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

Thursday, September 29, 2016 8 a.m. BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT - Vu Nguyen, Michael Pratt, Jake Jacobs, Tamara Fleet, Bro Dumas, Zachary Scott, Alisha Sharma, CC Carter, Susan Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT – Dylan Gray (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Radhika Kataria (recorder), Brett Rahtz, 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 9/29/16 regular meeting agenda (Pratt/Dumas) 5/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 9/15/16 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/15/16 regular meeting, as presented (Scott/Dumas) 4/1/0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Campus Drive-in Workshop Update – Roberts said that he met with others to discuss this and it will be held December 2nd and 3rd. They have put a limit on four people per school to attend and this is to control the amount of people at the event. Krater is currently at CSU, Fullerton and she will be asking advisors at the meeting for their feedback. Everything is being split up in tasks and four topics will be covered: Sustainability, Shared Governance, AS Programs, and Funding Councils. They are yet to decide if multiple areas within the topics will be discussed. They want to keep sections open so people can freely discuss topics. Next week they will be working on the exact number of people coming, the room needed, and programming for the event. Revenue sharing might be added to the topics discussed. Roberts stated that all the officers should attend this event because it is a rare opportunity. Carter advised that everyone be passionate about this event and be completely invested into it, as they have committed to putting on this event.

B. Information Item: Halloween Programming Task Force Update – Nguyen stated they have been hard at work for the logistics of this event in terms of reservations and planning. All this will be done by the next GAC meeting and after that other aspects for the event will be finalized. The master task list will be updated and sent to the officers by this weekend.

C. Information Item: June, July and August 2016 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs. Actual Experience – Every month, Nguyen will be coming back with a finance sheet. He will give a brief overview of all sections of this budget. He said that looking at revenues; it is under the projected amount. The total expenses are under the revenue. Discussion was held regarding the different line items on the budget. General operating expenses covers trainings for employees. Looking at campus programs, these are campus programs that are wholly funded by the AS. The income received is through grants through the California Department of Education. The last section is community programs, such as C A V E. Nguyen then covered the year to date August budget. The benchmark for this month would be 16.67 because we are two months into the year. Government Affairs budget is looking good, and employee benefits are low because the dates of the fiscal year. Overall, the revenues are overall high and expenses are below the benchmark.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Fleet: For University Affairs, the ECC vacancy continues and will close October 6th. The focus is on advertising this position so if anyone could help it would be appreciated. This new deadline means that the new Senator will take office on October 24th; if everything goes to plan. A positive conversation is being held regarding an undergrad certificate program that is being discussed in interreligious and intercultural relations. A change in writing intensives and capstones will be looked at in terms of how writing is done on campus. The University Writing Committee will be sending a revision of GE writing curriculum to Academic Senate and will be a big change if it gets approved. A revision was made to the Student Policies and Procedures Manual at Senate, the procedures were changed so that it does not have to come to this body. The Senate Shared Governance Committee is working on recruiting team representatives for university
committes, and the Internal Affairs Committee is working on updating AS codes. The provost search has started; the goal is to have a new provost by July 2017. Dumas: Had the first Presidential Debate watch party and there was a good turnout. The one that will be held on the 19th will be at the UHUB. The voter registration competition is on its way and the 27th was the first day and it will be seen who wins. Pratt: His report is attached to the Board agenda. He went to Long Beach for the Graduation Initiative Symposium. Showing the Department of Finance and Legislative Analyst office that they are doing their due diligence on making sure the graduation rates will increase and we hope to receive the $35 million that was promised by the Legislature. He met with Sami Elamad, the Director of Student Legal Services at CLIC, and Sandy Parsons, Director of Student Judicial Affairs, discussed student code of conduct and developing the honor code. This event will make students more informed about what is contained in the Code of Conduct. Scott: Make a Difference day is October 15th and there will be a BBQ and free t-shirts offered. That same day, there is a Breast Cancer walk, as well as the Parade of Lights. Gray: Absent Sharma: Got the EFAC and DAC appointments in. Have been meeting with students and might have two proposals for the first EFAC meeting on the 11th. She is going to the Book in Common event tonight in place of Pratt. Jacobs: Had a conversation regarding the feasibility to create a bike share program which will be partnering with the community. He is working with AS Sustainability for setting up a hydration station map so students can better access water on campus. He has been meeting with others to get started in terms of SFAC proposals and questions, the SFAC proposals are due in one week. Roberts: The opening of the Zen Den II was a huge success and it exceeded his expectations. Please check out the Zen Den II and get the word out. The basement is opening at the end of next week. BMUC will be meeting on October 10. He is currently reviewing the lower level of the BMU to see if we can remove the screens and bulletin board and replace them with electronic screens. Working on a master space plan for the next few years for whoever holds his position in the future. He is taking ideas on how to remodel the Financial Services Office. Rahtz: He is currently sitting on the search committee for the campus Vice President for Business and Finance. If anyone has any suggestions, qualifications, characteristics or skills and experiences they would like to see in the chosen candidate please pass it on to him. The first ASBC meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd and he invited everyone to attend. Partida: Had the first general meeting and it went well. She feels more comfortable facilitating. They will have the first FLO group meetings next week.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: None Carter: Said students are at the time where things are getting stressful, so he encouraged everyone to have patience and take care of one another. He stated that there is so much going on in everyone’s lives so it is good to check in and stay connected with one another.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Said the he will get a communications chart done. Had a marketing meeting to talk about the next step moving forward as Kristina Hamilton will be vacating her position. There is also a meeting today for any GAC immediate needs in terms of marketing and tabling. He sits on EMAC, basically one of the graduation initiatives and having more students to come in. He will have a meeting on Friday about the AS 75th year celebration if anyone can come with him. He will try to set up a potluck for all the officers to bond.

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 8:59 a.m.