

Call to Order: Brandon Demers calls the meeting to order at 5:02pm

Attendance: Brandon Demers (ASI President), Maria Marquez (Vice President), Michelle Nungaray (College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science), Merril Mathew (College of Science), Katie Jaycox (Graduates), Kylie Carpenter (Executive Assistant), and Cesar Rumayor (ASI/USU Executive Director), Mishaye Venerable (Diversity), Matthew Lopez Phillips (Dean of Students), J. Gilberto Acuna (At Large), and Nancy Medina (Environment), Alessandra Ramirez (Student Organizations), Dr. Karen Koner (Faculty Representative)

Absent: Katie Rotan (Leadership & Student ASI Government Manager)

Tardy: Akia Buford (Athletics at 5:24 PM)

Guests: Dr. Susan Espinoza, Natalie Verduzco-Uribe, Wonuola Olagunju (at 7:05PM), and Clarissa Lonn-Nichols

Points Total: : 3 Pending Points and 6 Permanent Points for Student Organizations, 4 Permanent Points for College of Business, and 7 Permanent Points for At-Large, 3 Permanent Points for Environment

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve made by Katie/ seconded Gilbert

Motion passes 11-0-0 at 5:03pm

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from March 6th, made by Michelle/ seconded by Gilbert

Motion passes 11-0-0 at 5:04 pm

Motion to approve minutes from March 13th made by Katie/ seconded by Gilbert

Motion passes 11-0-0 at 5:05 pm

Open Forum: None

Announcements and Presentations:

- a. Update on Stockton Center– Dr. Faimous Harrison, Dean, College of the Stockton Center : 6:00PM Time Certain

Dean Harrison introduced himself to the Board and presented an issue that his College is facing. Last year the Stockton Center held a separate Graduation Reception, an event that had not been held for years. At this event students from all department were able to come and celebrate graduation with this fellow peers of the Stockton Center. The issues with this event were that the venue was too small, students were not respected when their peers were speaking on the stage, and the reception went on for too long. Additionally, not all departments were involved and instead had their own separate celebration. This year Dean Harrison proposed not holding a Stockton Center reception but instead having only departments hold their own receptions/celebrations. Nancy asked the Dean if these pros and

cons of the event came from students or just Administrators. Dean Harrison responded that these comments came from both sides. Gilbert commented that the Stockton Center Reception should continue because the students and their families feel that they are more familiar with this campus, and do not feel a part of at the Turlock campus. Gilbert asked the Dean would let the students and faculty of the Stockton Center choose what they would like. Dean Harrison responded that most departments (seven out of fourteen) have their own receptions, where they are able to have more of an intimate experience with their peers in the department. Katie suggested having a separate Graduation Commencement from the Turlock Campus. Dean Harrison explained that the model of the University only allows one Commencement to take place at the Turlock Campus. Nancy agreed that if a Graduation Commencement is unable to happen at the Stockton Center, students should still be able to have a Graduation Reception at this campus. Dean Harrison agrees, but with the large reception there were many problems and recommended that departments have their own receptions. He included that the smaller the reception the less likely that the issues with the bigger reception will carry over to the department receptions. Nancy asked Gilbert (who has attended the event before) if students would be okay with individual receptions. Gilbert responded that the Stockton Center is a small enough where students are part of a community, where having a bigger event allows the students to see their peers outside of their departments while also receiving recognition.

Katie asked how ASI Student Government can help the Stockton Center outside of this issue. The Dean explained that in most surveys that have been administered to this Center, students want to feel more engaged on the campus, so ASI coming out to the Center would help. Maria asked how the Dean was able to regulate students and their families leaving at the last reception. Dean Harrison replied that administration, including himself, tried to prevent students and their families from leaving while a student was speaking. Brandon thanked Dean Harrison for coming to present at this meeting and asked if Dean Harrison is considering creating an additional survey for this event. Dean Harrison responded that they are planning on sending out an additional survey, but this question was proposed to students last year as well. Lastly, Brandon also asked if the Dean would be willing to help host the smaller department receptions. In response, Dean Harrison agreed that this would be a great idea, but that the department would need to put the event together.

Action Items:

- a. Approval of the nomination for Director for the College of Education, Kinesiology, & Social Work – Natalie Verduzco-Uribe
After discussion with Natalie about the vacant position on the Board, Brandon nominated her for this Director position. Natalie took a moment to speak to the Board about herself and why she feels she would be right for this position. She stated that she is very active with campus life and is the Philanthropy Chair of Phi Sigma Sigma, and is Secretary for USFC. Also, that she is a very outgoing person who understands some of the difficulties that this College and the students face, and she feels she could advocate for them. Gilbert asked if she is looking for running for this position next year. Natalie responded that she is considering running based on her experience if she gets approved. Nancy asked how she heard about this position. She responded that she knows a lot of people involved in

ASI/USU who felt that she should go for this position because she could be a good leader. Mishaye asked if because of her other commitments on campus, if she would be able to commit at ASI enough. Natalie replied that outside of being involved in other organizations she does not have any additional commitment, also she is always on campus, with free time for extra-curricular. Michelle asked what her initiatives are for this position. Natalie answered that being a Kinesiology major, she understands some of the difficulties it is to get into certain classes and would like to promote more sections of courses, but she would like to speak to her fellow classmates from this College to see what other situations she can help work with. Natalie then stepped out of the room for the Board to deliberate. Dean Mathew asked why Brandon felt like Natalie would be good for this position. Brandon responded that she has always been eager to get involved in ASI, and every time there was a position open she would apply wanting to get involved with student government. Also, she understood the position and the problems students may face in College of Education, Kinesiology, & Social Work.

- i. Motion to approve made by Nancy/ seconded by Gilbert
- ii. Motion passes 11-0-0 at 5:12 PM

b. Approval of the nomination for Director of Housing & Residential Life –
Wonuola Olagunju

Wonuola was unable to be at the meeting, so Brandon spoke on behalf of Wonuola.-Brandon explained to the Board that he nominated Wonuola because she is well known and involved in Housing. Additionally, she has been an active member of the Warrior Lobby team for two years, is passionate about what she does, and has experience attending ASI Board meetings. Nancy asked Brandon why Wonuola would want this position. He responded that she has always wanted to be more involved with ASI and has run for Director position in the past years before. Unfortunately, if she becomes a Board Member, she will be unable to also be a member of the Warrior Lobby team. Katie also mentioned on behalf of Wonuola that she is always is willing to participate and step up to the plate and need be. Mishaye agreed with Katie's statement and that she knows the ins and outs of Housing and what students need. Nancy asked if she was lived in Housing. Brandon responded that she does live in dorms, and anyone who is in this position. Dean Mathew stepped out at 5:37 PM.

- i. Motion to approve made by Katie/ seconded by Maria
- ii. Motion passes 12-0-0 at 5:57 PM

Discussion:

a. Update on Event Space

Brandon explained to the Board that the ASI/USU Executives met with the Presidents Cabinet the proposal of the Event Space recommendation. The recommendation was that Main Dining will be available for reservations by students, faculty, staff, and administration Thursdays and Fridays after 5pm, and Saturdays and Sundays all day.

Thursday evenings the events must be open to all students while keeping all food services open during the event. For Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday events they may be open or private, with food services closed during the event. Also, all club, organization, or department may reserve Main Dining a maximum of two times. Lastly, event reservation requests will be granted on a first come, first serve basis. Mishaye asked if there would be a problem with giving clubs and organizations the ability to rent Main Dining four times instead of two. Brandon responded that this venue would only be used for big scale events, and it is unlikely that a club or organization will hold four large scale events. Alessandra asked if clubs and organizations could move furniture during the week for events. Brandon replied that possibly only some furniture, but with food services still open, students will still be sitting at other tables. Alessandra also asked if at the clubs and organizations would be able to bring in outside vendors. Brandon stated that because Chartwells is right there so they would not be able to bring in outside vendors. Natalie asked when this recommendation would go into effect. He replied that this is only a recommendation and would not go into effect until next semester. Natalie also asked if there will be strict times for food service. Cesar replied that they will be maintaining strict times in order to not create confusion. Michelle suggested creating the recommendation to Friday through Sunday all day rather than having Friday close at 5PM. Katie mentioned posting where alternative food services can be found. Brandon then moved the discussion to the price of the rental for Main Dining and clubs and organizations renting spaces on campus. He mentioned that currently some clubs and organizations have been denied renting other spaces on campus. There has been confirmation that clubs and organizations can rent out MSR 130 if they have drinks and appetizers because the venue is not meant as a banquet hall. Additionally, the University needs to be giving students better descriptions when denying them a space to rent out. For Main Dining, Brandon mentioned moving the responsibilities to an ASI/USU Event Manager would help lower the cost of the rental, which would move to increase the hours of Event Managers. Katie mentioned that FDC has complied with clubs and organizations to be able to rent out their rooms for only \$15, but OIT still charges high prices for renting equipment. Brandon stated that he would speak with OIT. Alessandra asked if Main Dining would be cheaper to rent out during the week rather than the weekend. Brandon and Cesar responded that it would be cheaper if Facilities did not have to clean up, but this is still an ongoing discussion.

b. Mascot Identity

Brandon presented to the Board that the Union is fundraising to get a Titus, Warrior statue to help create campus pride and graduation traditions. He showed the Members a photo of our mascot and how the new statue would look. He asked if the Board, as student voice representatives, feel that there is a problem with the statue being male. Cesar and Vice President Espinoza explained to the Board the history of the mascot, and that the previous mascot was offensive to Native Americans. Cesar mentioned that ASI surveyed students to create the new mascot, Titus the Warrior. Katie agreed, that the issue with mascots being offensive is an issue most institutions have faced. Mishaye

stated that the gender of our mascot has never been a problem to her, but that Titus I clearly male and possibly putting a chest plate over him may help. Alessandra stated that she never had a problem with this, and asked who had a problem with the mascot's gender. Brandon responded that students have brought it up to, and asked the Board if this was something that ASI needs to fix. Katie stated that historically the mascot is depicted correctly and putting a chest plate on the warrior would not make the statue historically correct. Sandra suggested creating a second female warrior and Katie replied that through history women have not been warriors, and if they were they fought with no clothes. Nancy mentioned that she never had a problem with our mascot, and that asking this question would create more problems. Mishaye agreed with Nancy that it would not be a good idea to survey students, because it would create a problem that is not already there, but she likes the idea of a second mascot. Vice President Espinoza mentioned that there were some concerns that a female statue would better suit the campus because the campus is majority women. Michelle and Alessandra stated that neither of them had an issue with the statue and it would create more problems to change it. Gilbert stated that creating a second mascot would put out the idea that gender is binary and discriminate towards agender students. In conclusion, the Board consecutively agreed that there was no need to change the statue or mascot.

Director Reports:

- a. Director, At Large: *Gilbert Acuna*:
 - i. Gilbert stated that he was happy the Dean Harrison and came to speak with the Board and hopes to continue to push for at least department Graduation Receptions. He also asked Brand about the fine that Mecha had mentioned. Brandon replied he would include that in his report.
- b. Director, Athletics: *Akia Buford*: None
- c. Director, Business: *Sandra Lezama*:
 - i. Sandra stated that she hopes the Board has a good week.
- d. Director, Residential Life: *(Vacant)*: None
- e. Director, Stockton Center: *(Vacant)*: None
- f. Director, Student Clubs & Organizations: *Alessandra Ramirez*: None
- g. Director, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences: *Michelle Nungaray*: None
- h. Director, Science: *Merril Mathew*: None
- i. Director, Education, Kinesiology, and Social Work: *Natalie Verduzco-Uribe*: None
- j. Director, Environment: *Nancy Medina*: None
- k. Director, Diversity: *Mishaye Venerable*: None
- l. Director, Graduate Students: Katie Jaycox

- i. Katie reported that on March 20th there will be a Graduate fair for any students to attend that may be interested in Graduate School on March 28th from 3:00PM-5:30PM, in MSR 130. Also, that the History Club will be holding an event in the FDC called Food, Water, and Labor in the Central Valley where UC Davis professor, Mario Sifuentes, will be coming to speak to students her club for Cesar Chaves the weekend prior to Cesar Chaves day on March 23rd from 7:00PM-9:00PM. Lastly, the Assyrian Club will be having an event on March 27th in MSR 130 at 11 AM, to celebrate their New Year with food, tea, and dancing.

- m. Dean of Students: Matthew Lopez Phillips : Left at 5:37 PM
- n. Faculty Member: Dr. Karen Koner : None

Executive Reports:

- a. President: *Brandon Demers*
 - i. Brandon informed the Board that in the past week all ASI/USU Executives met with the Presidents Cabinet to discuss items that Students are facing. In this meeting, they discussed the Main Dining recommendation, vendor/food policy for clubs and organizations, the timeline for RFPs for food services, alcohol in Warrior Grill, the mascot and letters, student basic needs, and parking fines for alternative transportations. Also, Mecha will not be receiving a fine for posting because it is not in the Posting Policy. He reminded the Board that there will be an ASI Elections event in the quad, and to check their emails if they will be at the event. Also, Jocelyn sent out an email to the Board to see if anyone would be interested in going to the Stockton Campus with her on Wednesday. The Student Faculty Advisory Committee cannot make corium without a student representative and Brandon would like to see if any Board Members can sit on this Committee for one meeting. Additionally, the Athletic department hired a new Athletic Director and there may be an opportunity to have him come meet with the Board. Lastly, other presentations that the Board should expect will be from SQE, Campus Safety and Vice President Hayden, OIT, and the Library.

- b. Vice President: *Maria Marquez*
 - i. Maria reported that Kylie and she met with a consultant from Student Affairs to discuss issues on campus. Additionally, she recommends the Board downloading the Stan State app because it is very resourceful.

Other Reports:

- c. Executive Director; *Cesar Rumayor*:
 - i. Cesar again reminded the Board to check their emails about the Warrior Wednesday quad event. Also, he explained that after discussion with the Full Time staff and Executives, they chose to no longer have check requests for clubs and organizations go through ASI/USU, but instead give this responsibility to Business and Finance. ASI/USU will still continue to provide student life funds, but check requests will go through Business and Finance as of April 1st. He also asked that the Board help recruit new members for the ASI Board of Directors. Furthermore, he is working with Housing to create directional signage to get the ASI/USU suites. Lastly, he is working on creating a flyer that states all the services that ASI/USU provides for students.

Closing Comments: Katie asked Cesar why her club was being billed for one of her events. Cesar responded that ASI/USU is asking to see the receipts from the events and see how the money was spent.

Adjournment:

Gilbert motions to adjourn, seconded by Nancy. Demers adjourns the meeting at 7:18pm

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____
Brandon Demers, President

Minutes prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Kylie Carpenter, Executive Assistant