

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), J. Gilberto Acuna (At Large), and Nancy Medina (Environment), Alessandra Ramirez (Student Organizations), Akia Buford (Athletics), Natalie Verduzco-Urbe (Education, Kinesology, & Social Work)

Absent: Katie Rotan (Leadership & Student ASI Government Manager) and Matthew Lopez Phillips (Dean of Students)

Tardy: Wonuola Olagunju (Residential Life at 5:30 PM) and Dr. Karen Koner (Faculty Representative at 5:04 PM)

Guests: Dr. Susan Espinoza, Essma Nasher, 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 Gilbert/ seconded Maria

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from March 20th, made by Gilbert/ seconded by Alessandra

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

Open Forum: None

Announcements and Presentations:

- a. Potential Tuition Increase – Essma Nasher, Students for Quality Education : 6:30PM Time Certain

Essie presented to the Board the goals of SQE. Additionally, she presented SQE's upcoming protest at the Capital against the tuition increase. The protest will be on April 4th, and SQE will be providing transportation to and from Turlock and Sacramento, as well as lunch. She encouraged the Board to get involved and come bring a friend event to this event. She explained that the goal of this protest is to persuade the California Board of Trustees to deny the tuition increase. Brandon asked if SQE's goal was to get a fully funded University or to discourage the tuition increase. Essie responded that SQE's goal is to have a fully funded University. Katie asked if SQE will be protesting at Long Beach in the Fall semester. Essie responded that yes they will be protesting, and she will follow up with more information.

Action Items:

Discussion:

a. General Education

Katie explained to the Board that with Executive Order 1100, there have been changes made to the General Education requirements. She generalized the topic by stating that the changes were categorizing the course differently to help prevent graduation barriers, and create fewer requirements for section D and E. Also upper division course will be more condensed, and which has lead to the new categorization of the multicultural requirements. Among students there has been a misunderstanding that the multicultural will be removed, but Katie explained that this was not happening. Instead the multicultural requirement will be either made GE requirement or a graduation requirement. Katie elaborated that she sits on the University Educational Policy Committee (UEPC) and was asked to get the opinion of the ASI Board on this matter. She also stated that in some majors already require a multicultural class for graduation, so making it a GE can create the need to take two of these course. Brandon explained that making this course a graduation requirement is similar to the WPST course requirement, in which it applies to your major, and fulfill the requirement for graduating. The majority of the Board felt that because there are multicultural courses through a major, the courses should be a graduation requirement. Brandon also explained that through EO 1100 there will no longer be a Physical Education requirement, but the courses are still available for students to take as an elective. Mishaye asked why this change was being made. Brandon responded that other campuses who have already made this change have found that students will take the courses. Katie concluded that she will bring the Boards opinion to UEPC.

b. Stockton Center

Brandon opened up the discussion by reviewing the update of the Stockton Center given by Dean Harrison. Cesar explained that based off of this updated ASI would like to reach out to the Stockton Center, but there has been miscommunication on what the campus wants and needs from ASI. In cases where ASI has provided University Pride events and giving resources, the student did not seem to want/need them. Maria stated that we should consider extending the Warrior Discount Card to the Stockton Campus area. Mishaye agreed, and stated that we need to create a better form of communication with Stockton students. Wonuola and Dr. Koner agreed, that even though they are not on our campus ASI should still advocate for the students, because they have unique needs as students. The Board discussed forms of communication with the Stockton Campus students, and concluded that speaking to them in person and getting to see Dean Harrison's survey will work best for the students. Cesar and Gilbert agreed, that we need to see what resources ASI can provide for these students and try to fulfill their basic needs. Cesar included that creating two big events for the Stockton Center, such as a commencement ceremony and a programming event, may help instill pride in the campus. Brandon and Cesar both

stated that creating a committee to tackle this issue will help facilitate ideas to find a solution. The Board agreed that they would like to hold a Board of Directors meeting at the Stockton Center before the end of the year.

c. Fully Funded CSU

Brandon explained that most ASI's in the CSU System have passed solutions against the proposed tuition increase, with most stating to create a fully funded California State University. Katie stated that this is something she would like our ASI Executive to tackle as well. Nancy asked if this resolution was focused on a decrease tuition or promoting free tuition. Brandon and Cesar responded that the resolution would focus not raising tuition at all. Katie elaborated that currently there is a very large unaccounted for funds California's reserves. Brandon included that in California there is a 9 Billion Dollars in the reserves, as well as a 13 Billion Dollar surplus, in which Katie state that in order to be considered a public University some of these funds need to be used on the CSU System to be at least 30% funded. Brandon concluded that the executives will present a resolution regarding this in meetings to come.

Director Reports:

Executive Reports:

a. President: *Brandon Demers*

- i. Brandon informed the Board that he will be getting a follow up with the President's Cabinet in regard to their meeting about the issues that the Students are facing. Additionally, at the Academic Senate meeting there was discussion around the differentiation of Free Speech, Hate Speech, and Disruptive Speech. He will provide additional information on this discussion after the next academic senate on April 17th. Also, on April 17th he will not be able to attend the Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC), and wanted to see if one of the Board Members would be willing to substitute his spot in this meeting.

b. Vice President: *Maria Marquez*

- i. Maria informed the Board that they need to check their mailboxes in the Student Government Suite to receive their mail and their CSSA Student Basic Needs Campaign t-shirts. Also, she congratulated Sandra for getting a summer internship in Washington, D.C.

Other Reports:

c. Executive Director; *Cesar Rumayor*:

- i. Cesar again reminded the members of the Budget Committee, that the next meeting will be running late because there will be 10 Student Life proposals. Also, he informed the Board the Jocelyn met with 27 local

businesses to get confirmation about where students can receive discounts, and created a card with this information. There will be a Warrior Discount Fair on Wednesday from 10AM-1PM with some of the businesses on the card for students to see what is in the area. He informed the Board that in the coming weeks he will be pursuing what ASI can do for the Stockton Center, and will update the Board after Spring Break. Lastly, he reminded the Board that ASI Board of Director applications for 2018-19 are due this Friday at 5PM, and to reach out to students that may be interested in applying.

Closing Comments: Katie informed the Board that there will be a Graduate Fair on Wednesday from 12:30PM to 1:30PM in MSR 130. Maria informed the Board that there is currently a Cesar Chaves celebration in Snyder Hall till 8PM. Alessandra updated the Board on the upcoming club and org events such as Phi Sigma Sigma's Easter Egg hunt, Alpha Xi Delta's football fundraiser, and Phi Mu's Dance Marathon. Michelle updated the Board that Campus Pride Campaign will be giving out license plate frames and decals in the campus parking lots every Tuesday, and they have given out 30 that day in parking lot 8 and lot 10.

Adjournment:

Gilbert motions to adjourn, seconded by Wonuola. Demers adjourns the meeting at 7:09pm

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

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