Thursday, March 9, 2017

8 a.m. BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Vu Nguyen, Michael Pratt, Jake Jacobs, Tammi Fleet, Bro Dumas, Dylan Gray, Susan Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT – Zachary Scott (excused), Alisha Sharma (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Becca Chanes (recorder), Andrew Roberts, Gabby Scudieri, Diego Martinez, Briana Azevedo, Ann Schwab

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Motion to approve the 3/9/17 regular meeting agenda with the removal of Action Item B and Action Item C along with the Information Item G presenting first. (Jacobs/Gray). 5/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/23/17 regular meeting. Motion to approve minutes of the 2/23/17 regular meeting, as presented (Gray/Dumas) 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 (Jacobs/Dumas) 5-0-0 MSC.

2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments

   Confirmation of appointment to Community Affairs Council
   - Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs student appointment: Omar Salidvar

B. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $1,800 for the Madjou Kone Learning West African Culture event presented by the African Diaspora Organization to be held March 27-29, 2017 in Acker 204. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $1,800 for the Madjou Kone Learning West African Culture event presented by the African Diaspora Organization to be held March 27-29, 2017 in Acker 204, as presented (   /   ).

C. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation in the amount of $3,800 for the Holi Festival of Colours event presented by the Indian Student Association to be held on 3/25/17 at Shasta/Lassen Lawn. Motion to approve DAC allocation in the amount of $3,800 for the Holi Festival of Colours event presented by the Indian Student Association to be held on 3/25/17 at Shasta/Lassen Lawn, as presented (   /   ).

D. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $4,000 for the Art 4 Peace event presented by the Chico Hillel Organization to be held 4/27/17 at Trinity Commons from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $4,000 for the Art 4 Peace event presented by the Chico Hillel Organization to be held 4/27/17 at Trinity Commons from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., as presented (Pratt/Fleet). 5-0-0 MSC.

E. Action Item: Approval of Organic Cotton Resolution. Motion to approve Organic Cotton Resolution, as presented (Fleet/Dumas). Discussion was held regarding the original resolution that was passed in 2000 which details what they were trying to accomplish and the suggested updates to the document. The group was supportive of keeping any funds that come from the change be kept on campus to support sustainable programs or projects.
Fleet said we should adopt the $1 offset and the money be donated to an on campus sustainable organization instead of sending student dollars off campus. Roberts said we should keep the resolution unchanged; however, it can be waived if it is shown that the price of organic cotton t-shirts is a burden on the organization. Roberts stated that if it is voted to collect the offset for non-cotton, the money collected should go to Sustainability similar to the carbon offset. Gray wanted to know if GAC could explore absorbing the cost. Fleet moved to amend the proposed resolution as follows: Resolved, that all monies collected through the Water Purity Offset Credit be placed in a fund to be donated to a project that offsets the environmental impact of the cotton production selected by Sustainability Affairs Council and annually approved by GAC. (Fleet/Pratt) 5-0-0 MSC. After more discussion, Fleet called the question. Motion to approve the Organic Cotton Resolution as amended (Fleet/Pratt). 5-1-0 MSC.

F. Action Item: Approval of process regarding similar DAC and EFAC events. Motion to approve process regarding similar DAC and EFAC events (Fleet/Jacobs). Discussion was held regarding organizations with similar events proposals applying for funding. Recommendation was to suggest collaboration between the organizations; however, if they are unwilling to collaborate then only one event will get funded. Organizations will be calendared for presentation on the same day and have the appropriate council vote. A rubric based system was proposed that the council would use to determine funding after both have been presented. Motion to postpone discussion to the next Government Affairs Committee meeting (Pratt/Gray) 5-0-0 MSC.

G. Information Item: CAVE Program – Diego Martinez and Briana Azevedo presented on behalf of CAVE. They explained CAVE’s mission statement of “Life is for Learning.” They have around 2,000 students volunteer annually which leads to about 60,000 hours of service a year.

H. Information Item: AF Budget 2017-18 conversation – Not discussed.

I. Information Item: Revision to Associated Students Corporate Codes – Community Affairs Council Code – Not discussed.

J. Information Item: Student Trustee Funding discussion – Pratt proposed the idea that if we have CSU, Chico students applying to the Student Trustee position, GAC should assist in the transportation of these students down to Pomona for their interviews at CSSA. Fleet said we should not be responsible to support travel for these students as we are way over budget in travel. Pratt will be looking into the possibility of supporting these students to telecast via Zoom or Skype for the meeting.

K. Information Item: Students for Quality Education Travel Request for funding – Radhika Kataria, Yvette Rivera and Daniel Lopez presented on behalf of Students for Quality Education Travel to propose funding to help them attend a Board of Trustees Meeting in Long Beach. SQE is a student movement for educational justice across all CSU’s. They will be lobbying, advocating and fighting against the proposed tuition increase. They have asked GAC to cover their transportation budget for this event, which would be around $2,475. Due to timing and certain restrictions, it is not possible to make this happen, as SQE would need the money before an action item could be held and then approved at BOD.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – None

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Slaughter: Discussion regarding the March 15 date to get the budget into Susan Jennings along with budget notes so they can start the process of getting the packets together. Currently, GAC is proposing to go into reserves by about $54,000. This amount includes full B-Line support. He asked if everyone is comfortable putting this forward to the books that shows the budget of going into reserves by about $54,000 and expresses that we should not be making changes to budgets that are shared by corporate costs due to the ripple effect. Discussion was held regarding moving the FLO support from Activity Fee to the Student Union. Fleet asked for clarification regarding future discussions for training and travel. Krater: No report.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – No report given.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

X. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – Nguyen let everyone know that he enjoyed the conversation today as it was very robust and exactly what the students deserve from officers.

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