

**Call to Order:** Maria Marquez calls the meeting to orders at 5:00 PM.

**Attendance:** Maria Marquez (President), Michelle Nungaray (Vice President), Cesar Rumayor (ASI/USU Executive Director), Alessandra Ramirez (Student Organizations), Andrea Sandoval (Residential Life), Katie Rotan (Leadership & Student ASI Government Manager), Teresa Serna (Executive Assistant), Alec Austin (At Large), MiShaye Venerable (Secretary/Diversity), Kassandra Lopez (College of Science), Monique Bravo (Environment), Sandra Lezama (College of Business), Rosa Martinez (College of Education, Kinesiology, and Social Work), Akia Walker (Athletics), Braden Palma (College of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences), and Matthew Lopez Phillips (Dean of Students)

**Absent:** Monique Bravo (Environment)

**Tardy:** None

**Guests:** Vice President Oliverrez

**Point Totals:** 4 Permanent Points for the College of Science and 2 permanent points for the Director for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences)

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve made by Alessandra/seconded by Rosa

Motion passes 12-0-0

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes for October 16, 2018 made by Andrea/seconded by Braden

Motion passes 12-0-0

**Open Forum:**

**Announcements and Presentations:** None

**Discussion:**

- a. University Brand – Rosalee Rush (Time Certain 5:15-6:15pm)

*Absent*

- b. Taco ‘Bout It Advising Outcomes

Maria asked the board for anything they felt that caught their eye, created concerns, or just anything they would like to discuss from the Taco ‘Bout It event that was last week. Mishaye stated that she felt Betsy on the panel provided very honest feedback by recognizing that it is an area that needs a lot of improvement and that she was included in the GREAT advising committee. Alessandra then stated that she thinks it would be beneficial to have the deans there because it was geared towards general advising and when students asked for their major, they were told to talk to their department. Maria then asked that knowing there are many deans, how would you go about that in reference to possibly having every dean. Alessandra then responded that

she would have every dean on the panel. Cesar then responded that he is surprised that some of you are not frustrated with the outcomes because they used this as a way to be blamed on communication and that they are looking how to improve advising on campus rather than the event and that they did refer back a lot to contacting their own departments. Alessandra then stated that she was frustrated when they stated that they can come back if they make a mistake on their part but she feels there shouldn't be a mistake made on their part and its especially hard to ask the dean of their college when they leave early and she is told to talk to her department. Mishaye then stated that she followed up with the answer about the petition but it wasn't really response she was hoping for because she was told it was basically a miscommunication and is not the advisors fault and that the student misunderstood the advisor when she feels that there have been cases where students are given false information. She also stated that she wished students were able to actually speak during the event to express what they have gone through with advising. Akia then stated that she felt that she wasn't really satisfied at knowing what is going to change with advising and she feels the big issue is that some departments are very different from each other when it comes to advising. Cesar then asked the board if they would support mandatory advising every semester and at the panel would the board support mandatory advising for freshman and that he thinks the case may be that some faculty are incorporating their advising with their office hours. Rosa then stated this is part of her initiatives and when she went to talk to her department she basically stated that they need a student voice to make a difference and for lack of communication in departments and she was asking her how to fix it because she wanted to help and she said she would support mandatory advising for freshman. Sandra then stated that mandatory advising every semester would be helpful because it would help to see how many classes a student has left. Alessandra stated that she feels mandatory advising would be helpful because the advisors guide you in a way. VP Oliverez stated that they are trying to be proactive and student affairs does oversee the academic success center so she does have some control over central advising. She also stated that the deans should be in that conversation because they oversee the faculty in their departments. She stated that they are working on creating and Dr. Collins oversees advising for student affairs and he is creating a university advising council and to bring all advisors together monthly and so this includes all professional advisors as well as faculty advisors are welcome as well in order to ensure students are getting the same information as well as everyone getting new information at the same time. She stated they are working on implementing EAD and it is a software and that the goal of it is to help with advising by creating a space where all advisors can find student information. She stated that faculty members cannot see the GPA and courses a student has taken so that software would allow them to pull up records and be more informed as well as there is a place for them to leave notes on their advising appointment. They can also do presentation to help faculty members to be more informed on the software. She also stated that she fully supports mandatory advising and that if the board is in support of it to be vocal about it because some feel like it should be happening for everyone and some feel

that it can't be made mandatory because some do not need it. She stated that every advising is different based on the student. She also stated that they already have four new advisors in the ASC and the goals are to begin with mandatory advising for all freshmen but if the board feels strongly about it being with all students then be vocal and there are things like mandatory for students under a certain GPA. She explained how she has seen advising be very beneficial for students and does appreciate everyone's feedback. Michelle then asked if there would be any students sitting on the council because she does feel like students are going through things that are different from when they were students. VP Oliverrez that the student voice would be more on the GREAT committee. Alessandra then stated that a lot of students may not be happy with advising especially for those who know what they are doing and so starting with freshman advising is helpful. Dean Matthew then stated that the first year experience class has had so much better advising go on in those courses because a section is about advising. He also stated that he felt the PACE program was successful because it was more of mentoring rather than just advising. He then suggested creating an advising week where there would be no classes so that they can give more time to students about advising. Mishaye then stated that if all students want it and if it something she should advocate for and she definitely wants Rosa to be in the conversation and isn't sure if it is possible. Cesar then informed Mishaye to not feel rushed and feel as though she has to have all of the solutions right away. Braden then stated that he feels the biggest issue with advising is because they do not have access to student records and he is for having mandatory advising as a freshman but is against it after because he feels adults can't hold student's hands through college. Sandra then stated she felt a good starting point would be to have a website with FAQs about advising because sometime it is just simple questions that can be answered and have the contact information of each college. Rosa stated that students should know where to go but the only way that can happen is if there are clear sheets to help students choose their classes but she feels they should be more detailed. Cesar then stated that a lot of people refer to the roadmaps and he feels that they are from the advisors point of view. Alessandra then asked if there's a way to get general advisors on the same page and knows that during NSOs they are on different pages and she feels that mandatory advising should be for freshmen then keeping it available but not mandatory for next year. VP Oliverrez then stated that they are trying to break up advisors by their college and that the pointing fingers stops around the time that relationships are developed. She stated she went to a conference and she really likes the idea of express advising for those that just have quick questions and things like little chatboxes that pop up and you can communicate from a live person for help. She stated that if you go to the college of science advisor and then when you come back you can see the same advisor in order to build consistency. Cesar then asked how are they marketing it. She then responded that they are through social media and their website as well as flyers and she stated that sometimes students feel more comfortable going to peer rather than an advisor. Braden then asked that what can the board do other than just be on committees because it is obvious that there

needs to be more staff. Cesar then stated that it is making sure as student leaders they are on the same page and ranking importance. He stated it is like all of these ideas and there are simple things that can be done faster. Akia then stated that when it comes to faculty advisors there needs to be more emphasis on GEs because personally her advisor had more emphasis on her major courses where there is advising about how to take early on GEs because it helps with her major so she could've taken a GE that could've cross counted as her minor however at the time all she knew was her advisor and she didn't know who else to go to ensure it was correct information. VP Oliverez stated she believes that comes from the general advising because they know what classes double count and the prerequisites because the faculty advisors aren't all trained to advise. Sandra then stated that if every roadmap stated what semesters each course is offered and something she liked for biology advising was that you had the same advisor every year. Braden then asked if the current faculty and staff and look at what others are doing. Akia then made a comment about the roadmaps and that even it just lists the major courses. Dean Matthew then responded that he has been pushing is to have an advisor huddle before each orientation in order for everyone to be on the same page. Maria then stated that they will be writing up a memo that lists all of the things that were discussed in the meeting but also if they feel as though anything else comes up to feel free to contact herself, Michelle, or Cesar.

c. First Reading of Student Fee Transparency Resolution

Maria explained that her first priority for this year is student fees and she wanted to college information about what they do with the student fees but also being transparent about it with students. She then read some things from the resolution such as like where money for graduation applications, parking permit fees, and course fees are going towards. She gave the main idea of the resolution. Alessandra then stated that at the Stockton meeting she stated how students pay the \$10 fee and that it was approved by the Student Fees Committee and that it goes into a general fund. Cesar then stated that they claimed at the meeting that it is being waved this year and other expressed the same understanding. Cesar then explained that a memo is a way for two departments to communicate back and forth especially those they have working relationships with and for those that they want direct action from they create resolutions. He stated it is an official document from the Board of Directors voicing their concerns. Dean Matthew then stated that it is a requirement by executive order that there is transparency and he liked that this called for greater transparency. VP Oliverez then stated that it is her understanding that this transparency to be public to the students. Braden asked that the part for graduation, NSO, and parking fees to make sure to ask for detailed information. Michelle then stated that if you make an appointment at the Health Center and then do not show up you get charged a \$10 fee and student's accounts get put on hold as well. Andrea then stated that she feels that housing should be included in housing and at the end of the day she feels like it is a lot of money and they do not really know where it is going to. Alec then suggested it being easier to have it all on one page. Cesar then stated that he wouldn't mainly because if you go to a specific department and search it up because that is their main

concern is one department not all of them. Braden then stated he felt what Alec said was a good idea and an example he gave was the Clery reports because you just click on a tab and they are just there. Maria then responded it is easier for that because it is mandatory because it is the law of them being one click. Maria then stated that so students have to opportunity to compare current years to previous years like ASI. Cesar then stated it is a little different because as a board they hire an audit company.

## Director Reports

### Executive Reports

- a. Secretary/Director, Diversity: *Mishaye Venerable*:

Mishaye stated she is meeting with Britney from international services tomorrow because some other concerns came up as she has been contacting international students. She also stated the Dia De Los Muertos event is going to be downtown in the Stan State Art space on November 1<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-9pm. She also stated that the Vagina Monologues and it finally got approved by the website. She then stated that she is meeting with the great advising committee tomorrow.

Vice President: *Michelle Nungaray*

Michelle stated that she has been sitting on different committees throughout the week and that budget meeting is this Thursday. She also informed Braden that she assigned him to two more committees and one has to do with communications and the other is academic prep and achievement. She also stated that when they had the executive meeting, she wanted to get input from the board about if they are comfortable with psychological services being the modulars. She stated that she is envisioning that it is out in the open by itself. Andrea then stated that she already feels like she does not think you would get as much privacy in the modular. Akia then stated that she felt the whole point of where they are located in the library keeps it so that students aren't really sure where they are going and there is a more privacy aspect to it rather than going into modular where there are a bunch of students already walking passed there. Alessandra then asked where the modular will be located in this space. Michelle then responded that it would either be by the health center or the grass area by the art department. She also stated the issue is speaking to the counselors but aren't speaking to what the students are comfortable with. Cesar then asked if they aren't comfortable with the location of it or the actual modular itself. Akia then stated that if she envisioned a modular and that if it somewhat looked like it were a part of another building or making it more discreet then it would be somewhat better. Alessandra then asked for clarification on the modular structure. Cesar then stated that he advised Michelle to asked for the outer and inner layout of the modular itself. VP Oliveres stated that the possibility of it being a shared space makes it more discreet and if it does not go into a modular then it would have to replace something else in a building. Michelle then stated that in Academic Senate, a resolution was passed where in it, it states that the service cannot be around UPD, administration building, and a high traffic area. VP Oliveres stated that the grassy area by the health center. Cesar then

stated that when himself and Michelle discussed it they had different interpretation of where they will be locating it. VP Oliverez then asked about shared space. Michelle then said she felt like that was the concern last time that they shared the space. Dean Matthew then gave the suggestion of putting a cluster of student affairs services. VP Oliverez then cleared up that the problem previously was that they were sharing the reception area. Mishaye then stated that she would feel more comfortable sharing the space and then it wouldn't be so clear as to what service a student is going to. Dean Matthew then stated that the back door the library has works well with when someone needs to be transported and that access to a rode is necessary. Alessandra then stated that she isn't okay with modular however another service would have to be eliminated and without the library it would be hard to find a space and her biggest concern is the time period it will be in a modular. Alec then asked what would happen if students don't get adjusted to this move in terms of alternate solutions like recommendations of other sources of where they could get help. Dean Matthew then stated that the price out of school is extremely expensive. Michelle stated that herself and Cesar will talk about this discussion later in reference of next steps

b. President: *Maria Marquez*:

Maria explained that herself, Cesar, and Katie met with Chartwells and the status on the food text program is that they are working on the logistics and the soft launch with the board will be in December in order to be ready for the Spring semester. She also stated that she met wit Hvp oLiverez to talk about the programs currently available for students to utilize. She explained her goal is to narrow down what programs that are available and what students affairs is working on to implement more programs in regards to basic needs. She then thanked the board for their feedback on the resolution presented as well as Cesar for helping her create the resolution. She also stated she met with President Junn to discuss the Stockton Center. She stated she felt very informed with a 36 slide presentation of the current programs located there and will be having it emailed out in case they are interested. She also stated there is an open forum in Snider Hall at 9am to keep updated on what the university is doing. She also stated that research has been completed about other SLD departments of the 22 other CSUs in comparison to our own. She then gave the board a goal of talking to at least two students and letting them know what they are working on as well as that they are a student leader.

**Other Reports:**

a. Interim Vice President of Student Affairs: *Paz Oliverez*

Vice President Oliverez announced to the board that her meet and greets went very well and that she gave out many of her business cards and that many students were concerned about advising as well. She then did the next one the day before where they discussed student fees, food price/portion size, food quality, etc. She also stated that she got some information for the study space memo and the goal is to have DRS and PCS up within a week of the library closing. She then stated that they are moving away from the idea of turning

MSR130 into a computer space because of the pushback that they have been receiving. She then stated that a faculty member helped to partner with herself and Wonuola and he actually wanted to pay for the postage stamp for students to be able to mail in their votes from even the mailroom downstairs in MSR and he did some research and it is legal.

b. Interim Leadership & Student Government Manager: *Katie Rotan:*

*Absent*

c. Executive Director: *Cesar Rumayor:*

Cesar gave an update on the University Student Center by stating that on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm they will be bringing some furniture pieces on whether they like the furniture and if it is comfortable. He also stated that for the professional staff, staff from SLD, and student assistants to pick out the furniture that will be in the ASI/USU suites. He also stated there will food and raffle prizes. He then stated the Union will be meeting at the Stockton center in December and they are considering redoing their lounge now instead of later and they are trying to hear back on the plan for their new building. He also stated that he agreed with Dr.Harrison that there are students there now and so they shouldn't always wait to make changes. He also reminded them that there will be an email sent out inviting ASI to help out just as they did to the Union the last time. He then stated that, in reference to the brick, clubs can use a check request and they are working on a form to make it easier. He then stated that the Budget Committee has their first appeal and that they need to come up with an appeal process. He also reminded the board that if they signed up for life skills they should've received an email from Katie and also that tomorrow is Halloween and they are doing a \$100 prize for the best costume. He also reminded them that Katie and Wonuola will be out in the quad doing some voter education.

### **Closing Comments:**

Maria stated that there is going to be a live webcast about updates on DACA and immigration in your constitutional right and they will be talking about the efforts being made right now within the CSU system to defend DACA and other issues impacting students on Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:30pm. Braden then asked if the board was told on the idea that there were going to be other outside vendors or if they were aware that it was going to be chartwells vendors.

Cesar then replied that it has not been determined and the only vendors that have been determined are the Warrior Grill concept, a Starbucks, and a convenience store. He also stated that they just met with VP Hayden about sending out a survey of what things students want brought to the student center. Braden then asked if the students will have input. Cesar then stated that students will have input with the decision. Braden then asked that in order to get more student involvement and getting to know each other more so maybe the idea of volunteering at a soup kitchen or a clothes drive where they can go out and give to the homeless around Turlock as well as possibly walking in the Turlock Christmas parade possibly looking into that. Maria stated

that usually in ASI those available try to if available go to the shelter around thanksgiving time. Sandra then reminded the board to do their FAFSA.

**Adjournment:**

Dean Matthew motions to adjourn, seconded by Rosa. Motion passes 12-0-0. Marquez adjourns the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Maria Marquez, President

Minutes prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa Serna, Executive Assistant

