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

Thursday, October 6, 2016  8 a.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT - Vu Nguyen, Michael Pratt, Jake Jacobs, Tammi Fleet, Bro Dumas, Zachary Scott, Dylan Gray, Alisha Sharma, CC Carter, Susan Anderson
MEMBERS ABSENT - None

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Jen Halford, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Brett Rahtz, Royal Castine, Jen Halford, and Andrew Roberts

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 10/6/16 regular meeting agenda (Dumas/Sharma) 7/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 9/22/16 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/22/16 regular meeting, as presented (Jacobs/Dumas) 7/0/0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Campus Sustainability Day will be October 25th. The Campus Moonlight Walk needs more students to volunteer to walk campus looking for safety issues. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is partnering up to host a café discussion. This event is to talk about LGBTQ+ issues, at Selvester's Café, Monday at 10 a.m.

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/Sharma) 7/0/0 MSC.

2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs appointments: Angel Curiel and Jonathan Okonkwo

B. Information Item: Campus Drive-in Workshop Update – Roberts was not currently present so Nguyen asked if anyone else wanted to share about this. Krater stated that while she was at Fullerton, she posed the question of what the advisors could share. She got feedback that the date is not ideal as it is right after Thanksgiving and also before finals. Questions were asked about the topics that are planning to be discussed at the Drive In. Nguyen questioned whether this event should happen. Jacobs responded that in order to get this event to happen, everyone needs to get together and discuss the feasibility and logistics of this event. Carter stated there are various factors to look at, and this is a critical juncture in which this has to be figured out as soon as possible. He also mentioned that the infrastructure in terms of councils and committees not being filled should be the internal focus. He stated the internal has to be focused on first before the external. Dumas said that one of the things they were concerned of was the time crunch, as the councils and committees need to be settled in. He agreed with Carter, in terms of dates coming up too close. Gray asked if this event could be moved to next semester. Jacobs said this was a really great idea with good intentions, but seven weeks in, there really is a limited number of weeks left to plan this out. Gray stated an email needs to be sent out in terms of which officers are still interested in putting on this event. Sharma agreed with Jacobs that there needs to be a conversation about improving the outline for the event. Krater asked if this transfer of information with other campuses could be done through Skype or other means. Nguyen said that at this point, this event should not be moved forward. Gray and Jacobs volunteered to email other campuses and see what they have to say. Nguyen said his recommendation is that there is an answer by Monday whether this event will happen or not. Carter said that as leaders, they need to figure out what their peers want to talk about in terms of importance of leadership. Some officers confirm that they are interested in putting on this event still. Fleet said that there could be more feedback taken from campuses and is worried about the execution of this event as there is not enough time to plan it.

C. Information Item: Halloween Programming Task Force Update – There was a meeting yesterday to get things started. They are planning to hold this outside the BMU. There will be a DJ, a photo booth, and 1,400 slices of pizza given out. A contract is being worked out with Round Table by AS Catering. Krater recommended the marketing for this event needs to be done soon. Roberts asked if there will visibility on the streets and Krater
said that a spotlight will be there from SL&L.  Nguyen said he is thinking of the name of the event being Pizza in the Plaza.  Roberts said the name should be something else. Krater suggested “Stay Sharp Chico.” Nguyen asked the committee to agree on a name so he can make the posters. The name, “Safety in a Slice” was agreed upon. Sharma went to the panel meeting and contacted MGC and another organization; both of these organizations are onboard with providing volunteers. Similar to Bidwell Bash, tables will be set up. Roberts said he wants to see a fair selection for shifts, so no one is upset. Nguyen said a sign in sheet will be sent out through email and it will be a first come first serve.

D. Information Item: June, July and August 2016 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual Experience – The information was reviewed with the committee.

E. Discussion Item: Organic Cotton Policy – There is an Organic Cotton Resolution which states that when Activity Fee dollars are used to purchase bulk t-shirts, they must buy organic cotton shirts. Krater has had a few programs approach her about the added challenge and cost of ordering organic cotton. She said she would like to have a conversation regarding the resolution and discuss any options. Roberts stated that if the price difference is significant, he would rather see student money be spent on actual events. Jacobs said there needs to be at least a week to look at pros and cons and then there should be a discussion. Dumas said that there are many sustainable options to be looked at in terms of shirts. This item will be brought back again with more information for the committee to review.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Fleet: The ECC application is due today. There are enough applicants, so it will go to the Academic Senate and then come to GAC and then BOD. She is working on ECC vacancy, the AS committee/council appointments, and the Provost Search committee. She said she has trouble focusing in the office and that is something she is struggling with, as well as miscommunication. Dumas: Working with the Chico State Democrat and Republican students on getting students educated on the ballot issues and getting them registered. Pratt: Spoke about the conference he attended in Washington, D.C. Scott: Is proud of making connections, having a job that requires using his head and getting to make changes. He is working on trying to be more grounded with his values and ideas and trying to add something new to Cats in the Community this year. Gray: Thinks he needs to better himself in terms of timeliness and communication. He is proud of building relationships with cultural organizations and campus cultural climate, which in terms leads to communication and talking about the problems and issues that these cultural organizations face. He is focused on building these relationships and helping them out. He wants to bring students in to the office and close that office gap and these go with the cultural leadership aspect. Sharma: Is proud of where she is in terms of making great connections. She is working on Wildcat Sync for her idea with Joel Ramirez and excited to get started with her council. Jacobs: In the past, he has been proud of meeting new people and making those connections. He is also proud of being vulnerable and stepping outside his comfort zone. He is working on personal growth and recommitting the values of AS. He is working with graphics for Sustainability, sharing SFAC success stories, the hydration station location, as well as working on the SFAC inventory. He believes that taking time for him is what makes him productive. Roberts: Is proud of Zen Den II and the ability of this campus to focus on mental health regarding students. He is proud of the young inspiring leaders in the AS. He is working on bettering his GPA, the master space plan for the AS and getting mentally ready to graduate. He thinks his experience could be better by making everyday a memory and cherish it without thinking of the future. Rahtz: Proud to have greatly advanced his knowledge of the AS businesses. He is also proud of having a solid handle on his busy schedule and expanding his portfolio on phrases. He is currently working on the AS Dining rebranding and is excited to get the textbook scholarships allocated as well as acquaint the student appointees.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: None  Carter: None  Slaughter: Absent  Krater: Elected officers get early registration so they can schedule classes around meetings. When possible, do your best to keep your fall meeting times the same for the spring semester. The AS is reviving a campaign from a few years ago – “You asked, we responded.” A calendar will be posted in BMU 220J for everyone to write down upcoming events.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said two things he is proud of in his position are using his knowledge gained last year to better himself this year. He is also working really hard on defining what is needed in the position vacated by Hamilton. He is looking forward to the AS 75th anniversary celebration and he believes it will be epic - #yearofthewildcat. He is looking forward to cleaning up the language in many of the policies and alleviating any problems. He is also looking forward to this internship program.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Krater stated that next Wednesday is ‘Wear Rainbow Day’ for Queer Week. A group photo will be taken. FLO mentors are being selected so please check your e-mails for more information.

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

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.