

Call to Order: Mishaye Venerable calls the meeting to orders at 5:02 PM.

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

Absent: Maria Marquez (President)

Tardy: None

Guests: Wonuola Olagunju

Point Totals: 4 Permanent Points for the Director of the College of Science and 3 Permanent points for the Director of the College Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve made by Kassandra/seconded by Alessandra

Motion passes 11-0-0

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes for November 13th, 2018 made by Alessandra/seconded by Andrea

Motion passes 11-0-0

Open Forum: None

Announcements and Presentations:

- a. CSSA Report – Wonuola Olagunju (ASI Government Relations Coordinator)

Wonuola explained that CSSA mentioned that they recently at the last conference has a few students at large expressed that directors at large should be more involved in the actions that they take. She stated that at other campuses it seems to be a struggle for directors at large to get information about CSSA. She stated that for University Affairs they decided to push back the CSU compensation policy because they had that suspended recently because they did not provide enough data and so they will not be discussing this until the next CSSA in January. She stated they gave an update on grad initiative 2025 and they are working on money for community gardens. She stated the chancellor's office is planning on creating a podcast. She then stated that the University Affairs committee will be focusing on affordability for housing, transgender issues, lower income and retention rates, and first generation students as well as working on the undocumented students resolution. She also encouraged the board to apply for the student trustee position.

Action Items:

Discussion:

a. Academic Advising

Mishaye explained that she believed that at the last academic senate, Michelle and Maria had a discussion about academic advising and that tomorrow she will be at the GREAT meeting with the academic advisors and they will be discussing different sub groups and the policy as well as updating that policy. Michelle then explained that this was mainly to focus on one issue at a time in advising. Cesar then explained that a lot of things have been thrown out but not really discussing the issues of advising and stated that as students the board knows more about advising being what is seen as good and what is seen as bad. Alessandra stated that she feels the main issue is the major advising because a lot of the advisors for majors are professors and they do not really know what is going on. Sandra then agreed that they should be able to give accurate information to the students. Kassandra explained that she feels the issue is that different advisors aren't on the same page and so she gets misinformed. Mishaye stated that they are working on a program where all of the faculty advisors will have access to notes from advisor to advisor. Monique then stated that with proper training from the advisors then it will allow them to be on the same page. Cesar explained that at other schools, faculty aren't the only advisors for students. He stated that it could go deeper into the topic as to what they like from other programs when they get advising so that they can inform others. Kassandra then stated that if advising is going to be two minutes then she wants the best information in those two minutes. Cesar then asked if it was more of a teach what needs to be taken or tell what needs to be taken. Kassandra then responded that it was more of both because she was told to take something but in reality she wasted a year of a course she didn't need. Andrea stated that she has great advisors for ethnic studies but then when it comes to psychology because they know what has to be taken but it isn't guiding towards a specific career. She also stated that she gets better advice from alumni she talks to than her actual advisor. She then stated that she felt if there were better advisors who were equipped and knowledgeable in the field students want to go in. Michelle then asked if they were talking about advisors that get to know students and know their field of interest not just being well informed. Alessandra then stated that her PACE advisors actually got to know students at a personal level and they spent time with students to get them where they wanted to be. Rosa then stated that for her major there is not full time faculty for advising and that is the biggest problem they have and that they just look at the roadmaps and compared it to what Michelle was saying about knowing students on a personal level. Cesar then asked if they think about advising when people sign up for classes or do they think about it all semester long. Kassandra then stated that she goes to advising at least 3 times a semester. Monique then stated that she feels if there is more funding then there would be more of a one on one basis with students and she feels that she has professors that give her more information on courses as to where she feels like her major advisor just tries to get her out of there so if there was more funding then there would be less a students to faculty advisors ratio. Alec then stated that he feels for himself the largest

issue is preparation for after college and advisors don't understand his class choices. He then explained that the largest issue he's heard from other students are holds on accounts. Mishaye then asked if the issue for holds is the problem is not getting advising in time for registration time in which he responded yes. Cesar then asked who puts holds. Mishaye then stated pretty much all of the sciences, EOP, social sciences, and Criminal Justice as far as they know. Alec then stated that he feels there should be mandatory advising for all with the opportunity to opt-out for students who know what they are doing. Cassandra then stated that its like seeing that you don't want students to waste the advisors time. Sandra stated she feels pace was so successful because of their interaction with the student and when she was a Biology major she liked that she only had one advisor for the entire time. Alessandra then stated that for psychology they aren't assigned to a specific advisor and if she did want to be with the same person then she would have to sign up however that could take weeks and that she does like that their chair for the department does a live video chat with the general guidelines for psychology. Cassandra then stated she personally doesn't feel that it is necessary to know their advisor/faculty in a personal sense but she does feel they should study the student before they see them. Akia then asked how long is the advising window for students and is the time frame the same for all majors. She stated the advisors should be helping them with their next steps because most students are first generation. Mishaye stated that the advising window may depend on the major it is in. Dean Matthew then advised the board to think systemically in a sense of how students know who the bad advisors are and how in fact if for example he is a bad advisor then most students will not go to him and it will then lighten his load. He also stated that the incentive system on how they hold faculty accountable and in sense like if a student waits longer for advising then they are less likely to get good advising. He stated he feels mandatory advising is good however he feels that as a first year you need mentoring rather than advising. Alessandra then stated that she feels it would be very helpful to have advisors to help students with what is next after college. Braden then stated that he feels there is a lot of mixed answers between mandatory but with opt-out but then also that everyone has to remember that they are all adults and that they have to do research themselves in regards to courses. He also explained that a lot of people want that mentorship and so he felt that in order to address it there should be more student assistants hired and there is a fine line between GE advising and major advising. He also stated that they place holds on accounts for Criminal Justice and that juniors/seniors have the opportunity to sign up for group advising or one-on-one advising. Andrea then stated that the new system where notes can be put for advising then she feels there should be a space that would have career goals. Alessandra then stated that while she feels students need to be held accountable, she also states that she goes into advising doing her own research but it is more going into it for reassurance that what she is planning for herself is actually correct. Mishaye then explained that she feels that relationship of peer to peer is different from faculty to student. Cesar then asked if Mishaye could ask about peer mentors at the GREAT meeting tomorrow in regards of a labor dispute. Dean Matthew then stated there was a dispute about how students cannot do advising because it takes away from that department. Cesar then stated that it is helpful to have a peer mentor but

what can a student actually do that will not cause a labor dispute. Dean Matthew then stated that he feels the staff need to be more flexible in delivering the service in encouraging students who are ready for grad school but those that need help earlier than giving them something different. Monique then stated that it does need to be clear as to what a mentor is because she is a mentor and can actually get fired for giving academic advice to a student. Sandra then asked what the Faculty Mentor Program does. Dean Matthew then stated that it is another way to connect with faculty however it does not really involve what courses to take. Braden then stated that it would be cool if every major offered the chance for juniors and seniors to mentor freshmen and sophomores. Dean Matthew then stated he thinks it's a good idea to have mentors within majors to help navigate the rest. Dean Matthew then stated that what ASI once did was they walked around and checked if professors were actually at their office hours. Alessandra then asked if by student mentors it would be alumni mentors because she feels if it were just another student then she would be concerned as to whether they actually knew what they were doing. Dean Matthew then responded there would have to be some requirements and guidelines. Braden then stated that for freshman, in his opinion, he thinks there should be a hold placed for advising and making sure they visit the academic success center. Cesar then stated that it becomes difficult to have dialogue with a department that doesn't have a director and so everyone who is involved in the area is so new and it is hard to get back information. He also stated that with the executives they will have to create a questionnaire to see where they lean towards in order to draft up a resolution. Dean Matthew then stated there may be different modalities to get at this. Akia then stated that incoming freshmen are required to take a seminar course and one of the activities was a scavenger hunt for resources and departments. She also stated they looked at different things like how to look for GEs that would cross cancel with courses from your major. Cesar then stated that mainly he is afraid that he is going to hear that students are picking a major based on advising rather than what they want to do with their career. Mishaye then stated that was something that was brought up in the last meeting and if they wanted to bring in a representative from the departments. Alessandra brought up how she was frustrated at the Taco 'Bout It event when she was told to talk to her department however Dean Evans had left. Sandra stated that she agrees that there should be the ability to opt-out however there should be a deadline for that. Monique stated there should be the ability to opt-out however if the advisor sees that you're a successful student but she feels it should be required the first year. Michelle then stated that sometimes the courses and catalogs change and would they still want that option to opt out because they aren't being informed about what is changing. Dean Matthew then stated that opting-out does not mean that students cannot go to advising but it does mean the hold will not be on their account. Cesar then stated that if it is mandatory then there could be a way to opt out of it however with certain restrictions like a borderline GPA or academic probation. Mishaye then stated that at the last GREAT advising meeting, it was brought up about students not being prepared with questions during advising. Cesar then stated that in the emails there is not a list of things that need to be done before the appointment is set up. Alessandra then stated that it sounds as though they are just putting

it on the student. Dean Matthew then stated that with Stan planner and the roadmap, students could be told to bring things like a couple schedules and printing out Stan planner. Mishaye then stated that she was frustrated as well because she goes to advising to seek guidance and she doesn't go to be told what to do but more of a what does she need to do next. Monique then stated that the student shouldn't be blamed however for EOP the problems they have are that students do not check their email so that's where they get frustrated because sometimes her students come and see her and ask her things that are already in the emails she sent out. She also stated that has a lot to do with faculty because there is a specific advisor that gets frustrated with the work she already has as well as do walk in advising. She stated that she feels that the only part the students should have is checking their email and reading it. Dean Matthew then stated he would want to know if it is formulaic of how many students they are assigned to advise.

b. ASI Resolution Update

Cesar explained that he read over the minutes and he knows the concern is the way that it is titled that it could be perceived that it is a \$10 increase for the life of this semester. He stated that the spirit of the resolution just allows for the next step to be taken and that it matters what is written in the referendum language. He stated this is just an in house resolution that allows for himself to take the next step. He also stated a year cannot put a year. Dean Matthew then asked why can it not be voted on and done by a certain time. Cesar then responded because they don't cap their fee. He then stated if you put through 18-19 then it would be read as after 2019 it would be done. Dean Matthew then stated that it would stay at whatever amount it is then if wanting to change it would have to go through another referendum. Cesar then responded but the fee would still go up because they are tied into a cost of living. Dean Matthew then stated that he is supportive of this however he is worried that people are going to take it as increasing every semester. Cesar then responded they would just put "Per Semester starting 2018-2019" or "take in effect 2020". He then advised that next time the board passes a resolution then do not approve something if they do not like it because there could be a bad executive director who is misleading and he advised that next time to stay until it is figured out. He then confirmed the title to be "Resolution supporting and approving a student fee increase of ASI of \$10 per semester to take in effect 2019-2020". Kassandra then asked what the issue was of just saying \$20 in which Cesar responded that the ASI fee is charged by semester. Andrea then asked why it cannot be said from \$65 to \$75 a semester. Cesar then stated that by the time this takes in effect the fee will most likely be at \$67 by the time it is enforced so it will most likely be \$77 because of the cost of living. He stated that with the ASI fee increase, it could be tied into the elections or it can be made a separate election. Dean Matthew then suggested that if it is tied to elections then there will be many more students and if it is separated then it is left more open to challenge. Michelle then confirmed that they want it to be tied to elections. Alessandra then asked if she couldn't advocate for it. Cesar then confirmed that she can inform students that there is something on the ballot however she cannot tell students to vote in favor of it. Cesar then asked who would like to be on the Ad Hoc committee and he then explained that Ad Hoc is another

word for working committee. Michelle, Kassandra, Alec, Andrea, Braden, Rosa, and Monique then volunteered to be on the committee.

Director Reports:

- a. Director, At Large: *Alec Austin*
No Report
- b. Director, Athletics: *Akia Walker*
Akia explained they got the updated proposal for the priority registration and they are just waiting on a few steps to move it forward. She also encouraged the board to donate to the Warriors helping wildcats fund as well as to share with other to donate. She also stated they were 18 points away from making it into Nationals.
- c. Director, Business: *Sandra Lezama-Vasquez*
No Report
- d. Director, Residential Life: *Andrea Sandoval*
Andrea stated that she has a meeting with Katie on the third to discuss initiatives. She also stated she has a meeting with Heather to discuss housing initiatives and how to get more involved on Thursday.
- e. Director, Students Clubs & Organizations: *Alessandra Ramirez*
Alessandra explained she gave an elections presentation to SGLC today and it went well. She stated it was practice for her when she goes to present to clubs and organizations. She also stated she has to schedule a meeting for the elections committee.
- f. Director, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences: *Braden Palma*
No Report
- g. Director, Science: *Kassandra Lopez*
She stated that she has been wanting to set up an appointment with Katie to go over some things that herself and Dean Evans would like to do for the college.
- h. Director, Education, Kinesiology, and Social Work: *Rosa Martinez*
Rosa stated that she recently received an email from her other subcommittee and she will be meeting them on December 7th. She then stated that Tara Ribeiro said she will get back to her on scheduling to meet with her.
- i. Director, Environment: *Monique Bravo*
No Report
- j. Director, Graduate Students: *Vacant*
- k. Dean of Students: *Matthew Lopez Phillips*
Dean Matthew complimented on the resolution process and their good work, excellent discussions and good luck on their finals.
- l. Faculty Member: *Vacant*

Executive Reports:

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

Mishaye stated that the vday Vagina Monologues has officially be scrapped being that there was an exclusive tone of it and that it was in a way under the impression that in order to be women you must have female genitalia and that there were concerns from students about that. She also stated she still wants to do some sort of workshop that brings awareness to sexual assault but with more of an inclusive tone. She then announced that tomorrow BSU will be having their Open Mic Night at 7:30pm in the FDC.

b. Vice President: *Michelle Nungaray*

Michelle welcomed the board back from thanksgiving break. She also reminded the board to check out the giving tree in Main Dining. She stated that as for her initiative for the BikeShare program, she was advised to put it on hold until after November 30th in order to make sure the mayor is certain. As for psychological services, she stated they were supposed to have a president's cabinet meeting this Friday however it was postponed.

c. President: *Maria Marquez:*

Absent

Other Reports:

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

Absent

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

Katie talked about how for the Warriors Giving Back, the giving tree is now up in main dining and the Warrior food drive will be ending on December 3rd. She also stated the giving tree will be going on until December 12th. She stated that they will be in main dining tomorrow because of the rain so they will be giving out free hot chocolate and encouraging to grab a tag off the tree. She also reminded that the Life Skills series workshop this Thursday will be from 4:30-5:30 and it has been moved to South Dining. She then stated that the invitation for the holiday dinner has gone out and to be sure to RSVP by December 6th

c. Executive Director: *Cesar Rumayor:*

Cesar stated that next week will be the last ASI Board meeting for the fall semester and that they are trying to reserve MSR130 and SGLC would like to observe. He stated if they do get the bigger room, hopefully there will be some type of refreshments. He stated that for those that are working on projects to have a recap or something written. He announced the USU is having a furniture showcase in South Dining from 10am-3pm tomorrow. He encouraged them to come check out the furniture to give feedback and they will be raffling off a \$100 Amazon gift card. He stated they did hear back from SLD and the director, Stephanie, will work with her team and schedule a meeting with the executives and himself to discuss some of the points in the memo. He then applauded the executives for working through the smoky days to prepare. He then went over the six items that were going to be discussed

and that they are beyond disappointed that they are being cancelled again. He stated they were going to discuss psychological services and the location, main dining as event space, approval of alcohol in the warrior grill, mascot identity, and hidden fees. He explained that as for hidden fees they are asking to have something more to where a student is reminded of the fees as they are enrolling in the course so there isn't a shock as to why they are paying more. He stated they were going to discuss WPST vs the WP course as well as what does it mean to be a Hispanic serving campus. He stated that the ASI & Union will be at the Stockton center on December 6th for campus stress relief.

Closing Comments:

Katie stated that the Taco 'Bout It: Parking Event will be postponed until Spring semester and they will follow up with a date once it is confirmed. Mishaye then stated that love evolution's Slay Queen Slay event is this Friday in FDC.

Adjournment:

Alessandra motions to adjourn, seconded by Kassandra. Approved by 11-1-0. Venerable adjourns the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____
Maria Marquez, President

Minutes prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Teresa Serna, Executive Assistant

