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

Thursday, March 2, 2017
8 a.m.
BMU 205

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Susan Anderson (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Shar Krater, Becca Chanes (recorder), Andrew Roberts, Charles “CC” Carter, Dollie Partida, Gabby Scudieri, Karla Camacho

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

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 3/2/17 regular meeting agenda, with the removal of A. (Dumas/Gray) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/16/17 regular meeting. Motion to approve minutes of the 2/16/17 regular meeting, as presented (Jacobs/Sharma) 6-0-1 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

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 ( / ) - - MSC.

2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

Confirmation of appointments to Diversity Affairs Council
___ Commissioner of Diversity Affairs student appointment: Ebonee Coe

B. Action Item: Approval of revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes: Initial Review Board Code. Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Codes: Initial Review Board Code, as presented (Scott/Fleet) 7-0-0 MSC.

C. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $2,000 for the Catherine Zuckert event presented by Pi Sigma Alpha to be held 4/18/17 in PAC 134. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $2,000 for the Catherine Zuckert event presented by Pi Sigma Alpha to be held 4/18/17 in PAC 134, as presented (Jacobs/Dumas) 6-0-0 MSC. Pratt recused himself from the discussion and voting.

D. Action Item: Approval to amend the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/9/17, previously adopted at the 2/23/17 Associated Students Government Affairs Committee meeting. Motion to approve the amendment of the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/9/17, previously adopted at the 2/23/17 Associated Students Government Affairs Committee meeting, as presented (attached) (Sharma/Dumas) 7-0-0 MSC.

E. Information Item: AF Programs Presentations: Overview and Contract Programs (B-Line, CCLC, FASA) and University Service Fees. CCLC creates an environment in which all students regardless of ethnicity, culture of differences feel safe and respected through leadership development, cultural awareness and education. B-Line is the most used AS funded program that offers all faculty, students and staff with free transportation. Roberts will be leading a task force regarding the B-Line funding issue along with others. Fleet, Jacobs, Scott, Sharma and Gray all volunteered. CLIC provides free legal information for students, faculty, staff, and community. CLIC will also be becoming a contract program in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. FASA (financial aid set aside) is a commitment to financial aid from the fee increase.

F. Information Item: 1/31/17 Activity Fee Fund Budget vs Actual (attached). Nguyen explains that are which percent of approved budgets are considered high and which are considered low. Nguyen asked Jacobs to
restate this budget at the next meeting in order to make sure it is being presented clearly and that every member understands it properly.

G. Information Item: Organic Cotton Resolution update (attached). Jacobs presented on all the possibilities in changing this resolution. The most popular of them all was that they should keep the resolution the same except when ordering a large quantity of shirts. For example, if there was more than an $100 difference between ordering organic cotton t-shirts and normal cotton t-shirts, that it would be acceptable to order normal cotton t-shirt. Fleet discussed that if we do that, it takes away from the resolution as a whole. Nguyen spoke to multiple programs and found out that most programs use these shirts to fundraise so by making them more expensive to begin with it would be lowering the organizations overall profit.

H. Information Item: Similar DAC and EFAC events. Jacobs proposed solutions when dealing with two or more organizations wanting to put on similar events. Propositions include a first come first serve basis for programs, having both programs present on one day and have the council vote after both have presented, or to have only one event get funded by both presenting on different days and have a rubric based system to have a chosen organization voted on by the council. Sharma stresses that this is not a usual issue when it comes to most events as it only an issue for set date holidays such as Mardi Gras, Holiday, Dia De Los Muertos, etc. Roberts believes that the Commissioner in charge should pick based off who’s presentation was better and will evidently bring better opportunities to students. He also believes that EFAC and DAC should take control of this issue and use their judgment to not have this be a GAC issue.

I. Information Item: AF Budget 2017-18 Conversation.

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

   Resignation from Community Affairs Council
   - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs Appointment: Natalie Kinney

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Dumas: no report. Pratt: Tomorrow, President Hutchinson will be inaugurated. Invitations were sent out for the event. The Student Trustee search is underway. The application is on www.csustudents.org. There will be a press release and a letter to campus leadership to all 23 campuses and student newspapers to market to students about this position. Jacobs: He spoke talk about how every voting member on BMUC abstained from voting on the suspension of the SFAC funding cycle. He asks for a general consensus of how everyone is feeling about this. If you have concerns, Jacobs and Roberts are willing to connect. Pratt suggests having public forums for any major contingent issues. Scudieri: She has had many people come to her regarding press releases. Jacobs uploaded a template onto the drive on how to formulate a press release. The Orion reached out to her stating if we want anything on the calendar of the newspaper that they would like to see it by Friday the week before of the month.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF –

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – No report

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

X. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic –

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP –

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.