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

Thursday, November 17, 2016 8 a.m. BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Vu Nguyen, Jake Jacobs, Tammi Fleet, Zachary Scott, Dylan Gray, Alisha Sharma, CC Carter, Susan Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT – Bro Dumas (excused), Michael Pratt (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Jen Halford, Radhika Katania (recorder), Brett Rahtz, Andrew Roberts, Gabby Scudieri, Nan Timmons, David Buckley, Jen Halford

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Nguyen asked to add an information item to the agenda today to allow Rachel Ward from the GSEC to make a presentation. Motion to approve the 11/17/16 regular meeting agenda as amended (Scott/Gray). 5/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 11/3/16 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/3/16 regular meeting, as presented (Jacobs/Sharma). 5/0/0 MSC.

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/Scott) 5-0-0 MSC.

2016-17 University Committee Appointments

   Confirmation of appointment to Faculty and Student Policies Committee (FASP)
   - AS student appointment: Sami Elamad

2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

   Confirmation of appointment to Sustainability Affairs Council
   - Commissioner of Community Affairs appointments: Chance Watts and Tova Love

B. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $1,187 for the NSSLHA 8th Annual Conference presented by NSSLHA (National Student Speech Language & Hearing Association) to be held in BMU 203 on March 25, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $1,187 for the NSSLHA 8th Annual Conference presented by NSSLHA (National Student Speech Language & Hearing Association) to be held in BMU 203 on March 25, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., as presented (Sharma/Gray). This is the 8th Annual Conference focusing on a speech disorder and raise awareness of it. It will be an all-day conference, there will be a speaker, workshop, and certificate awarded at the end. They are asking funds for advertising, and speaker fees. They explained this will benefit Chico State students as this field affects many students. 5/0/0 MSC.

C. Information Item: 2017 Election Procedures – Timmons covered the AS election procedures including all of the information needed for the office to comply with the process. February 24th is when ‘Intent to File Packets’ will be available and they are due by March 10th. If a student is eligible to run, Declaration of Candidacy Packet can be picked up on March 20th and are due March 24th. April 5th is the Election BBQ and April 10th is the Candidate Forum. The voting happens on April 12th and results are posted by April 13th by noon. Timmons also talked about the posters that are representative of each area and their responses to student needs.

D. Information Item: GSEC presentation – Rachel Ward, Director of the GSEC gave a presentation covering the four different programs. The Queer (formerly LGBTQ) and Trans programs do programming specific to each
community. One of their main pillars is to challenge societal norms that oppress and marginalize by providing opportunities. Their other pillar is to provide a safe and inclusive space where the campus and community can effectively support the academic mission of the University. The GSEC offers an array of services at low costs to be as accessible as possible for students. The structure of the center prioritizes the campus community. They try to enforce a feminist style of leadership and make sure everyone is included. There are several events GSEC has put on this fall and there are several more events that will be put on next spring. Ward states she wants to be as innovative as possible. She wants to add new products and services to the office, have more panels and presentations, increase one-day events to span one week and work on more collaborations. It is important to the GSEC that they form strong authentic relationships with the campus community and their partners. She would like everyone on GAC to know what the GSEC does and be an advocate for them. She believes there are always ways to improve programs and this can be done through collaboration and additional resources.

E. Information Item: University Diversity update – UDC got together last week to address its role in relationship to responding to the elections to ways in which we can be actively engaged and tried to give voice. They recognize that what is happening at the University is that they are not prepared to have the conversation, so they are figuring out ways to give support to faculty and staff so they can facilitate conversation. They are trying to figure out who, what, and how on faculty and staff getting involved. There were a number of incidents happening around campus in terms of people being assaulted. There will be a form available online for students to report information about things that happened to them. This will enable the University to take action. UDC is trying to figure out how to provide leadership in order to move forward.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Fleet: We are rescheduling ‘Pizza with the Provost’ to a later date. They are working on an action plan regarding the potential tuition increase. CSSA is working through a few resolutions – mental health and student evaluation of teaching. The Provost search is going well. Dumas: Absent

Scott: His council is looking at safe spaces on campus and talking to different groups to table in the gauntlet and talk about the election results. He is looking into starting new surveys for the Police Student Advisory Board.

Gray: He believes that they packed the house at MAC night and the event was very fun. The planning for the event started out kind of slowly technical wise, logistics wise, and dress rehearsals wise, but it was overall a success. Sharma: She went to the election forum last night with Dylan, Tori, Bro and Michael. Overall, even though there is anguish and fear, there is also a sense of motivation as students know they can be empowered again. Some of the things they heard were increasing communication from the AS to the students as well as doing some focused programming and give students resources to do workshops. Jacobs: Sustainability and a Slice was yesterday. He got in contact with groups about the SFAC funded projects in the past. The week following break he will not be on campus. Tomorrow is the Organic Cotton Resolution meeting. Roberts: They are doing more additions to the basement, with more chairs and artwork. The area between the old conference services and common grounds will have the tables taken out, and it will become a more lounge type space for students to hangout. He is working on the financial services office, and meeting with people to figure out what they want that space to look like. Rahtz: Follet will provide at least $15,000 annually in textbook scholarships for the term of this contract. The application for a textbook scholarship will have basic info and this can be done through collaboration and additional resources.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Buckley: Yesterday at BOD they talked about the impact of minimum wage. Over a five year period there will be a 2.3 million dollar increase with the biggest impact being to Dining Services and Union. Activity Fee will be impacted as well which will potentially bring up a fee increase. Buckley plans to attend retreat to go over the budget with everyone to understand the reserve analysis. In regards to the election forum last night, Iowa has a congressman whom will be presenting a bill that will penalize any state institution that would fund anything regarding activities happening post-election. They want to pull money away from state institutions and this goes back in history, it ties into a law (Smith v. Regents) that was passed that student fees can’t be used to support anything that has to do with religion or politics. The Sustainability Coordinator and the Marketing Coordinator positions are both out for recruitment.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – None

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.