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

Thursday, January 26, 2017
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), Andrew Roberts, Gabby Scudieri

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 1/26/17 regular meeting agenda (Pratt/Sharma). 7/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 12/1/16 and 12/8/16 regular meetings. Motion to approve the minutes of the 12/1/16 and 12/8/16 regular meetings, as presented (Dumas/Gray). 7/0/0 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/Dumas) 7/0/0 MSC.

2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Correction to 11/17/16 Confirmation of appointments to Sustainability Affairs Council
   - Chance Watts and Tova Love were listed as being appointed by the Commissioner of Community Affairs. These appointments should have been listed as being made by the Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs.

B. Information Item: 12/31/16 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs Actual – The benchmark for December was 50%. Nguyen held discussion about the upcoming semester and how we can expect some of the numbers to even out as revenues are brought in.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Fleet: There is a vacancy for Senator – College of Business. They are hoping to have the new Senator onboard by March 1. Student Senate will be held on Mondays this semester and will be reviewing budgets, the policy agenda and branding guidelines for the logo. This weekend CSSA is in Cal Poly SLO. The next CSSA will be in San Francisco. Dumas: Now that Legislative Affairs Committee is up and running they will be working on the new structure as well as addressing the proposed tuition increase. Pratt: They will be getting an update about the statement on Shared Governance, but CSSA has crafted a mutual letter of agreement that will outline the basic components guaranteed to the university. He will be going to the Academic Conference – “Closing the Achievement Gap” in San Diego. He is also working on the policy agenda. Scott: He is working on Cats in the Community and would love some help from everyone to support this event. Gray: He is having an event for cultural organizations on February 9. The theme of the reception is that they are stronger as one voice. They might be moving locations due to the room size. DAC is discussing spring ideas. Sharma: She has an event – “Club Kick-Off: Spring your Club Forward” coming up February 27. They are advertising it for clubs and organizations and the signup sheet will go out tomorrow. She wants GAC to be there to get the word out about upcoming AS Elections. Jacobs: He will be connecting with others to engage with students about what the Associated Students is. Being officers we should be out there engaging with the students whom are our constituents. Carter asked the students what it is that they think the students should know about us. This is a topic of conversation every year amongst this group. Jacobs thinks they should do an event in which they can reach out to the students. Roberts: Interviews for Marketing Coordinator are complete. With the AS 75th being celebrated this is a huge opportunity to put the AS name out there. Roberts will be looking at the remodel for the Financial Services Office. They will remain focused on making the office purposeful. The C-Store downstairs in the BMU will hopefully be done after Spring Break. The Marketplace is
refreshed and we are hearing good feedback. He is finishing up other projects such as the second floor carpet removal that makes it more sustainable. He is looking at the same things from last semester at SFAC. There is a new Sustainability Coordinator – Nani Teves. Scudieri: She and Nguyen are working on a binder that has guidelines for the next coordinator. She is also working with Sharma on her event. She has been working on many different things here and there.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: Spring is time for the time capsule. She told everyone to think of themselves 50 years from now opening the time capsule and what would be interesting to see in it. They have a letter up on the ‘Our Democracy’ website. They are taking a strong stance about what is going on around campus and they would like to inform the constituency about the daily happenings on campus. Carter: Noted that important things are going on in the world, along with one of the largest marches in history that happened recently. He states that there is a lot happening with student leaders and nothing is being said and discussed about where we are headed in this time. He advises if anyone wants to be a part of history and representing students, there needs to be engagement with the student body. He stated the importance of the time capsule and advised everyone to be part of the conversation. Krater: She is working on budgets. Salaries are due next week so she will be busy with that. Response from Susan Jennings about the indirect income – it is earned on the grants. Halford: Said she appreciated what Carter said and loved that Jacobs as well wants to engage with the students. There are many spaces that GAC can go into to engage with the students. She wants everyone to know that their role as a leader is to engage with their constituents. She is working on different certificate programs and advised GAC to attend and be in student spaces. There is a new student staff member in the WLI – Rebecca. If anyone went to Midpoint, please provide feedback. Monday, the WLI will be presenting at BMUC. If anyone wants to know what the WLI has done throughout the semester please attend.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen said IRB has been meeting Tuesdays at 11am. They are working on different policies and restructuring the appointment policy as well. Interviews for the Marketing Coordinator are finished and they hope to make an offer. He and Scudieri are working on a legacy binder. He attended EMAC, and looking at the projection numbers for the Graduation Initiative, it seems faculty and staff will have more of a workload. Something interesting that came up was that many international students are not coming here for fears that they have post- election, and the campus and Associated Students will be impacted by less international students. The AS programming board is being reviewed. They need to figure out where the budget is coming from for upcoming events and where certain programs will be housed. He is looking into an Innovation Steering Committee – innovation being a core value of the AS. They should be focused on looking at problems and critically thinking about these things. The AS 75th is not just a celebration; but a way to look back at all the progress that has been made. He thanked the career staff to empower everyone to think bigger. It is crucial as they think about student representation, that they talk to the students that they represent. There is a lot of work to do. There is a feeling of being in silos and that is the culture that AS needs to change. There needs to be one strong unified message that goes along with all their personal goals.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – If anyone knows anyone who can serve on the Board of Trustees, please let Pratt know.

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 9:17 a.m.