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

Thursday, February 23, 2017 8 a.m.  BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Bro Dumas (unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Becca Chanes (recorder), Gabby Scudieri, Sally Miller

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/23/17 regular meeting agenda with the removal of CAVE from Item V. E. (Jacobs/Scott). 5/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/9/17 regular meeting. Motion to approve minutes of the 2/9/17 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. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (Pratt/Jacobs) 5-0-0 MSC.

2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs student appointment: Eric Vasquez
- Executive Vice President student appointment: Davion Johnson
- Joint student appointment by Commissioner of Diversity Affairs and Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs: Desiree Garcia

Confirmation of appointment to Event Funding Allocation Council
- Joint student appointment by Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs and Commissioner of Diversity Affairs: Desiree Garcia

B. Action Item: Approval of appointment to the College of Business Senator position. Motion to approve appointment of Antonio Robles to the College of Business Senator position, as presented (Sharma/Scott). 5-0-0 MSC

C. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the revised amount of $2,450 for The Memory of Silence event presented by Expresiones Literatias y Culturales de Chico-ELACC to be held from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Colusa Hall 100 A & B on March 21, 2017. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the revised amount of $2,450 for The Memory of Silence event presented by Expresiones Literatias y Culturales de Chico-ELACC to be held from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Colusa Hall 100 A & B on March 21, 2017, as presented (Scott/Sharma). 6-0-0 MSC

D. Action Item: Approval of Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes: Legislative Affairs Council Code, including title change to Legislative Affairs Committee Code. Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes: Legislative Affairs Council Code, including title change to Legislative Affairs Committee Code with the deletion of Duties and Responsibilities VIII. E. 3. “attend a trip to Washington D.C. to advocate on behalf of students,” as presented (Pratt/Sharma). Discussion was held regarding the budget impact of approving the code change with the travel language. Carter suggested taking out that portion and if a need arises the future students could make a special request to approve travel. Motion to postpone Item D. until after LAC presents (Scott/Jacobs). 5/0/0 MSC.
E. Information Item: AF Programs Presentations: ASCDL – Sally Miller, the Director of the Child Development Lab, presented. ASCDL provides no cost or low cost quality early child care and education. As a lab school, Chico State Child Development majors work and intern with the 72 children enrolled.

F. Information Item: Organic Cotton Resolution update – Jacobs discussed revising the Organic Cotton Resolution as there has been a spike in organic cotton shirts cost of over 50%. Jacobs said he believe in this resolution; however, he believes we should be conservative on where we spend student dollars. Discussion included maybe having a fee of $1 for every non-cotton t-shirt purchased. Carter said the “tax” shouldn’t come from the organizations budget but Activity Fee should fund it instead.

G. Information Item: Similar DAC and EFAC events – Jacobs opened up a discussion that EFAC and DAC have been holding similar events and that it would be a good idea to have outreach in April for events that have been historically funded in the fall. Carter said if two competing organizations want funding for similar events that they should try collaborating as he did not think there should be funding for similar events and only one should be funded. It was discussed that there should also be a system of notifications to organizations that have previously put on events so they can be notified when other organizations are planning similar events.

H. Information Item: AF Budget 2017-18 Conversation – Krater explained that conversations need to be held regarding the items that were not in the budget: CSUnity, unexpected President’s travel, the Post-Election event, etc. There is also the B-Line contract that will need to be reviewed depending on the funding previously received from SFAC.

I. Information Item: 2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments – Resignations

   Resignation from Diversity Affairs Council
   - Commissioner of Diversity Affairs student appointments: Angel Curiel and Desiree Garcia
   - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs student appointment: Mark Texeira

   Resignation from Event Funding Allocation Council
   - Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs student appointment: Davion Johnson

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Sharma: Club Kick-Off is Monday, February 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tabling sign-ups for this event are available for anyone who wants to help. Scott: He sent out a text about the CAVE Awards selection committee. The timeline is today from 2 to 3 p.m. Pratt: The Federal Protections of Trans bathroom usage was removed. We are working on a resolution reaffirming the campus and AS commitment to the Trans community. He has been speaking to some Muslim students that are on campus. They don’t want any policy action on their behalf; however, more friendly interactions are welcome. He said he would like to bridge the gap from their community and create an event. The Tuition Increase Protest Rally is planned for March 8. Student Trustee Maggie White may be in attendance. Pratt said the CHESS conference is coming up and we need to collect student stories to deliver to Assemblmen Gallagher. In addition, tabling will need to begin to gather those stories. Discussion was held regarding the support for Muslim students and both Carter and Sharma spoke in support of doing something to create a space for conversations to take place and solve the problems.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Krater: Intent to file packets come out tomorrow. The AS space is now a neutral zone regarding the upcoming election. She encouraged students to talk to everyone about their positions but said election conversations should happen outside of the office. The Women of Wisdom event will be on February 24, 2017 in BMU 203 from 4 to 6 p.m.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

IX. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Carter gave a shout out to Krater for being outstanding as the MC for the Women of Wisdom event. Krater gave a shout out to Pratt’s new sweater. Sharma gave a shout out to Gabby, Sarah, Vu, Shar and everyone for helping with her first event. Nguyen thanked everyone for wearing pink.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.