital expenditures for the 4th budget. Krater clarified that a few expenses approved for CLIC and GSEC have yet to show up on the report.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Howell: Legislative Affairs Council is finishing the year off, will be doing in district visits in Chico next week or the week after. There were 31 applicants for the Student Trustees. The CSSA will choose the applicants by narrowing it down and then the governor will choose the final student. The last LAC meeting will be held next Wednesday. Jacobs: The last Sustainability Affairs Council meeting will be held on May 11th. He is working on moving away from single use products at commencement such as bottled water. He finished the “Green Facts and Tips” sheets which will encourage people to make big sustainable steps with small choices. He has already put it up in a few colleges. He is making a video which will go through the life of a pieces of trash. He is looking into working on changing up the composting signs to make it more intentional. The Paul Maslin Award is coming up and he is working with his council on putting up a nomination for this award. He will be participating in a webinar which he has never done before. Prevost: He hopes everyone will be at Senior Sendoff. EFAC has been pushing for these words of wisdom and the video that was made for Senior Sendoff. The new video is on the AS Chico website. During the event he will have the seniors see the video through giving out QR codes. Please let him know any suggestions for improving EFAC. He has a few ideas and events he wants to give to the commissioner for next year. The last EFAC meeting will be held on May 9th.

Zaleski: They conducted some interviews this week to replace Corinne Knapp as the Retail Manager. Knapp and Clyde presented the ‘Urban Market’ idea for the old Conference Services office. They presented all the financial forecast and they will predict that the finances will break even by the 3rd year. They will be voting on approving that next week. At BOD tomorrow they will be talking about the new advisory measure on bottled water. Jarquin: Friday is CC’s Birthday so please come to his Crock Pot Cook off. Everyone should bring their best Crock Pot dish to the CCLC on Friday at 12pm. The University Diversity Committee will be having the last meeting today; Susan Roll has been working on the joint task on diversity and her class will be presenting the focus group that they did. This will be held today from 12pm till 2pm. This will be a final presentation on the focus groups. Please spread the word about the Diversity Survey still being open for students. President Zing is having a retirement baseball party on May 6th. She will send out a reminder about that next week to the office. A great win in Cal Fresh is that the local program director got a proposal recognized of getting nine other CSU campuses becoming subcontractors. This would be an immense amount of outreach for Cal Fresh, and this is a win within the system for accessibility and opportunities for students. There will be a breakfast event held with the next University President on this Friday; there will be food and icebreakers. Thao: The International Festival is this Saturday from 11am-4pm. If anyone can help out, please come by before the event starts, any time after 8am. DAC has been going really well, the current budget is $7492. There is one more proposal coming in next week. The last DAC meeting will be held on May 5th. Roberts: This past Thursday BMUC passed the budget and an action to go forward with the retail option in conference services. He also has the presentation for urban markets so if anyone wishes to see it, ask him. They will hopefully be finishing the basement lounge in the summer and they are thinking about calling it the, “Den.” Please talk to him if anyone has input on that. He is working on a campaign to make it more aware that people can fill up their water bottles up on several locations on campus. The charging station cords are not meant for personal use; please only use them at the station. The last BMUC meeting will be held on May 5th. Montalbano: The last Student Advisory Board meeting is May 4th. This meeting will be a review of the year and will contain planning for next year. The Torres Shelter has stated that they are no longer in a financial state of emergency and are financially stable now. The bike path is still approved for getting cameras, and now this project is in a fundraising state. $17,000 will be needed to fund this. A possible funding source for this would be in the Safety Fund. Finney: Absent Pratt: The shared governance reception will be held in May, and this will be honoring students, staff, faculty and administrators. The college of business student academic council will be held tomorrow at 9 am. This will be an opportunity for students in this college to get involved and provide information and feedback about their college. May 11th at 2pm-3pm in Colusa, Bill Loker, the Dean of Undergraduate Education, will try to get feedback on E Portfolios if anyone can attend. If anyone would like information about this and provide feedback, please come by.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: None Slaughter: None Krater: She has had three separate times to get the new officers and senators on-boarded. She does not have individual transitions for several committees and councils, so if anyone wants to invite their successors, please do so. Transition invites have been sent out for both BOD and GAC but if other councils and committees would like to do a transition with a new officer, please reach out and send them an invitation. This is also a good time for them to attend a meeting and get acquainted with how we hold meetings.
X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said the officers have been invited to Sutter Hall’s event on civic engagement. This will be about different measures going on for upcoming elections; they have invited the officers to come to talk to students about getting involved on campus. They will also provide a barbeque dinner for anyone willing to come. This will be held on this Friday at 5pm. He will be working with the procedures and policy meeting today. The invitations have been sent out for End Point so make sure all of everyone’s council and committee members know about this and can RSVP by the deadline of Friday. This will be a celebration of all the hard work that the AS and everything that anyone who has been involved on a council or committee has done this year. This will be held on May 13th from 3pm -5pm. If everyone has not met with their counterpart for next year please make sure you can schedule to meet them to get them started for next year. The Transitions meeting will be held on Saturday May 14th from 10am – 4pm and all the current officers need to be there by noon for lunch. He sent out an e-mail for the letters he wants to do, and this will go out to the student body on all the hard work they have done this year. Please get the letter to him by May 1st. Next week everyone should wear their GAC polos to get a group picture for the wall.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Krater stated that Rachel Ward was selected as the new GSEC Director and Holly Hockett will be the new FLO Coordinator. Thao stated that Asian Awareness month is coming up, and this week the CCLC is putting on Asian American history events throughout the week. Radhika stated that the GSEC will be hosting an art show and spoken word this Thursday at 7pm at Sylvester’s Cafe.

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None

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