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

Thursday, October 27, 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,

MEMBERS ABSENT – Susan Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Jen Halford, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Brett Rahtz, Andrew Roberts, Dollie Partida, David Buckley

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Pratt asked to add Information Item E: Tuition Increase conversation. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended (Sharma/Scott). 7/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 10/13/16 regular meeting – Motion to approve the minutes of the 10/13/16 regular meeting, as presented (Dumas/Jacobs) 7/0/0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $4,000 for the 6th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Week presented by the S.T.O.P. (Stop Trafficking of Persons) to be held in the BMU Auditorium on March 27 – March 29, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night. Nguyen amended this amount to $3,500.00. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $3,500 for the 6th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Week presented by the S.T.O.P. (Stop Trafficking of Persons) to be held in the BMU Auditorium on March 27 – March 29, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night, as amended (Fleet/Jacobs). Sharma stated this is a really cool event that has been successful before. The first night is a law enforcement panel, the second night certifications will be held on human trafficking knowledge and then the third night there will be a keynote speaker. The keynote speaker is a former human trafficking survivor. The Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Week took it upon themselves to amend their budget this year due to the sliding scale. The reduction of $500 will be replaced through fundraising. They are doing fundraising for this event through the Tea Bar in the next few weeks and Sharma will keep them updated. 7-0-0 MSC.

B. Information Item: Halloween Programming Task Force Update – This event will be moved to the UHUB due to rain and the pizza order has been reduced. Everyone in GAC is signed up as well as representatives from MCGC and CADEC will have several students handing out bottled water. There is now an adequate amount of people helping out for this event. The “Stay Sharp” shirts will be worn by officers.

C. Information Item: 9/30/16 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual – The benchmark is 33%, revenues are high and expenses are low. Operational expenses are low, and the campus programs are high at 48%, but this is normal at this time of year. For career staff, the amount is high, this is because there is an increase on vacation accrual balances, including a 2% pay increase.

D. Information Item: Local Agency Investment Fund and Certificates of Deposit for quarter ending 9/30/16 – For this quarter ending 9/30, the average investments earned $4000 with the returns on investments. The investment balance is at around $2.6 million.

E. Tuition Increases: The Chancellor’s Office memo is in everyone’s boxes with extensive details of the proposed tuition increases. Pratt gave the exact same presentation from CSSA to the group. They are presented with a timeline about the process. The Board of Trustees has listed out their five major priorities, being a graduation initiative, employee compensation, enrollment growth, facilities and infrastructure and mandatory costs. The proposed incremental expenditures is requiring of a $75 million in ongoing funding. The anticipated revenue is $157.2 million. The tuition increase for undergraduates is $270 a year, $438 a year for graduates, and $312 a year for credential students. For non-residents, there will be an extra per unit fee of
$25 per unit, on the semester system. CSSA will be advocating for campaigns involving the Board of Trustees, state legislatures, and the governor. The students in So. California will be focusing all efforts and resources at the Board of Trustees and Chancellor’s office, and in No. California they will be advocating in Sacramento at the capitol.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Fleet: The new ECC senator began his office hours this week and if anyone sees him please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome. Dumas: None Pratt: None Scott: None

Gray: He will have a big push of marketing through social media and word of mouth for MAC night next week. If anyone can help it would be great. Sharma: None Jacobs: None Roberts: None Rahtz: None

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: Absent Carter: None

Slaughter: Absent Krater: None Halford: None

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said there is now a new Outreach & Marketing coordinator, and they will have to talk about her role in the office and how they will be working with her. They met for the Safety Task Force which is broken up into 11 different subcommittees. They will be reaching out to people to get into these subcommittees as well.

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 – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 8:31 a.m.