

**Call to Order:** Karlos Marquez calls the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

**Attendance:** Cynella Aghasi (President), Karlos Marquez (Vice President), Zoe Martinez (Vice President of Finance), Trinity Morataya (Executive Assistant), and Social Sciences), Destiny Suarez (Sustainability), Rosa Martinez (College of Education, Kinesiology, and Social Work), Fausto Garcia (At-Large), Anisa Saechao (Athletics), Maria Marquez (Student Government Advisor), Joshua Costello (College of Arts, Humanities), Cesar Rumayor (ASI & SC Executive Director), Francesca Rasmus (College of Science), Santos Ayala (Graduates), Katie Rotan (Leadership Manager), Nicolette Padron (College of Business), and Andy Klingelhoefter (Interim Dean of Students)

**Absent:** None

**Tardy:** Aletha Harven (Faculty Director)

**Guests:** Krishan Malhotra, Christine Erickson

**Point Totals:** 2 permanent points for Fausto Garcia (At-Large), 2 permanent points for Karlos Marquez (Vice President), 2 permanent points for Joshua Costello (College of Arts, Humanities), and 2 permanent points for Nicolette Padron (College of Business).

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by Rosa, seconded by Anisa

Motion passes 12-0-0 @ 5:02 PM

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by Destiny, seconded by Nicolette

Motion passes 12-0-0 @ 5:02 PM

**Open Forum:**

Christine thanks those who attended the AVP/ Dean of Students open forum for the students and asks for them to submit their evaluations and she hopes those attend the open forums for the SLD Director finalist as well.

**Announcements and Presentation:**

- a. CSSA Plenary Update – *Krishan Malhotra*, ASI Governmental Relations Coordinator

Krishan states that within system wide affairs they discussed land recognition. Krishan says it's something already done at Stanislaus where they recognize the land they are located on and the committee discussed to have something throughout the entire system. Krishan says he spoke to Cynella to get the committee correct information and maybe see if land recognition is something that the board wants to use in their meetings. Krishan states that there were eight resolutions and the first is

calling for the CSU to include caste in the anti-discrimination policy. Krishan informs that caste is a system of oppression and it separates people from the Hindu origin into different groups. Krishan then states all these resolutions were only discussion items and will be voted on next month. Krishan moves on to the next resolution which is the inclusion of SWANA into Cal State apply. Krishan tells the BODs if they remember Southwest Asia, North African have spoken with the CSU to make sure that classification is included on Cal State Apply because right now they are considered white. Krishan states the CEO said they were working on revising Cal State Apply, but CSSA still plans to pass the resolution to further support the students. Krishan continues with the next resolution regarding calling for institutional support for mental health service. Krishan states there is an international association of counseling services that recommend 1 in 1500 students per one counselor and 87% of CSU campuses are failing to meet that staffing ratio. Krishan says there is an executive order 1053 which says campuses may use state appropriations to provide basic services that may include Mental Health Service Fee. Krishan then goes onto the next resolution is in support of fossil fuel divestment. Krishan informs the BODs that some campus endowments are invested in fossil fuel companies. Krishan states this investment is a harm to student by providing capital to the industry that's responsible for climate change which put all their future at stake. Krishan states the ask is that the Board of trustees mandate all CSU campuses to divest from fossil fuel companies and the UC and hundreds other colleges have already committed to or have divest from fossil fuels. The next resolution is in support of reforming university police department system wide. Krishan says they would like to remove police officers off all campuses, yet the resolution is not written that way right now. Krishan continues with the next resolution which is in support of making the CSU system tuition free by 2030. Krishan says the CSU, UC and CCC were created in 1960 under the Donahoe Higher education Act and the goal was to be a free post-secondary education to people living in California. The planned asks for CSSA and the Board of Trustees to develop a plan to make education in the CSU free by 2030. Krishan moves on to the legislative affairs committee and states they sent AB 245 Educational Equity and AB 53 Election Day Holiday to the BOD to consider a support position and they are still waiting on the CalGrant Modernization Act. Krishan says they also discussed the updated CSU budget advocacy strategy. Krishan states the CSU was asking for \$364.5 M in addition to the \$364.5 M in ongoing funds so that would total to \$509 M for ongoing funds for the budget and another \$571 M for a total of \$796 M for one-time general fund. Krishan says the new budget act ensures that GI 2025 is fully funded, last years \$299 M cut to the CSU is fully restores, campuses are able to catch up on deferred maintenance and move forward with approved infrastructure projects. Krishan then brings up legislation brought up to the committee to consider one being the college mental health service program which has not yet been

introduced, but it will be sponsored by the chancellor's office. Krishan states it will propose the usage of surplus fund from props 63 which is the mental health service act. Krishan states this will not harm the funding needed to administer the Act or the money that goes to counties because it would use the surplus. Krishan states the bill will provide funding to the CSU, UC and CCC on an ongoing basis from the administrative account of Prop 63 to expand mental health services. Krishan moves on to AB 288 which is the California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021. Krishan says financial aid displacement occurs when one receives one type of financial aid, such as a private scholarship, that leads to a reduction in other forms of student financial aid. Krishan states this bill would place a prohibition on scholarship displacement. Krishan continues with AB 396 which is CalFresh educational programs. Krishan states SNAP denies eligibility to all college student unless they are working 20 hours a week or are eligible for one of the exemptions in the CalFresh policy. Krishan states this bill would allow higher education programs that increase employability and meets the eligibility standards established by the Department of Social Services for CalFresh so that thousands of student will be eligible for CalFresh. Krishan then speaks about AB 367 which would enact the Menstrual Equity Act of 2021, which would require at least 50% of the restrooms with free menstrual products in public school with grades 6-12, the CSU, UC, CCC and public agencies. Krishan then moves into reports and states Ray Murillo, Director of Student programs goal is for more in person and face-to-face engagement, but many things are still being monitored. Krishan states campus presidents and universities are making the decision for their campus, the Chancellor's Office just asks for an outline of each campuses plan. Krishan then mentions that 8 out of the 23 CSU campuses are vaccination stations, Stanislaus being included. Krishan states CSSA President Khurabibet reports there has been a creation of a task force on the issue of UPD. Vice President Pham reports the state has \$15 B surplus and Vice President Liu is working with DoubleThePell from the UC/UCSA. Krishan tells the BOD that the 2020/21 Legislator of the year is awarded to Dr. Shirley Weber. Krishan also mentions that CSSA took a support stance on AB 245 Educational Equity, AB 53 position was tabled until march due to unanswered questions, and the food pantry resolution will be a discussion item. Krishan then ends his presentation with upcoming CSSA events. CSSA Plenary on March 6<sup>th</sup>, CHESS Conference on March 7<sup>th</sup>, CHESS on March 8<sup>th</sup>- March 12<sup>th</sup>, and Board of Trustees on March 23<sup>rd</sup>- March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Items:**

- a. Approval of the revised ASI President Position Description

Maria states that a common factor of the job descriptions is that the mission statement is stated as a reminder that it is in compliance with the ASI Bylaws and to advocated

on State Stan students needs. Maria then states the description states the eligibility requirements, duties, and terms of the ASI President position. Maria states the Elections Committee will take the following into account: knowledge of ASI, knowledge of current event in regards to higher education, political system and Administration at Stanislaus State, and campus current events. Maria states the term starts on June 1<sup>st</sup> on 12:01 pm and ends on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 pm. Andy asks if there was reasoning in updating the job descriptions. Maria states its to keep the job descriptions updated of what to expect and they wanted to add the mission statement. Katie states there was verbiage change and their overall goal was to the new changes approved prior to posting for ASI Elections. Cesar points out that these changes do not change the BODs positions right now and this is for future reference.

- i. Motion to approve the Approval of the revised ASI President Position Description by Cynella, seconded by Destiny
- ii. Motion passes 11-0-1 @ 5:10 PM
  - Aletha camera was off, vote not counted

b. Approval of the revised ASI Vice President Position Description

Maria states for the ASI Vice President has the same information as the President information that she went over as well as the information Cesar and Katie mentioned. Katie mentions a typo was found within the document

- i. Motion to approve the Approval of the revised ASI Vice President Position Description by Rosa, seconded by Destiny
- ii. Motion passes 11-0-1 @ 5:11 PM

c. Approval of the revised ASI Vice President of Finance Position Description

Maria states this position is also an executive position and the same information is listed like the last two. Maria says they fixed verbiage that they were currently using and updating job descriptions.

- i. Motion to approve the Approval of the revised ASI Vice President of Finance Position Description by Destiny, seconded by Joshua
- ii. Motion passes 11-0-1 @ 5:14 PM

d. Approval of the revised ASI Director for College of the Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences Position Description

Maria states they put the mission statement, added the job description, along with the header. Maria states there will be some slight changes regarding the job description

compared to the executive such as it does not have the same verbiage of what qualifies to be an executive. Maria says one thing that was added was the specialized eligible ability and to ensure that they are part of the college that they would like to represent. Maria states they also added that graduates are allowed to run for this position as well and is not limited to only undergraduates. They have also added GPA requirements that the election code states which is 12 units. Maria states that section is communicated to student leaders who are interested to become student leaders or uphold any of these positions. Maria states they also added that each College director will be meeting with their dean of college and giving a written and verbal report at ASI BOD meetings. Maria then mentions that a BOD can serve on at least one standing committee and two university committees. Josh states there is a grammar error with who's and it should be whose. Josh then point out that first bullet point underneath duties and responsibilities should say submit a written report after each committee meeting to be clearer.

- i. Motion to approve the Approval of the Student Organization Action Plan for 2021 – 2022 by Francesca, seconded by Zoe
  - ii. Motion passes 11-0-1 @ 5:21 PM
- e. Approval of the revised ASI Director for College of Education, Kinesiology & Social Work Position Description

Maria states the same goes for this job description had the same adjustments and they will make the edits Josh suggested as well.

- i. Motion to approve the Approval of the revised ASI Director for College of Education, Kinesiology & Social Work Position Description by Destiny, seconded by Francesca
  - ii. Motion passes 11-0-1 @ 5:22 PM
- f. Approval of the revised ASI Director for College of Science Position Description

Maria says just like the past two job descriptions and they will make the grammar edits and added wording.

- i. Motion to approve the ASI Director for College of Science Position Description by Joshua, seconded by Destiny
  - ii. Motion passes 11-0-1 @ 5:23 PM
- g. Approval of the revised ASI Director for College of Business Position Description

Maria say this is the last job descriptions for this meeting and they will add the same adjustments and additions. Cesar state he looked at the website and noticed the College refers to itself as the College of Business Administration. Cesar asks if anyone knows if that is correct. Krishan states it is the College of Business Administration.

- i. Motion to amend the title of Director for College of Business to Director for College of Business Administration by Zoe, seconded by Nicolette
  - ii. Motion passes 12-0-0 @ 5:25 PM
  - iii. Motion to approve the Approval of the revised ASI Director for College of Business Position Description by Nicolette, seconded by Francesca
  - v. Motion passes 11-0-1 @ 5:26 PM
- h. Approval of the Resolution Recommending Elimination of the Writing Proficiency Screening Test (WPST) as a Prerequisite to Taking the Writing Proficiency Course

Zoe states there was an ad hoc committee which met and decided that taking the exam is not necessary to completing the course for multiple reason which are included in the resolution. Zoe then mentions an example for students they have to pay a \$25 fee to take the WPST and this cost can be a burden to students on limited budgets. Zoe states prior to acceptance to the university students are already required to pass a writing proficiency exam, yet students have to take another writing proficiency exam. Zoe states doing both the exam and test are both unnecessary and redundant and if students are having trouble in their WP course there are services such as the Learning Common to get assistance or tutoring services. Another point Zoe mention is that the pandemic caused the campus testing services and the prerequisite to be temporarily not required to allow students to be able to graduate on time. Zoe states students are already taking WP courses without the exam due to the virtual setting and mentions the prerequisite is not consistently upheld on campus. Therefore, it is their official recommendation is that the taking and passing of the writing proficiency screening tests be officially eliminated as a prerequisite to enrolling in the writing proficiency course by the start of Fall 2021. Nicolette mentions there is a typo in the second whereas clause and recommends to remove the 's' from tests since there is only one writing proficiency test.

- i. Motion to approve the Approval of the Resolution Recommending Elimination of the Writing Proficiency Screening Test (WPST) as a Prerequisite to Taking the Writing Proficiency Course by Joshua, seconded by Rosa
- ii. Motion passes 11-0-1 @ 5:36 PM

**Discussion:**

**Director Reports:**

- a. Director, At Large: *Fausto Garcia*



Fausto attended an FBAC MEETING they approved a CS concentration for liberal arts majors so if anyone was interested in that it will be available. Also discussed was the 2021-20221 budget outlook with key points being; a \$15 billion surplus, Governor Newsom proposing \$225 million for one time funding, at least for now there will no longer be any cuts nor tuition increases. And lastly the university has been granted their access to their cares act funds ONLY for covid related reasons.

b. Director, Athletics: *Anisa Saechao*

Anisa shares with the BODs that she is excited to be on the university wide committee for diversity and inclusion. Anisa then shares she had her first SAAC meeting of February last week, but as of now they still have no word on when they plan of returning.

c. Director, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences: *Josh Costello*

Josh states he will be involved in a writing for wellbeing workshop for mental health awareness week. He states they are still planning it out and writing helpful to himself and it can help other as well and states that event take place on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

d. Director, Business: *Nicolette Padron*

Nicolette states she met with the ASL subcommittee and they are looking at academic program review which they look at different programs in the university and see if anything needs improvement. Nicolette says she will be meeting with two people from the committee for the next few weeks for Spanish and Applied Leadership. Nicolette states she met with her dean and he told her some plans they are trying to work on for fall semester and what they see for students.

e. Director, Diversity: *Vacant*

f. Director, Education, Kinesiology, and Social Work: *Rosa Martinez*

Rosa states she will be meeting with the university communications and inverse advisory committee and they discussed the new updates that they will have for a website.

g. Director, Graduate Students: *Santos Ayala*

Santos states he will be meeting with the Graduate Council this week.

h. Director, Residential Life: *Vacant*

i. Director, Science: *Francesca Rasmus*

Francesca states she is still working on collecting information from all the other universities regarding career fairs and hopes to have the document finished by this weekend.

- j. Director, Student Organizations: *Vacant*
- k. Director, Sustainability: *Destiny Suarez*

Destiny reports that they are looking for speakers to have for earth Month and they are trying to have a diverse selection of speakers in collaboration with ECO Warriors

- l. Dean of Students: *Andy Klingelhoef*

Andy states he appreciates those who were able to attend the student open forum with their first candidate for the Dean of Students as well. Andy then asks the BODs if they can to please attend the upcoming forums.

- m. Faculty Director: *Aletha Harven*

### **Executive Reports:**

- a. ASI Vice President of Finance: *Zoe Martinez*

Zoe first thanks the BODs for approving the resolution and she states she met with someone regarding graduation application fee and she will have further conversations with the advisors and executives. Zoe mentions that the university is working on a breakdown of the \$60. Zoe states she had her first meeting for the search committee to find housing and residential life coordinator. Zoe state she will also meet with Terry and Katie on their organizations budget transparency.

- b. ASI Vice President: *Karlos Marquez*

Karlos tells the BODs the ad hoc academic advising committee met and they were able to provide feedback based on the student perspective such as experience when making an appointment, advising online, and advising hubs. Karlos states him and Krishan are still searching for services other universities provide that maybe they can highlight in their resolution. Karlos asks the academic advising ad hoc committee to text him that way they can find a time to meet. Karlos then tells the BODs to take a part in Take Over Tuesdays if they can because it is really fun.

- c. ASI President: *Cynella Aghasi*

Cynella updates the BODs that she will be participating in the California Higher education Students summit the week of March 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> in order to lobby on behalf of the CSU through CSSA. Cynella then states she is also looking for student to fill the vacant position s on the BOD. Cynella tells the BODs that next week



Provost Kimberly Greer will have a presentation that will ask for student feedback on Fall 2021 Planning. Cynella states that mental health awareness ad hoc committee is finalizing their calendar and should be posted on social media soon. Cynella also reports that her and Destiny will be sitting on the sustainability committee for the Student Center.

**Other Reports:**

a. Student Government Advisor (Graduate Student): *Maria Marquez*

Maria tells the BODs is they are interested in Take Over Tuesdays to let her or Trinity know. Maria states it's a good way to let their students see their student leaders in a nonformal light. Maria then reports that the Elections committee is meeting at Thursday at 9am. Maria continues and states the mental health awareness week ad hoc committee will be meeting next Tuesday.

b. Leadership Manager: *Katie Rotan*:

Katie states for the mental health awareness ad hoc committee they have date and events set and they are working on logistics on confirming with departments and also working on what marketing will look like. Katie says they plan to advertise mental health awareness week will be March 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> and she hopes by next BOD meeting they will have more information when everything is more finalized. Katie then announces that they have postponed the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Taco 'Bout It event and find the best date to postpone to. Katie says the Lifeskills workshops were kicked off tomorrow and if they did not register to the event the BODs still can.

c. ASI & SC Executive Director: *Cesar Rumayor*:

Cesar tells the BODs to expect the spring meetings to be a lot longer than the fall and to mentally and physically prepare themselves. Cesar then updates the BODs that the Student Center Board also passes the student organization action plan. Cesar tells the BODs might see on social media that ASI and SC is providing funding for the current recognized student organizations. Cesar then states Maria, Jennifer, and Melannie from the Student Center have been meeting with a few departments. Cesar states he is going to ask them to update the BODs based on their meetings. Cesar state they have been experiencing a few roadblocks on extending services to even students to graduate students.

**Closing Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

Nicolette motions to adjourn the meeting seconded by Rosa. Motion carries 11-0-0. Marquez adjourns the meeting at 6:19 PM.



Minutes approved by:   
[Karlos Marquez \(Feb 24, 2021 09:56 PST\)](#) Date: Feb 24, 2021

Karlos Marquez, Vice President

Minutes prepared by:   
[Trinity Morataya \(Feb 24, 2021 10:06 PST\)](#) Date: Feb 24, 2021

Trinity Morataya, Executive Assistant