Monday, April 23, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT- Alisha Sharma, Karla Camacho, Danie O’Donnell, Nadine Salas, Margaret Scarpa, Zuri O’Balles, Kimberly Scott

MEMBERS ABSENT – Susan Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Sarah Stewart (recorder), Thang Ho, Adriana Sikiric, Alejandro Alfaro

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Vice Chair, Sharma, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. AGENDA – Action Item A was altered in allocation amount from $4,000 to $2,070.50. Action Item B was altered in allocation amount from $3,850 to $3,650. Information Item C was added for a presentation of the AS App Demo by Thang Ho from AS IT. Motion to approve the 4/23/18 revised agenda (Camacho/O’Donnell) 5-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

V. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of DAC allocation for $2,070.50 for the ‘Spring Renewal’ event by the Native American Heritage Society to be held 5/10/18 in Trinity Commons from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Motion to approve DAC allocation for $2,070.50 for the ‘Spring Renewal’ event by the Native American Heritage Society to be held 5/10/18 in Trinity Commons from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., as presented (O’Donnell/Camacho). Scarpa asked why there was a decrease in funding and O’Balles clarified that they actually only requested this much but had just written $4,000 on the packet. Salas asked if there was going to be food and O’Balles shared that there would not be food. 5-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation for $3,650 for the ‘Constitution Day 2018’ event by Pi Sigma Alpha to be held 9/27/18 in Laxson Auditorium at 6 p.m. Motion to approve EFAC allocation for $3,650 for the ‘Constitution Day 2018’ event by Pi Sigma Alpha to be held 9/27/18 in Laxson Auditorium at 6 p.m., as presented (O’Donnell/O’Balles). Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year should hold an educational program on the United States Constitution. In the past Pi Sigma Alpha has tried to work with the Provost Office or the University to fund the event. The funding council chose to fund the event after discussion over the charge for Laxson Auditorium. The amount was changed because they wanted our funding to cover the taxes on the speaker fee and we do not cover those. 5-0-0 MSC.

C. Information Item: Presentation: AS App Demo – Thang Ho presented on behalf of AS IT for the mobile app demo. They have been working on this app for about six months now. He shared the benefits of this creation and how it will get students more engaged in the Associated Students. The website to access this app online is: http://as.csuchico.edu/index.php/apps. Many options can be added to this app such as pictures, election information, and contract programs. Marketing for this app is still in discussion. Any logo for each program can be displayed on their app tile, and it was shared that anything updated on the website automatically gets updated on the app as well, so all information will be the same. AS IT would love feedback or suggestions to make this even more successful and June 1 is currently the tentative launch date. The purpose of this app is to provide as much information and engagement as possible to our students.

D. Information Item: Adjustment to Campus-Based Student Fees (Referendum) – Sharma asked for feedback from those who were tabling today. Having Athletics tabling next to them may have been a distraction and Sharma asked the group how they could improve tabling over the next three days. Suggestions included giving out food of some kind, standing in front of the table, using QR codes on posters, and tabling elsewhere on campus. Since GAC is tabling, someone asked if the Administration has swag for GAC to utilize or could pay for cookies as incentive for students to vote. Scarpa has access to a button maker and supplies. Sharma will ask Vice President Lang tomorrow how they are participating outside of the recommendations already made. Sharma will reach out to Administration to ask them to participate in tabling as well. Slaughter shared
that it is prudent, when possible, not to relate a student opinion to their position and define the line between the two for neutrality all around. Sharma will ask Administration to come into GAC after the vote. Sharma was asked to follow up with them on the budget breakdown request. Salas and Camacho will take the lead on a video for student information created by Sikiric tomorrow. Any students can vote at the tabling area on their own devices, but we cannot provide them with devices. Sharma thanked everyone for all that they've done to help with this whole process.

E. Discussion Item: Officer and Senator Transition Period – All new team members have contact information for the current officers and senators. They may be reaching out to attend current meetings which would be helpful to them. The Induction Ceremony is now at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, May 11. Discussion will be held about what to wear next week for the group photo that will be taken for BMU 205.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS – Sharma: On O’Balles behalf, International Festival is this Saturday from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. and there is possibility of rain. Scarpa: The Earth Day Festival went great. O’Balles: Invited everyone to attend International Festival. Camacho: Her last Student Academic Senate meeting is Friday, May 4 in BMU 209. O’Donnell: Working with Elizabeth Blackford – the next Director of Legislative Affairs. Salas: The Cannabis Forum was great and they reached maximum capacity for the room. The Spring Candidate Forum that the League of Women Voters is hosting will be on April 30 from 7- 9 p.m. She needs participants from Government Affairs in their polos or respective attire to greet people at the door or answer questions. O’Donnell has been working on this event and suggested that everyone invite their successors to attend as well.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Scott: There are three finalists for the Fraternity and Sorority Affairs position coming in the next two weeks. O’Donnell asked if Malcolm McLemore and Abbie Page will still be split between their current roles. Slaughter: Interviews still continue for the open positions in the Wildcat Leadership Institute and AS Productions. Krater: There are two assessments that went out via e-mail and each is important. There is one that was sent out from Fresno based upon student leadership. The second will be sent out on behalf of Nan Timmons.

VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – N/A

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – Alejandro Alfaro asked if anyone knew about the Active Shooter drill that was supposed to take place on campus. Salas will follow up to get more information on it. Alfaro discussed the percentage of students who are either food or housing insecure. Sharma shared that officers can table outside of the requests that come from being an officer.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Vice Chair, Sharma, adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.