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

Thursday, February 9, 2017  8 a.m.  BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Zachary Scott (excused), Bro Dumas (excused), Susan Anderson (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Becca Chanes (recorder), Andrew Roberts, Dollie Partida, Nan Timmons, Xorge Lopez, Jamie Clyde, Luke Dennison, William Brown, Laura Van Wagner, Talie Mediano, Mark Stemen, Gabby Scudieri, Radhika Katuria, Maria Garcia

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 2/9/17 regular meeting agenda (Sharma/Jacobs). 5/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 1/26/17 regular meeting and 2/2/17 Special meeting. Motion to approve minutes of the 1/26/17 regular meeting and 2/2/17 Special meeting, as presented (Jacobs/Pratt) 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 remove Confirmation of appointment to Campus Fee Allocation Committee (Pratt/Gray) 5-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended (Jacobs/Fleet) 5-0-0 MSC.

2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council
- Commissioner of Community Affairs student appointments: Amy Quinto, Jackie Boyd, Zuri O’Balles

2016-17 University Committee Appointments

Confirmation of appointment to Campus Fee Allocation Committee:
-- AS President appointment: Dollie Partida

B. Information Item: Geography 440 Initiative Discussion – Dr. Mark Stemen and his students, Dennison, Brown, Van Wagner and Mediano, presented this year’s ballot measure to the committee. They are asking for permission to move forward and help with the language that needs to be submitted by Tuesday. Their issue presented is to oppose the transportation of crude oil by rail through the City of Chico or Butte County. This includes transportation down the Feather River Canyon, which is dangerous to Lake Oroville and its ecosystem. The trains can derail and explode which would ultimately decimate all of Chico State and downtown.

C. Information Item: AF Budget 2017-18 – Krater reported that expenses are due. The only growth feasible is to subsidize the increase in minimum wage. CAVE and GSEC have been told that program growth isn’t likely however they plan to be present at GAC regarding the programs. Travel is one expense that needs to be discussed as CSUnity wasn’t originally in the budget. The AS President’s budget has been allocated for CSSA travel. Roberts stated that until CSUnity is closer to Northern California that we shouldn’t send all 17 representatives based on the $11,000 expense of student dollars. Pratt proposed an application process for CSUnity. Roberts said he believes that only the people that need to go – AS President, Director of University Affairs and Director of Legislative Affairs, should go and report back. Dream Center support discussion was held regarding the $10,000 previously allocated to them. Krater will bring the budget for what it takes to run the Dream Center to a future meeting.
D. **Information Item: Addition to Associated Students Corporate Codes: Initial Review Board Policy** – There was discussion about making slight changing to the language of the document. This document defines the role of Initial Review Board and its membership and procedures.

E. **Information Item: AS Policy Agenda for 2016-17** – It was advised to every voting member to read this document on their own time as they will be voting on it at a future GAC meeting.

F. **Information Item: 12/31/16 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditure Report** – Every quarter this report goes over the expenditures that the Activity Fee pays for.

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

- Resignations from Community Affairs Council
  - Commissioner of Community Affairs Student appointments: Nona Simons and Tova Love
- Resignation from Event Funding Allocation Council
  - Joint student appointment by Commissioner of Diversity Affairs and Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs: Romel Fessehatzion

VI. **REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Fleet**: AS Government tabling went really well. There are two confirmed eligible candidates for the Senator for the College of Business. They will be presented at the Student Academic Senate and then to GAC next week. First meeting for Active Integrity Council was this week. Discussion of the Global Culture General Education requirement for veterans will be discussed at CAB. Student Academic Senate passed two resolutions. The two were the Resolution Supporting all Students Seeking Educational Opportunities and the second being Resolution Urging Support for all Students Seeking Educational Opportunities. USET had their meeting about whether SETs should be moved to solely online. She would like to speak with Scudieri on doing a potential Day in the Life of an officer. She will be meeting with The Orion today about the potential tuition increase. **Pratt**: Today, Pratt will be heading to the Academic Conference in San Diego. The theme of this conference is closing the achievement gaps. On March 1 or March 8 there is a planned rally and march against the tuition increase. **Gray**: The Diversity Reception: Pre-International Festival meeting tonight in 220G. The Flags of Solidarity are not hanging yet; however, they shall be soon. Discussion of language explaining the flags next to them was discussed. He is thinking of maybe doing a press release for The Orion explaining these flags. **Sharma**: EFAC is moving along with Club Kick-Off. She will be talking next week about tabling for the event. She just had a marketing meeting about ways to get the word out for this event. **Jacobs**: He met with Pratt and Rahtz about the feasibility for selling mason jars and use the profit to support sustainable initiatives. The Campus Conservation Committee met and he is helping them with marketing their unused furniture that is for sale. **Roberts**: At the next BMUC meeting, they will be talking about the five-year facility plan and SFAC reform. The name search has been narrowed to Urban Roots and 1887 for the store. **Partida**: FLO is going great. **Scudieri**: She met with Pratt, Molly from The Orion and Dani from the Enterprise Record about press releases. She is also working with Timmons and Rachel Ballard on upcoming elections. She asked everyone to comment and repost the information session graphics on Facebook.

VII. **REPORTS: STAFF – Krater**: She gave a shout out to Gray for wrapping up his event. The marketing campaign for elections has been amazing so far. Vagina Monologues are this Friday and Saturday. She is working on budgets with all the departments. There have been a couple conversations about cash handling and they will formalize procedures for everyone soon.

VIII. **REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – Nguyen reports trying to keep a tight control on all the dates for the ballot. He is working with Pratt and Scudieri on marketing. He is working on templates for press releases so they are already written for future years to make everything more visible in the public eye. He has been working with Gray on the Diversity Reception and Sharma with her Club Kick-Off and the tuition rally. He is also looking into Sutter Dining contacts and how they will be moving forward with the current contract.

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Radhika Katuria and Maria Garcia from Students Quality Education spoke about the tuition increase rally. They are tabling next week for a week of action on the tuition increase. They are asking to collaborate on tabling to have potentially two government affairs members tabling along with them.

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

XI. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP** – Krater gave a shout out to Nguyen for getting through a heavy agenda on time and a safe travels to Pratt. Sharma gave a shout out to Fleet for doing a great job.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.