

**A. Call to Order:** Adrian Sanchez calls the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

**a. Attendance:** Destiny Suarez (President), Adrian Sanchez (Vice -President), Miranda Gonzalez (Vice President-Finance), Johnny Flucas (Director-Humanities & Social Sciences), Caren Vargas (Director-Business Administration), Arianna Carlos (Director-Science), Bibiana Sanchez (Director-Education, Kinesiology & Social Work), Alondra Zepeda Santillan (Director-Diversity), Lauryn Serda (Director-Athletics), Tracy Williams (Director-Housing & Residential Life), David Franco (Director-Student Organizations), Maria Marquez (Student Government Coordinator), Katie Rotan (Leadership Manager) & Cesar Rumayor (Executive Director)

**Absent:** Dr. Heather Dunn Carlton (Dean of Students)  
Muiz Latona (Director-Sustainability)

**Guests:** Dr. Christene Erickson, VP Student Affairs  
Ms. Rose McAuliffe, VP Business & Finance, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Susan Borrego, Interim University President  
Ms. Amy McKinney, Dean of Students Stockton Campus

**Point Totals:** Johnny Flucas – 4 points  
David Franco – 4 points  
Lauryn Serda – 4 points

**B. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda for September 5, 2023, made by David Franco/second by Johnny Flucas

Agenda was posted on the screen – no discussion.

Motion passes unanimously.

**C. Approval of Minutes:**

Chair's motion to approve the minutes of August 29, 2023.

Motion passes unanimously.

**D. Open Forum:**

VP Christene Erickson took the podium to formally introduce herself to those members she has not yet met.

**E. Announcements and Presentations:**

a. Presentation on the Proposed Tuition Increase – Adrian Sanchez, Vice President

Adrian explained that CSSA has been discussing the tuition proposal as brought forward by the CSU Board of Trustees. He stated that the only set income is received in the form of tuition. Government funds are not guaranteed and so the tuition system was established to ensure guaranteed funds campuses can count on to operate. The trustees will vote on this proposal next Tuesday, September 12th. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Adrian discussed the specifics of the proposal, adding that the reason behind the multi-year tuition increase proposal is to ensure students continue to reap the transforming benefits that will be provided by this predictable income. The increase will be 6% per year for fulltime units, amounting to \$342.00 each year. Those 60% of undergraduates fully covered by financial aid would not be affected by the increase. He went on to show how the increase would affect various types of students, including doctorate and graduate students, etc. Adrian stated the increased revenue would be used to fund existing programs and ensure student success, listing some of these areas, including the expansion of financial aid opportunities.

Destiny Suarez, ASI President, and Adrian talked about concerns of students across the CSU system regarding this proposal.

b. Introduction from Interim President Dr. Susan Borrego

Dr. Borrego began by announcing that her casual dress was not meant as disrespect to the board, explaining that she just returned from an almond farm watching the harvest process. She explained how important her relationships with students have been to her throughout her professional career. Upon her appointment as interim president, specific directions she was given were to work on enrollment numbers and to work with Stockton campus. She was also asked to work with Advancement on their current fund campaign. Finally, she will be “setting the table” for the next president.

She then asked the board members to introduce themselves, stating their majors and what they expect from her and/or any advice they would like to give her. She also said that she welcomes feedback on what she is doing and how what she is doing affects students and campus. The directors then took turns introducing themselves and sharing their expectations.

Dr. Borrego shared a bit of her own background and college experience, adding that her main responsibility is to find ways to support student success. She closed by expressing her appreciation for the comments she received this evening and for the willingness of everyone to share their expectations of her.

**F. Action Items: none**

**G. Discussion: none**

**H. Director Reports:**

- a. Johnny Flucas – Director, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences  
Announced meetings planned for next week.

- b. Caren Vargas – Director, Business Administration  
Been in contact with the Dean of Business, discussing the Student Advisory Board process.
- c. Arianna Carlos – Director, College of Science  
Will be speaking further with the Dean of the College of Science to begin talking about her initiatives.
- d. Bibiana Sanchez – Director, College of Education, Kinesiology, & Social Work  
Currently collecting/investigating/researching the recreation center, and what the SRC offers to students.
- e. Alondra Zepeda Santillan – Director, Diversity  
No report.
- f. Lauryn Serda – Director, Athletics  
Meeting with Alissa Aragon this week regarding priority registration.
- g. Tracy Williams – Director, Housing & Residential Life  
Tomorrow will be meeting with Vicki Jones, and on Friday will meet with Housing staff to discuss what they offer students and how to get the word out of these offerings.
- h. Vacant – Director, Graduate Students
- i. David Franco – Director, Student Organizations  
Meeting the next day with his Dean, and is researching other campuses to see what they offer their student organizations to possibly get ideas for things we can incorporate on our campus.
- j. Muiz Latona – Director, Sustainability - absent
- k. Aleesa Ponce – Director, Stockton Campus  
Announced the Stockton Campus open house scheduled for the next day, being co-hosted by Student Affairs and the University Student Center.
- l. Dr. Heather Dunn Carlton – Dean of Students - absent
- m. Vacant – Faculty Member

**I. Executive Reports:**

Vice President of Finance: *Miranda Gonzalez*

Announced an appointment of Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Sacha Joseph-Mathews who will officially begin in October. Also reminded everyone that student life funding applications will close Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Vice President: *Adrian Sanchez*

Has sent out all emails for university-wide committee assignments – make sure to keep an eye out for those emails. He will be attending plenary this week and will be attending the Board of Trustees meeting to speak on behalf of the students.

President: *Destiny Suarez*

Continuing the search for a Graduate Student Director, requesting any recommendations be sent her way. Is also working with the Speaker of the Faculty to fill the Faculty Director position. UEPC will be looking at the U-Hour resolution the board passed last school year, researching ways to implement this on our campus. Gave an update on the University Student Center board meeting from last week.

## **J. Staff Reports**

Student Government Coordinator: Maria Marquez Mendoza

- Talked further about committee assignments and potential further assignments still to be made.
- Discussed the online forms to be filled out for “Meet the Board” posts and will contact those directors who have not completed this.
- Thanked those who signed up for the ‘Get Social’ forums. Discussed the support ASI offers to student organizations on campus.

Leadership Manager: Katie Rotan

- Announced that a lot of emails will be coming out, explaining some of the topics of these emails, including the seven Student Life Skills training workshops. Katie informed the directors they are all required to attend at least one of these workshops, however are free to attend all or a portion of them. The ASI student government townhall event cannot be used as a mandatory workshop.
- The October 3<sup>rd</sup> ASI board meeting will be held at the Stockton campus, with an email being sent soon re: transportation options to that meeting.
- Announced that currently there are three open USC board positions. Anyone interested in these positions can go to the USC website for further information and an application.

Executive Director: Cesar Rumayor

- Kenya has accepted the job offer of the staff Marketing Assistant position with a start date of September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Regarding the budget, we receive daily updates on our enrollment numbers and are currently monitoring these numbers as we get closer to the census date, which is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Professional staff are meeting weekly to make sure we balance the budget, or possibly request a fee increase, which would require board approval. The

- board will be kept apprised of the situation, whether balancing the budget or the need to seek alternative funding.
- He announced that per the list we received from Student Leadership & Development, there are 30 recognized student organizations this semester. Cesar discussed our efforts to assist student organizations with recruitment efforts, including moving forward with one of our budget line items, which is to offer funding for recruitment for those 30 student orgs.
  - We are currently working on our financial audit reports, with a final report to be presented to the board at a later date.

**K. Closing Comments:**

Bibiana Sanchez asked a question regarding Cesar's budget presentation comments. She also addressed President Borrego expressing her appreciation at meeting her.

**L. Adjournment:**

Motion made to adjourn by Destiny/second Bibiana.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

Minutes approved by: *Adrian Sanchez* Date: Sep 15, 2023  
[Adrian Sanchez \(Sep 15, 2023 13:14 PDT\)](#)  
Adrian Sanchez, Vice President