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

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 8 a.m. BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT- None

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Jamie Clyde, Dylan Gray, Karen Finley, Brett Rahtz, Matt Zaleski, and Andrew Roberts, Philanthropy Council members.

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 5/10/16 regular meeting agenda (Prevost/Jarquin). 6-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 5/3/16 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 5/3/16 regular meeting, as presented. (Jacobs/Thao) 6-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – The recently started Student Philanthropy council presented GAC with a certified award for their donations.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Duties for the Commissioner of Community Affairs. Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Duties for the Commissioner of Community Affairs, as presented (Jacobs/Pratt). Montalbano states these revisions are to make it more specific what this council is, along with its purpose and why it was started. It will consist of who the key players and partners are who can be reached out to and have keystone students attend the meeting. A one page manifesto for the council has been created; it is a guideline to keep the continuity and purpose of the Council going. 6-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $3,050 for the Women: Undercover event presented by The Religious Diversity Association on 9/28/16 in the BMU auditorium from 9 am to 9 pm. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $3,050 for the Women: Undercover event presented by The Religious Diversity Association on 9/28/16 in the BMU auditorium from 9 am to 9 pm, as presented (Thao/Pratt). This event is a unique and interesting one in which there would be an opportunity for students on campus to try on different cultural head scarves. There will be a presentation, and tabling in the auditorium to bring awareness to students. Different student groups will be reached out to for these presentations. Jarquin is unsure if it is appropriate for people to try on different cultural headscarves. Thao responds that he is unsure about how to answer this question as he is not involved with these cultures. Slaughter states if the president of a group can address these concerns it would be appropriate to ask about those questions, in one sense this could be approved process wise. Slaughter states that this is a Religious Diversity Association so they should be aware to some extent about this topic. Carter states that internally struggling in the world of diversity, if an experience is trying to be created and white folks on campus will be sent out with scarves they will be seen as in a totally different way than the students they are representing. He states if the religious and cultural groups do not approve of this then there is no approval to have this event. It is a dangerous road to travel down, as an advisor Carter states that attention has to be paid to this topic. Prevost asks how this experience can be recreated for people not a part of the community and believes it is important for people to have a look into the lives of people whom are parts of certain communities, but cultural appropriation is not a way to do that. He sees the cultural appropriation aspect, but he also believes it is important that awareness is raised on these issues. Montalbano states that he is less comfortable funding the event for September as it doesn’t give much time to answer these questions. He states maybe a proportion of the budget can be approved for the room, but not for the scarves. Jarquin states regardless of the event being changed it will still be cultural appropriation. Thao states it is challenging to not go into programming and look into funding so he
would have to look at a way to talk to the group about that. Jacobs states he is fully in support of this event as long as it is educational. He has problems with funding this if several questions aren't answered about the event. Howell states that he would not be comfortable in approving this event, especially due to the date constraints. Slaughter suggests that certain people in the group come up with questions to ask the committee about the specifics for the event. **Motion to not fund and refer the proposal of the Women Undercover event back to the committee of DAC to get addition questions answered Jarquin/Howell 7-0-0 MSC**

C. **Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $524 for the Mid-Autumn Festival event presented by The Chinese Students and Scholars Association on 9/15/16 in Trinity Commons. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $524 for the Mid-Autumn Festival event presented by The Chinese Students and Scholars Association on 9/15/16 in Trinity Commons, as presented (Thao/Jacobs), Chinese student scholars are putting on this event. In China, the date of September 15 is a day on which students and families go out and watch the moon. Students want to bring this event to campus and bring awareness and to create a community for Chinese students on campus to celebrate their culture. The budget includes decorations, advertising and moon cakes which are special pastries used to celebrate this event. The event will be held in Trinity Commons from 12pm to 2pm. Nguyen states this event would be great and it will help bring communities together and talk about culture. 6-0-0 MSC.**

D. **Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $4,000 for the 13th Chico Forensic Conference presented by The Anthropology Graduate Student Association on 10/29/16 and 10/30/16 in BMU 203 and Plumas 117. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $4,000 for the 13th Chico Forensic Conference presented by The Anthropology Graduate Student Association on 10/29/16 and 10/30/16 in BMU 203 and Plumas 117, as presented (Jacobs/Jarquin). Prevost states this organization has been putting on this great event since 2005; this will be a two day event. Something important about this event is it touches upon several majors and students. They also will be bringing in great keynote speakers from the anthropology field. The majority of the budget will be spent on the flights and hotels for the speakers. On Saturday day long presentations will be held. Artifacts and different bones that are studied will be available for attendees to see. There will be professionals present and students will be learning about the field as well as networking. EFAC discovered that this event has been funded for over 5 years and next year they will be eligible for less due to the sliding scale. The council has the option to choose whether the sliding scale can be lifted or not. EFAC decided upon lifting the sliding scale. 6-0-0 MSC.**

E. **Action Item: Approval of Safety Camera allocation from Safety Fund 2016-17 in the amount of $7,500. Discussion was held regarding the need to add safety measures to a path that many Chico State students use. We are currently reacting to incidents that have happened on this trail so we should now be proactive in supporting cameras. Jarquin clarified that the money is being taken from the 2015-16 budget and request that the language be amended. Clarification also sought to show that the total amount of the AS support is $7,500. Montalbano asked if we could pull from reserves if needed. Zaleski asked if we had feedback from other organizations and what their contributions were. Jarquin stated that Alumni Affairs and the University both contributed. Anderson clarified that the total contributions received are in the area of $15,000 which is very close to the total needed. Discussion was held regarding the need to continue monitoring the safety of this area including the Safety Walk that the Community Affairs group did. Motion to approve Safety Camera allocation from Safety Fund 2015-16 in the amount of $7,500, as amended (Howell/Jarquin) 7-0-0 MSC.**

VIII.REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Pratt: The Student Academic Senate adopted a resolution to expand the Student Veteran Center on campus which will provide more services and space for them. He is almost done with the Senate Policies and Procedures document. Howell: Went to Senator Jim Nielsen’s office and State Assembly Member Jim Gallagher’s office last week; the CSU is looking good in Nielsen’s eyes. Attended CSSA this weekend in East Bay and overall it has been a good year. Jacobs: He is working on the recycling video that should be done by the end of this year. The Paul Maslin Award was given to Professor Jesse Dizard and Janessa Mostow. Prevost: EFAC was amazing and their last meeting was really good and they got to fund the Forensics Conference. He thanks everyone for a great year. Zaleski: ASBC had their last meeting and they are still going forward with planning a retail space in the vacant area of the atrium. The Dining Team has been reaching out to vendors for Whole Foods, Trader Joes and Co Ops. ASBC also had a discussion about minimum wage. Jarquin: She is finishing up this fundraising project and the Diversity Survey. She is hoping there are specific findings from the survey. She is working on officer transition to Pratt. Thao: DAC had their last meeting Thursday and there are still groups wanting to meet to get funding from this semester. He is trying to help the groups to figure out when to come in next semester to get funding. Roberts: BMUC had their last meeting and decided to pass the funding for two kiosks and display screens for the atrium floor in the BMU. They will get new software for it, and it will take place of the information desk that the conference services were serving as. Montalbano: Community Affairs Council had their last meeting yesterday and it went well. It has been a great year.
IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: None Slaughter: None Krater: None

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen gave a thank you speech to everyone. No report.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION –

XIV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Krater states she has individual memories which are her favorites, for her the best memories include listening to everyone support each other. It has been a privilege for her. As every year comes she looks forward to watch everyone’s lives unfold. She thanks everyone for their efforts. Carter says he has seen individuals on councils that rocked and he has been pleased to see and witness all the growth everyone encountered. He has had a phenomenal journey and believes the future is in the hands of dedicated bright individuals is what everyone reflects. Individually he knows everyone will succeed and he hopes the next bar will be high. He hopes this is the start of true change on campus in terms of student government.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.