

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

- a. Attendance:** Cynella Aghasi (President), Karlos Marquez (Vice President), Destiny Suarez (Vice President of Finance), Hector Yerena (Director-Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences), Lorena Jurado (Director-Diversity), Heather Dunn Carlton (Dean of Students), Avery Reed (Director-Education, Kinesiology & Social Work), Shaheen Khan (Director-College of Science)

Maria Marquez, Cesar Rumayor, Katie Rotan, Zoe Martinez,

Absent:

Aletha Harven

Santos Ayala

Tardy:

Guests:

Jose Quirarte, Candidate for Director of Student Organizations

Billy Myers, Candidate for Director for College of Business Administration

Sidney Crippen, Candidate for Director for Athletics

Renita Eisavitazehkandi, Candidate for Director for Sustainability

Angelina Narcisco, Candidate for Director for Stockton Campus

Krishan Malhotra

Point Totals: None – Karlos announced that point training will be held during summer training

B. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda for July 13, 2021 by Destiny, seconded by Hector

Motion passes 8-0-0 at 5:04 PM

C. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of May 11, 2021 by Cynella seconded by Destiny

Motion passes 8-0-0 at 5:05 pm

Motion to approve minutes of June 15, 2021 by Hector seconded by Destiny

Motion passes 8-0-0 at 5:05pm

D. Open Forum: none

E. Announcements and Presentation

- a. What is CSSA? – Zoe Martinez, ASI Student Government Student Coordinator

Zoe began by explaining her interim position and her responsibilities. She then shared her screen to discuss CSSA, explaining that CSSA is a non-profit auxiliary of the Chancellor's Office charged with the mission of advocating for students across the entire CSU system. She further explained that CSSA is funded totally by CSU students, with all 23 CSU campuses being represented. She explained that Krishan Malhotra currently serves as an executive for CSSA in the position of VP of Legislative Affairs.

Zoe discussed and outlined the five current CSSA priorities. She went on to state that she will present at least one report per month to the ASI board, and will serve as ASI's official member of CSSA -- attending all CSSA meetings and functions, representing Stanislaus State ASI as a voting member of the CSSA Board of Directors.

Zoe concluded her presentation by discussing the function of the CSSA Board of Trustees, adding that this Board includes a student trustee.

F. Action Items:

- a. Approval of *Jose Quirarte* as Director for Student Organizations

Motion to approve Jose Quirarte's appointment as the Director for Student Organizations by Destiny and seconded by Hector.

Cynella discussed her nomination of Jose, explaining he has been involved in Group Life as well as being active in several campus groups/activities. She said Jose is very excited to take on this position and is anxious to move forward with several initiatives if appointed to the board.

Jose then introduced himself and explained the reasons he is interested in being appointed to this position and why he feels he is a good candidate for this appointment.

The floor was open to the board for any questions they have of the candidate. Upon being asked by Dean Carlton what his highest priority would be, Jose responded that listening to the organizations would be his greatest priority, particularly in light of the repopulation procedures that campus will be experiencing.

Motion approved with 7-0-1 (one abstention) at 5:22pm

- b. Approval of *Billy Myers*- Director for College of Business Administration

Motion to approve Billy Myers' appointment as the Director for college of Business Administration by Avery and seconded by Hector.

Cynella discussed her nomination of Billy and explained his is very active in community affairs.

Billy introduced himself and discussed his activities, both on campus and off campus, stating he was elected as a representative to the Denair Municipal Advisory Council and serves as the current president of the Denair Lions Club. One goal, if appointed, would be to advocate and listen to his constituents, and be their voice on the board.

The floor was opened to the board for any questions. Dean Carlton asked how Billy would conduct outreach and solicit input from students since many students will not be on campus when it opens up. He said he plans to send mass emails introducing himself and requesting input as to student concerns and what they want. He also plans, if appointed, to establish office hours to facilitate one on one interactions with students.

Motion passed 9-0-0 at 5:29pm

c. Approval of *Renita Eisavitazehkandi*- Director for Sustainability

Motion to approve Renita Eisavitazehkani's appointment as the Director for Sustainability by Hector and seconded by Destiny.

Cynella discussed her nomination of Renita, informing the board the two met during her time in the Eco-Warrior Club. She also explained that Renita is an orientation leader for NSO, and has a genuine enthusiasm for sustainability practices.

The floor was then turned over to Renita, who began by recognizing ASI for their efforts on behalf of the students. She feels that sustainability should be a top priority for all and has many ideas to make our campus more sustainable. Renita explained that a passion project of hers involves recycling of plastic waste. She closed by promising that if appointed she will be the voice of the students.

Motion passes 9-0-1 (one abstention) at 5:34 pm.

d. Approval of *Angelina Narcisco*- Director for Stockton Campus

Motion to approve the appointment of Angelina Narcisco as Director for Stockton campus by Desiny and seconded by Lorena.

Cynella discussed her nomination of Angelina, specifically mentioning her incredible application, which included everything she wanted to hear about the Stockton campus. She informed the board that Angelina is involved in the Psychology Club, one of the few clubs at the Stockton campus. Cynella closed by stating she feels Angelina will be a great advocate for the students at Stockton campus.

Angelina then told the board why she applied for this position, explaining this is her last year at CSUS and she wants to give back to the campus and her community. She also is passionate about helping students make the most out of their college experience by encouraging them to take part in various campus activities. She further stated she wants to be the "middle-man" between the Stockton campus and the Stockton community, and closing her remarks by listing her three initiatives: bringing mental health counseling

services to Stockton campus, increasing student involvement, and increasing enrollment at Stockton campus in part by partnering with Delta College.

Upon being asked by Dean Carlton what she feels the most critical issue facing our students in Stockton, Angelina answered she sees the biggest challenge as student involvement.

A short discussion ensued among the board regarding specific contents of Angelina's presentation.

Motion passed 10-0-0 at 5:43pm.

e. Approval of *Sidney Crippen*- Director for Athletics

Motion to approve the appointment of Sidney Crippen as Director for Athletics by Destiny and seconded by Hector.

Cynella explained that Sidney has previous student government experience as well as being a student athlete, and already has connections SAAC.

Sidney then introduced herself and explained she is a member of the CSUS softball team. She has met with SAAC and explained one of her initiatives would be about priority registration. She further explained that she works closely with Turlock youth sports organizations and wants to continue community outreach. She discussed the SAAC Make-a-Wish fundraiser and said that if appointed, she would like to get involved with that project in her capacity as Director for Athletics.

(Computer audio problems prevented question/answers by board members.)

Motion passed with 11-0-1 (one absention) at 5:51pm.

f. Approval of the ASI Policy and Procedures Policy

Motion to approve the ASI Policy and Procedures Policy by Avery and seconded by Destiny.

Cesar discussed the reason(s) for creating this policy, citing the need to guide both ASI and the SC on the steps involved in policy creation and the approval process.

Motion passed 13-0-0 at 5:54pm.

G. Discussion – none

H. Director Reports

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Hector Yerena, Director for Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Hector outlined what he has been doing to prepare for the upcoming year, including attending a portion of the budget workshop recently held. He further mentioned he has set up his Warrior Campus Groups account and is exploring the group hub. His director email is now active. He closed by stating that due to course conflicts, he won't be able to attend the training at the end of this month.

Heather Dunn Carlton, AVP of Student Affairs/Dean of Students Dean Carlton reminded all present of an email everyone should have received this afternoon regarding a forum to be held on Wednesday at 2:30pm, with Dr. Fauci as the guest speaker. She also encouraged vaccinations, and asked all present to encourage their fellow students to get vaccinated.

Lorena Jurado – Director for Diversity

Lorena stated she has not been able to set up her email as of this time. Katie told her that if she can go to campus it is easier to meet with OIT in person to get set up, but also assured Lorena that all agendas and notices will continue to be sent to both personal and director email accounts at least through the start of fall semester.

I. Reports

Vice President of Finance: *Destiny Suarez*

Destiny announced she is available to answer questions. She stated she is currently working on the HEERF project (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III), which will disburse money to students based on their financial need.

Vice President: *Karlos Marquez*

Karlos stated he is currently working on an action plan to move forward on his initiatives and explained two more initiatives he has decided upon, which is working with the Student Affairs department on campus to get student's questions answered regarding our Fall semester in hopes to ease student's uncertainties and allow them to plan for the upcoming Semester. Karlos says he hopes to gather and provide Student Affairs with student's comments and concerns for a smooth and safe transition to a fully in-person Spring semester.

Undocumented Students updates:

Maria and Karlos met with Undocumented Student Services regarding Undocumented Students Week of Action, which will take place October 18th-22nd. ASI is planning to collaborate with Undocumented Student Services for the week-long event.

Karlos also met with research analyst, Veronica Parra, and Dreamers project Coordinator, Polet Hernandez, regarding the use of the word “alien” on this campus (when referring to undocumented students) but said this project may have to be a systemwide initiative. Karlos, Veronica, and Polet will continue to have these conversations and report back to the board with an action plan.

HERFF III (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) will be available to all students and undocumented students as long as they were enrolled for last spring semester. We are still waiting on more information on disbursement and priority from the University.

Meeting Updates re: Fall Semester:

Met with Provost Dr. Ogle to express students’ confusion over fall semester and lack of communication in terms of being able to plan their semester. A draft email communication regarding Fall semester is currently being worked on, led by Student Affairs. Students should expect multiple emails with updates these next coming weeks.

Vaccination clinics are no longer available on campus (not enough foot traffic to support the clinics continuing to operate on our campus) but are available without appointments at several local pharmacies. COVID testing sights are still available on campus on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with more availability planned during fall semester. They are trying to stay ahead of the vaccine mandate, which is set to be approved for our campus, with prize drawings held both weekly and monthly to incentivize students to get vaccinated.

Student Communications: Discussed emails that will be sent out to students re: what coming onto campus will look like and require for fall semester. In person events/activities will occur in fall as long as everyone follows university protocols, with this information also being shared in the above-mentioned emails. As procedures and protocols are finalized, students will receive email communication.

University will still be encouraging six-foot social distancing during fall semester. Karlos encouraged all questions about the fall semester and repopulation plans and requirements as the COVID Communication Team is working on a FAQ webpage for students to reference to. Karlos thanked the Communications Team for listening to students and keeping students in the loop of how the fall semester will look like as we prepare to repopulate in the Fall.

President: *Cynella Aghasi*

Cynella thanked the board for their approval of the new directors, adding that the board only has one vacant director position – Director for Residential Life. She asked the board members if they know of anyone living in Housing who may be interested in serving on the board to direct them to her, or to the link to apply.

She mentioned the Group Me chat as a method of communication among the board.

Cynella further discussed that she is serving on the Resilience & Well-Being taskforce as the student co-chair. She explained that this is a new committee on campus charged with coming up with suggestions to better support the campus community's mental health. The committee has been meeting on a weekly basis working on a website, recruiting faculty and staff members, and coming up with an action plan for fall. There will also be student representatives on the task force that will be appointed at the start of the semester.

NSO showcase has been recruiting new members.

Cesar asked if there is a difference on the repopulation committees the execs are sitting on, questioning the difference in what Stan State is requiring as opposed to what California and the CDC is recommending. Her further asked how these extra requirements going to be enforced, particularly things that are not being required in their personal life. Cesar said it would be helpful to know the reasons behind these additional rules and requirements being imposed, stating he feels this will be an issue during on-campus events referring to some of the additional protocols being put in place. He adds that he finds it ironic that we are not following the directions of Dr. Fauci, who we were hosting in a campus forum tomorrow. Cesar concluded that he states that making extra requirements without any explanation as to why will stifle student life on our campus.

Cynella responded that during the last planning meeting, there was a lot of discussion as far as enforcing these mandates, and the enforcement side is still up in the air. She further stated that one of the reasons our campus is taking restrictions further than the CDC recommendations has to do with the Delta variant currently becoming dominant and causing an upswing in infection rates.

Dean Dunn Carlton added that she hears and feels Cesar's frustration, adding that there may be some flexibility on the rules and requirements currently being discussed, particularly for outdoor environments. The challenge is making certain we can be safe together while at the same time being sensitive to those who cannot receive the vaccination. Campus administration is caught in a difficult place of not having enough of the campus/community population vaccinated. For outdoor events there is the potential of arguing for lessening of restrictions. Upon a question asked by Cesar, Dean Carlton stated that during fall semester there will be greater access for COVID testing for students. She stated she will get more information about the plans for increased testing on campus.

J. Other Reports

ASI Interim Administrative Assistant: *Maria Marquez*

Maria welcomed the newly appointed directors and reiterated the importance of preparing for meetings by studying the materials that will be discussed. She explained her role as advisor to the board, to include helping with director's initiatives. There will be training soon in how to move forward with director advocacy and initiatives. Maria concluded by stating she will reach out to the new directors to discuss Roberts Rules of Order, which govern how ASI board meetings are conducted.

Leadership Manager: *Katie Rotan*

Katie also congratulated the newly appointed directors. She entered dates for upcoming training and other events into the Zoom 'chat', adding that this information for upcoming events/meetings will also be sent to personal and BOD emails. The next ASI board meeting will be held on August 10th, at 5pm. Katie then announced the dates for the ASI & SC boards' summer retreat -- August 10th & 11th, adding that the board will receive more information about the retreat via email.

She stated ASI is currently in the process of hiring remaining corporate staff, including Social Media Assistant and Graduate Assistant. The ASI Executive Assistant will be hired to take minutes and will also host the board meetings.

Katie ended her report by stating she is currently working on student government's fall programming events and is waiting for more direction from campus as to whether these events will be in person or virtual.

Executive Director: *Cesar Rumayor*

Cesar announced that after today's discussion he may need to "go back to drawing board" on the planning of some of the fall events. He further added that he will have more information as we get clear direction from campus, including more information about building reservations.

He went on to state we are still hiring for a few student assistant positions, asking everyone to refer possible candidates to our ASI & SC website for information on current job openings, and stated we are also working with food service with their student assistant hiring.

K. Closing Comments - none

L. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Hector and seconded by Destiny.
Passed unanimously at 6:37pm.

Minutes approved by: *Cynella Aghasi* Date: Aug 13, 2021
Cynella Aghasi (Aug 13, 2021 17:15 PDT)

Cynella Aghasi, President

Minutes prepared by: *Kathy Holloway* Date: Aug 16, 2021
Kathy Holloway (Aug 16, 2021 05:21 PDT)

Kathy Holloway, SC Admin Support Coordinator