

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), Efrain Garcia (At-Large), Cesar Rumayor (ASI & SC Executive Director), Nicolette Padron (College of Business), Katie Rotan (Leadership Manager), Anisa Saechao (Athletics), Maria Marquez (Student Government Advisor), and Andy Klingelhofer (Interim Dean of Students)

Absent: Joshua Costello (College of Arts, Humanities) and Francesca Ramus (College of Science)

Tardy: None

Guests: Christine Erickson, Samantha Johnson, Michael Rodriguez, and Krishan Malhotra

Point Totals: None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda July 28th, 2020 with consent

Motion passes 10-0-0 @ 5:02 PM

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes for July 14th, 2020 with consent

Motion passes 10-0-0 @ 5:03 PM

Open Forum:

Announcements and Presentation:

- a. Student Fees - Dr. Christine Erickson, (Vice President of Student Affairs)

Christine tells the BODs she has meetings with Cynella every other week and in a few of those meetings they have discussed student fees. Christine says because she realizes many might have questions that she will be presenting to the BODs an overview of the student fees. Christine says on the first page the document talks about policy, working groups, referendum, and alternative consultation. Christine says there is a FAQ page that talks about the different categories and if anyone needs a quick reference to use that page. Christine then says the document states that all campuses do not charge all the same fees. Christine shows the BODs a link that is attached to the prior page stating all the mandatory fees of each campus, so they can compare with other institutions on various fees. There are six categories of fees and Christine reviews each one individually. Category one is tuition which Christine states is set by the Board of Trustees and the campuses do not have any control over this category. Category two are the mandatory student fees such as: ASI, Student Health Center,

Student Recreation, and Student Center fee. Christine says all of those fees are governed by title five. Christine continues and says category three are course fees that are made up course by course and campus by campus. Christine then states that the deans did a review of all the course fees before posting tuition and fees for the semester and they were able to take off fees or materials needed in the in-person courses since it is remote learning. Christine moves on to category four and states these are user fees and commencement fees and category five are self-support fees such as: parking, housing, and extended education. Christine says category six fees are system wide voluntary fees such as the CSSA fee. Christine then mentions how the CSU is being sued for a number of different lawsuits first of which was a student Sonoma State to refund. Christine says so far, the lawsuits students are related to are to the spring semester and not related to the upcoming fall and they're seeking class action status. Christine says to her knowledge, they have not been granted class action status, but the BODs probably already received information about the litigation hold. Christine says it means whenever they speak or write about answering questions about student fees. Those documents can be potentially requested as part of a lawsuit which is neither good or bad. Christine explains they are just communicating what they need to that is essentially in line with the campus policy, CSU policy and title five.

b. CSSA Report - Krishan Malhotra (ASI Governmental Relations Coordinator)

Krishan introduces himself to the BODs and informs them about what he does in his position. Krishan says CSSA stands for Cal State Student Association and it the official recognized voice of the students by the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor's office as well as the California State Legislator. Krishan states their mission is to improve the lives of the CSU students by advocating their needs and engaging with student for system wide, state, and federal higher education policy making. Krishan states that Stan State CSSA is an independent 501 (c)(3) non-profit auxiliary of the Chancellor's office and they are exclusively funded by the students. Krishan says the fee is most commonly referred as SIRF which is a \$2 fee per semester. Krishan continues and says this fee is in category six meaning it is a voluntary fee that students can opt out if they choose to. Krishan says they are technically not losing advocacy unless every student were to not pay the fee then CSSA will not have any money. Krishan says their budget as of now is \$1.6 million which is about 480,000 students twice a semester. Krishan says their purpose is to represent all 23 CSUs through their Associated Students and they meet twice a month for two days over the weekend. Krishan says he is the governing member for Stanislaus and he sits on the BOD, system wide and legislative affairs committee and was also elected to be a part of the finance committee. Krishan says there are also special officers such as civic engagement, social justice and equity, and sustainability

officers. Krishan continues and states CSSA also has an executive committee like ASI that contains a president, chair, vice president, vice president of legislative affairs, and vice president of system wide affairs. Krishan says they have four priorities they have discussed and have a strategic plan that is done through educating, empowering and influencing. Krishan states within his position he will be reporting to the BODs once a month to provide a report of what is happening at CSSA. Krishan informs the BODs since he is an official governing member from Stanislaus he will also be attending all ASI functions such as CSUnity. He then says with his position he also is a voting member on the committees he sits on for CSSA. Krishan moves on to discuss the Board of Trustees and states they make decisions for the CSU whether it be one campus to add a building or change tuition. Krishan states the Board of Trustees meet once every two months. Krishan tells the BOD if they are interested into sitting in one of the meetings to let him know. Krishan then informs the BODs of every Board of Trustees member and their title. Krishan then states there are five positions of the Board of Trustees executives and there are 2 student trustees as well. CSSA is the body that represents Trustees to the governor's office because these members are referred and appointed by the governor. Krishan mentions there is also an alumni representative from the Academic Senate of the CSU. Krishan progresses into the next topic which is the July Plenary. Krishan says about two weeks ago they discuss what CSSA is, their duties and how CSSA is an avenue to advocate for students. Krishan says elections for their special officer position will be on the eight of August as well as the Vice President of Legislative Affairs. Krishan reminds the BODs to register themselves for CSUnity. Krishan then says the student trustee gives a report at the Plenary about what is happening in the Board of Trustees. Krishan says they discussed fees and to his understanding the Chancellor is the only one who can grant an exception per campus to reduce fees. Krishan says unfortunately it doesn't look like fees being reduced can be done system wide because CSSA and ASI still need fees to operate. Krishan then says they discussed a statement on the University Police Department (UPD). Krishan says he was made aware that San Francisco State has passed a resolution supporting the abolishment of UPD on their campus. Krishan informs the contract for UPD is set through the Chancellor's office because it applies system wide as well as through the Board of Trustees so any level of advocacy that would be done regarding UPD would be done at system wide level. Krishan then says last year AB 1460 was introduced to the California state legislator and it was proposed to be a requirement for students in the CSU system to have to take at least three units of ethnic studies before they graduate from the CSU. The four courses restricted to this proposal were African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Latino Studies, or Native American Studies. Krishan says this proposal was met with a lot of support and pushback. Krishan says that was passed by the Chancellor's office last Wednesday which made people upset

because the Chancellor's office made AB 1460 their own. Krishan says the CSU is arguing that ethnic studies is the core of their proposal, but the students and members of the California Faculty Association (CFA) who is a big supporter of AB 1460 are not happy with the proposal that was passed. Krishan says there was pushback over AB 1460 because of cost and the short amount of time to implement which would be \$16.5 million whereas the CSU proposal is about \$4 million. Krishan says that \$16.5 million would not come from the state legislator or the governor. It would come from CSUs and campuses would have to make cuts in other areas to come up with that funding. Krishan then says Governor Newsom's budget lost 8% of its funding and that is about \$200 million dollars and so they don't have the money to fund the proposal which is costly. The next big reason why there was pushback of 1460 is infringing on what students should learn. Krishan says with AB 1460 it would introduce a dangerous precedent that the lawmaker's legislators can tell students what they need to graduate and curriculum. Krishan says because the proposal passed as of 2023-2024 students will have to take three units of the CSU version of ethnic studies to graduate. Krishan says the bill is not dead and in the works of being revised and it has the opportunity to see the governor's desk. Krishan says if the bill passed it supersedes anything the Chancellor's office done, meaning the proposal will be dead whether or not it passed. Krishan then mentions another reason why there was a lot of pushback for the proposal because what the Chancellor's office wrote in their proposal for their courses aren't necessarily ethnic studies. Krishan then tells the BODs on July 6th Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) release modifications to the student exchange program stating those who are immigrant students who were taking fully online courses for the fall semester in 2020 would be removed from the US and their visas would not be renewed or reissued for F1 and M1 students. Krishan informs the BODs that F1 visa students are issued to those who are attending mostly schools and some private. M1 visas are given to those who attend vocational or non-academic institutions. In response, Krishan said CSSA was quick to draft a resolution supporting International Students and on July 14th the Trump administration rescinded their changes to the student exchange visa program. Krishan then promotes the CSSA social media and tells the BODs to reach out to him if they have any questions.

Action Items:

- a. Approval of the ASI Director for Diversity nominee - Samantha Johnson

Samantha starts by saying her pronouns are she/her/hers and she was a Sociology major at Stan State. Samantha thanks the BODs for giving her the opportunity to present herself. Samantha states she would like to be able to help create programs and host virtual events that promote solutions for social justice and other multicultural issues. She says she would implement this by interacting with student clubs such as BSU, ISA, Mecha, ACC, and other organizations on campus. She says she would also

like to work with the Warrior Cross Cultural Center to further understand the needs of students. Another goal of hers would be to help provide students with opportunities and resources that will help them for their careers at Stanislaus State. She claims she will implement this by reaching out to local organizations to see if there are any scholarships, grants or other resources that can be used by students. Samantha states if given this role she would ensure that the students voices are being heard and she overall would like to see the university grow. Samantha then steps out while the voting process happens. Nicolette asks if Samantha has been involved on campus because based on her statement Nicolette noticed a lot of collaboration in mind. Michael responds to Nicolette and states she worked for the Warrior Cross Cultural Center in the past and was Vice President of the Sociology club. Cynella then states when reviewing Samantha's application, she noticed that Samantha had previously worked at the formerly known diversity center and Cynella thinks that relationship will help Samantha in this role. Cynella continues and states Samantha was very involved compared to the other applicants.

- i. Motion to approve by Nicolette, seconded by Zoe
- ii. Motion passes 10-0-0 at 5:42 pm

- b. Approval of ASI Director for Student Organizations the nominee - Michael Rodriguez

Michael introduces himself as 'Big Mike' and expresses to the BOD that they may call him that as well. Michael says for this position his main goal is to have a safe space for student organizations. He informs the BODs that his idea of a safe space is to have a critical dialogue to further prepare student organization leaders and council members. Michael then tells the BODs of a personal experience he had when one of the members of his organizations came to him for personal help in which he was not prepared for. Michael's initiative is to create a Stan Ally where each council member in student organizations become a certified Stan Ally, which is a general overview of what resources can help their organizations which can make members trust and believe in new organizational leaders. Michael steps out of the room for the voting process. Nicolette states she met Big Mike this summer for New Student Orientation (NSO) and she thinks Michael is very knowledgeable about resources on campus and she knows he is very involved. Cynella adds in Michael had an exceptional application and she believes he can advocate on behalf of the student organizations accordingly.

- i. Motion to approve by Nicolette, seconded by Destiny
- ii. Motion passes 11-0-0 at 5:54 pm

Discussion:

- a. Resolution Supporting International Students - Krishan Malhotra

Krishan states a resolution is the official expression of an opinion, and in this case it's on the behalf of the BODs. Krishan then says how the resolution talks about how ASI



is a part of the CSU, which includes 487,000 students including 16,000 international students. Krishan states that as BODs their mission is to be a representative body for the students at Stan State and that international students and their right to an equitable education through the CSU is just as important as any other CSU. Santos leaves at 5:57 PM. Krishan continues and states the CSU Chancellor announced on May 12th that all CSU campuses will be offering fall semester primarily in a virtual instructional format and at Stan there are 53 in person courses that are approved. Krishan then states Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and ICE released modifications on July sixth regarding the student exchange visitor program and those were exemptions for non-immigrant students who were taking online classes for the fall semester. Krishan then goes on and says the modifications state that non-immigrant F1 and M1 students attending schools operating entirely online will not be allowed to take a fully online course load and remain living in the US. Krishan then says since the admissions application for other universities has passed including international universities these students would not be able to transfer to comply with those ICE directives. Krishan moves onto number eight and it says that the CSU grad initiative 2025 aims to increase graduations rates while eliminating opportunity and achievements gaps for all students, yet the modifications ICE released would have to track it from student's ability to achieve and have access to available resources because of the limitations. Krishan says due to the Coronavirus outbreak there are traveling restrictions and borders close which would create hardships for those students. Krishan says students would have stress and damage to mental and physical health because of the financial burden, but also hinder students academic progress. Krishan continues and says if student return to their home country there might be limit access to resources such as the internet or timely access to online courses due to time zone differences that a student may need to succeed in an online course. Krishan then mentions that student's have already invested in a livelihood in California and paying leases, driver's license, prepaid insurance, etc. International students also pay for their student fees for on campus services, materials, and facilities fees, and under the directives previously released from DHS access to these resources would be hindered and inaccessible. Krishan states in 2019 international students contributed \$6.8 billion to California's economy, 52% of that funding was on higher education, 90% on accommodation, 12% dining, 10% on retail, and 4% on miscellaneous expenses. Krishan moves on the seventeenth whereas and says student leaders recognize that during unprecedented times of health, safety and education of our 16,122 international students should not be jeopardized as a result of the current political climate. Karlos, Nicolette and Cesar express their concerns of whereas sixteenth because they wouldn't want international students to think we would only like them here for the economy because they want international students to stay since they deserve to. Krishan says he hadn't thought of that perspective and will look into making a change. Krishan then moves on to the resolved column and states though the ICE directives were rescinded on July 14th, 2020 Associated Students Inc. demands similar directive to not be put in place. Associated Students Inc. demands the Chancellor's Office to use the CSU legal resources to determine the legal flexibility they have in supporting their international student, if any. Krishan then says ASI calls upon the Chancellor's Office to use the CSU legal resources to ensure

the CPT and OPT programs for their F1 students can continue unhindered by future ICE guidelines. Krishan informs the BODs that CPT and OPT programs that work as a temporary work authorization. Krishan then says on the last resolve it states who this resolution is to be sent to. Nicolette asks for a definition of CPT and OPT programs in the document itself. Krishan says he has made a note for that.

Director Reports:

Executive Reports:

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

Zoe reports that she currently working and revising ASI reserves policy to incorporate a way to build it up short term and she is also working with Teresa, Vice Chair of Finance, for upcoming presentations.

b. ASI Vice President: *Karlos Marquez*

Karlos introduces himself due to being nervous in the past meeting, but he thanks the BODs for their patience. Karlos says he is a first generation, undocumented student who was previously in the Director At Large position. Karlos says his first time being involved with student government was with the formerly known Student Government Council. Karlos states he is a Business major and hope to graduate in two years. Karlos states Academic Senate committee is on August 4th and he and Cynella will be at the meeting representing and he is working with the Vice Chair, Mariah, on summer retreat. Karlos then asks for the directors of the colleges to email their availability for the week to him by tomorrow at 5pm to find a meeting time for the Ad Hoc committee the BODs approved last meeting. Karlos then mentions his initiatives which are to advocate on behalf of DACA students, Academic Advising, and Warrior discounter.

c. ASI President: *Cynella Aghasi*

Cynella congratulates Samantha and Michael for being welcomed to the BODs. Cynella then reminds the BOD that the last day to register for CSUnity is this Friday and they cannot register after the due date. Cynella then reports that the PCDI meeting is open for everyone can attend and she asks for those who are interested to contact her. Cynella says she is currently working with Dr. Erickson and Andy to come up with a student-based group like PCDI for students to address their concerns. Cynella says this is a way to resolve the issue of students not feeling heard. Cynella says she is finalizing the programming, social media campaigns, and virtual events for the year with Katie, Cesar and Maria.

Other Reports:

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

Maria state she is working on policies for the BODs and how Cynella has mentioned programming other ideas to implement within the social media page. Maria then says she will take a screenshot of all the BODs for a picture for the social media page. Santos enters at 6:26PM.

b. Leadership Manager: *Katie Rotan*:

Katie reminds the BODs that the last day of training will be on Friday from 10 am to 1:30 pm. Katie says all should have an itinerary and the zoom link for Friday. Katies states she also sent out the Board Initiative Fund in the morning and she is excited to work with the BODs. Katie then tells to BODs if they have not responded to her email about their availability on the 18th to do so because she would like to start creating those meetings. Katie then welcome Big Mike and Samantha.

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

Cesar congratulates Samantha and Big Mike for being welcome into the BODs. Cesar says they are receiving legal guidance as an organization over what they should or shouldn't say regarding student fees. Cesar states they would like to make sure their wording is correct and still very transparent on how ASI are using student fees. Cesar says him, Maria, and Katie will work with Zoe to create a visual on the website for those students who have questions regarding fees. Cesar then reports they had a follow up meeting of the approved resolutions on Black students and students of color. Cesar thinks they had a productive meeting with the Black Student Union and they have started working on four initiatives that were approved by the board. They are planning to have t-shirts and Cesar says he liked the idea they had with t-shirts and they might use it as a fundraiser and use those funds for the cause or they might donate it. On top of the t-shirt design they are working on a script for a Black Lives Matter video where it can be a testament from BSU but also other students as well. Cesar says they are working on a forum for racism in America and they have identified a week in October that has some space to do as many as three forums. Cesar says they might include indigenous students and other students of color as well. Cesar then reports they had a brief conversation with the Warrior Cross Cultural Center of what Black History Month should be and what it should look like. Cesar says last PCDI meeting ASI took a lot of jabs that were not about them and he thinks ASI needs to highlight a bit more of what they do so students do not accuse ASI of Doing or not doing things.

Closing Comments:



Karlos informs the BOD if they have to step away from their computer during a meeting to make sure to turn off their cameras. Krishan then adds if anyone has questions about any of the material he brought to the meeting to contact him.

Adjournment:

Marquez adjourns the meeting with consent. Motion carries 12-0-0. Marquez adjourns the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Minutes approved by:  Karlos Marquez (Aug 31, 2020 11:22 PDT) Date: Aug 31, 2020

Karlos Marquez, Vice President

Minutes prepared by:  Trinity Morataya (Sep 7, 2020 09:40 PDT) Date: Sep 8, 2020

Trinity Morataya, Executive Assistant