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

Thursday, September 1, 2016  8 a.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Vu Nguyen, Michael Pratt, Jake Jacobs, Susan Anderson, Tammi Fleet, Bro Dumas, Zachary Scott, Dylan Gray, Alisha Sharma

MEMBERS ABSENT- CC Carter

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Jen Halford, Dollie Partida

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

II. AGENDA – Information Item D. (GAC Programming Responsibilities and Information Item E. (Government Affairs Event Evaluations) were added to the agenda. Motion to approve the 9/1/16 revised regular meeting agenda (Dumas/Jacobs) 7/0/0/ MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. 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. (Jacobs/Dumas) 7/0/0 MSC.

2016-17 University Committee Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Faculty and Student Policies Committee (FASP)
- AS student appointments: Vu Nguyen and Michael Pratt
Confirmation of appointment to Educational Policies and Programs Committee (EPPC)
- AS student appointment: Tamara Fleet
Confirmation of appointments to Campus Fee Allocation Committee (CFAC)
- AS student appointments: Tamara Fleet and Brett Rahtz
Confirmation of appointments to Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Board (IRA)
- AS student appointments: Tamara Fleet and Brett Rahtz
Confirmation of appointment to Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB)
- AS President student appointment: Tamara Fleet
Confirmation of appointment to WASC Accreditation Steering Committee
- AS President student appointment: Tamara Fleet

B. Information Item: 2016-17 University Committee Appointments: Jacobs tried to find two of these committees last year, but couldn’t find them, so he asks how he should go about that. Nguyen and Pratt responded that last year certain committees would not meet for a variety of reasons but this year they are now back and meeting. Nguyen stated if anyone has any questions on how to contact these councils and committees then please contact Fleet.

- Research Foundation Board: Michael Pratt – University President student appointment
- University Foundation Board: Sami Elamad – University President student appointment
- WASC Accreditation Steering Committee: Michael Pratt – Ex-officio position
- Academic Integrity Council: Tamara Fleet, Michael Pratt and Dylan Gray – Ex-officio positions
- ADA Committee: Andrew Roberts – Ex-officio position
- Arboretum Committee: Andrew Roberts – Ex-officio position
- Campus Planning Committee: Michael Pratt – Ex-officio position
- Enrollment Management Advisory Committee: Michael Pratt – Ex-officio position
- Financial Aid Advisory Committee: Bro Dumas – Ex-officio position
- University Student Evaluation of Teaching Committee (USSET): Tamara Fleet – Ex-officio position  
- Transportation Committee: Jake Jacobs and Zach Scott – Ex-officio positions  
- University Budget Committee: Michael Pratt – Ex-officio position

C. Information Item: CSUnity Drive-In Update – Roberts said this was a busy week for most so they will be meeting next week. An outline needs to be made of what this event will look like. If anyone volunteered for this committee they should get an e-mail soon with information. Please e-mail Roberts if anyone has any questions.

D. Information Item: GAC Programming Responsibilities – In the initial discussions of this event of the Bidwell Bash last year, it was very unclear what this is about and the role GAC will play. This is the first time collaborating with the campus partners. Nguyen is envisioning up to a thousand attendees this year. He has set up a schedule with what could work for all but he wants everyone to look it over. Everyone will be expected to be there all day. The Government Affairs team has hosted events for high impact weekends. In the past, Night of the Living Pancake event was held, as an example. Krater states the aim of these events on Halloween is an opportunity for students to get some water and a little food as well as provide an alternative to going out. The conversation is what GAC officials want to do for Saturday the 29th of October. Nguyen states that there needs to be mindfulness of on campus relationships, so that work can be done cohesively to make sure students are happy and busy on this night. Jacobs mentioned that a Grilled Cheese night would be ideal, along with CADEC giving out water. Krater stated one of the things is that AS Catering has to be used if anything is done in the BMU, and to offset some of the costs all of the GAC officers have helped put on these events in the past. Gray stated that he is excited for this event, and he wants to do something for this day. Fleet and Dumas support doing something for the event. Robert and Jacobs are unsure about this event and suggest having this event mainly programmed by ASP instead. Both believe there should be less of a time commitment for the officers. Pratt says that with his observations of previous years, people stop attending the event once the food is over. Taking that into consideration, what students want is food and an opportunity to socialize. Fleet said her only concern is of officers not wanting to be on later shifts, and that if someone signs up for the later shift they have to be there and on time. Roberts clarified that he agrees with Pratt, that programming should not be a responsibility of GAC completely and programming should be simpler. Slaughter said one thing to keep in mind is that these opportunities throughout the year are more of a visual impact to show more of a sentiment of how AS can get involved on these weekends. Therefore, these events show how AS is committed to keeping students safe and being part of the solution of safety. Dumas stated that everyone agrees on having some simple food to serve for the event, and there should simply be a DJ present as well. This will come back as an info item next week.

E. Information Item: Government Affair Event Evaluations: To place more emphasis on program evaluations, there will be a requirement of all GAC events to have post event and pre-event surveys. This evaluation is modelled after the CCLC’s. Nguyen will be e-mailing this out to everyone and he wishes that everyone has this done by Friday and can give their input.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Fleet: Went to the Advisory Board in which they accessed their values on campus. It is difficult to assess these five values so they had a discussion on how to assess these. She met with the EPPC, which is one of the student committees of the Academic Senate. She had her first Senate meeting recently. She had a conversation with Pratt, Krater, and Slaughter about opportunities for Senators and how they can help with funding opportunities. Dumas: Has met with representatives of Chico State Democrats and Republicans. They have discussed a voter registration competition. They are looking at what this will look like and how Housing can get involved in this as well. He is looking to keeping this as nonpartisan and unbiased as possible. Towards the end, he is looking at having a pizza party celebration and hopes President Hutchinson can get involved. Pratt: He has been meeting with several people and working on the Graduation Initiative. They are talking about Chico State increasing the graduation rate from 26% to 40% by 2025. The goal of the initiative was discussed. The attitude has shifted as State funding has gotten less. He has received updates from campus facility use, the Veteran Center will be moved from a small place to a large place, and the Dream Center is in development right now. Today is the Academic Senate Retreat so he will present there. Scott: Thanked Sharma for setting up tabling as this is a good way to get the word out about GAC. In terms of his position, he has been trying to contact people. He has had a few people interested in joining his committee. Gray: He has met with some multicultural organizations, which last year co-hosted an event together. There was some conflict within these organizations hosting his event last year, so they are working on how they will move forward this year. He has also met with the President of Chico State Pride, Joshua, who hopes to do a big Mardi Gras event. He is looking into going to the Welcome Receptions. GAC is invited to table at an event at September 15th, so if anyone can table please let him know. He says going to
Welcome Receptions can bring visibility to GAC. **Sharma:** Had her first two meeting sign offs for proposals. Had several meetings with students about events they want to put on. She hopes EFAC can have an event to promote student involvement. She is working on ideas for such an event. **Jacobs:** Met with Vic Trujillo in regards to retrofitting the BMU and about certain lights that are out in the BMU. Discussed having hand dryers installed in the bathrooms but they can be very expensive. Met with Corinne Knapp and talked to her about his ideas in Dining Services. He also set up his Sustainability Affairs Council time, it will be meeting on Tuesdays. **Roberts:** He did a few class talks and he suggested that everyone do the same. Zen Den will open on September 15th. Furniture will arrive soon for the BMU basement. **Rahtz:** Looking for the best and brightest candidates for ASBC. They are creating policy, as part of their agreement; they have $30,000 for textbook scholarships. He is in the process of creating policy to distribute this money in the best way possible. If anyone has ideas with how to move forward with this please talk to him. **Partida:** The number of people applying has gone up even more and there is still a week left. They had their first facilitator meeting on Monday.

**VII. REPORTS: STAFF** – **Anderson:** She shared a brochure that is done every year and it is called “Experiencing Excellence.” Admissions uses this brochure. **Carter:** Absent  
**Slaughter:** None  
**Krater:** Sarah Stewart is continuing to train and learn and she hopes everyone can engage with her. If someone stops by for your office hours please let the front desk know. She appreciates what everyone is doing for the council and committee applications. She will work with Nguyen directly so everyone is clear on what they are doing on Sunday. They are working on 220D so it looks like a presentable internal board room which it is and it was funded to be. An email went out yesterday, they released that a space has been designated on campus for both Foster Youth and a Dream Center. **Halford:** Applications close next week. This program will be like FLO for transfer students. There are many pilot programs happening, and she is working on them. If anyone would like to earn a certificate, please sign up soon.

**VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – Nguyen said that the Wildcats Can event will be held tomorrow at 12 PM. Please be at the event if on campus. Please share the raffle opportunity on social media for Wildcats Can. If anyone is uncomfortable in the office with anything please let him know, he wants to make sure this is a comfortable and effective work environment for everyone. The Initial Review Board (IRB) will be meeting on Friday.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**X. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic - None

**XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Several shout outs were given and people were acknowledged.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.