

California State University, Stanislaus

## UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

Minutes

## Thursday November 16, 2017 Warrior Conference Room – 3:30pm

- *I.* Call to Order *Allysa Gonzales calls the meeting to order at* 3:30pm
  - a. Roll Call: Allysa Gonzales, Cesar Rumayor, Jennifer Galeana- Vasquez, Maria Marquez, Sabrina Pineda, Irene Gradilla, James Nelson, Dylan McAlister, German Silva, Albert Puentes, Gary Potter, Alice Pollard
  - b. Points Report: Sabrina reports that James Nelson has accumulated 4 pending points.

#### II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve agenda is made by German Silva, second by Albert Puentes, Motion carries 11 -0-0

## III. Open Forum

## IV. Presentations

## a. Diversity Center Update

- Stephanie Hubbard Presents the Diversity Center Update.
- Ms. Hubbard explains that 5 Student Forums have been held on campus as well as the Stockton campus.
- She notes that students expressed a desire for the Diversity Center to feel all-inclusive and "break down walls" rather than build them.
- Students mentioned that the center should accommodate everyone from every generation, race, and socioeconomic background
- Ms. Hubbard reports that the student's voices have been heard, and that the original floor plan model of the Diversity Center has been changed to accommodate a more open and inclusive layout.
- The Opening of the Diversity Center will be November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.

#### **Board Members**

Allysa Gonzales Chair

Jennifer Galeana Vasquez Vice Chair

> Sabrina Pineda Secretary

Albert Puentes Student Representative

Hayley Tobin Student Representative

Irene Gradilla Student Representative

German Silva Student Representative

James Nelson Student Representative

Dylan McAlister- Becker Student Representative

> Maria Marquez ASI Representative

Dr. Edward Erickson Faculty Representative

Matthew Lopez Phillips President's Designee

Darrell Haydon VP Business and Finance

Alice Pollard Alumni Representative

Gary Potter Community Representative

#### Advisors / Staff

Cesar Rumayor Executive Director

- Ms. Hubbard discusses the most current layout plans for the Diversity Center as well as their desire to hire staff that is ready to accommodate the student's needs.
- Allysa Gonzales asks "What will happen to the Diversity Center during the renovation of the Library?"
- Ms. Hubbard mentions that most things during the renovation will be moved to the SURGE space and although the space will be smaller they will continue to try and provide resources to students.

#### b. University Sustainability Update – Julia Reynoso

- Julia Reynoso explains the long and short term goals the Sustainability Committee have set.
- Wendy announces to the board that Ryan Hollister, the first of three guest speakers, will present on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5pm in the CDC room 118.
- The Committee is looking to expand the curriculum on campus to include more classes on environmental sustainability.
- Ms. Reynoso announces that the sustainability committee has been able to help the campus reduce electrical usage by 12% and greenhouse gases by 18.3%.
- The board was also made aware that water meters, smart irrigation clocks, electrical car charging stations, LED lights within parking lot 2 and central plant cooling towers have all been installed within CSU Stanislaus in order to contribute to environmental sustainability.

## V. Discussion Items

#### a) University Student Center – Cross Cultural Center- Next Step

- Allysa Gonzales prompts a discussion about what course of action the board of directors would like to take on the Cross-Cultural Center. She specifically mentions that the Operations Committee was discussing the possibility of utilizing the cross-cultural center space to accommodate a differently resource.
- Maria asks what are the logistics and possibilities of turning the space into a 24 hours study room.
- Allysa clarifies that it could be a possibility but different options are still being looked at.
- Dylan then suggest that perhaps the best solution would be to open up the discussion to the

student population to see what they would like to convert the space to.

- Sabrina mentions that rather than having a crosscultural center and a diversity center is not a good use of resources, so she suggests that we no longer plan to create a cross cultural center.
- Cesar and Allysa make sure to clarify where the miscommunication between USU and the Diversity center committee.
- Cesar also informs the board that within the Diversity Center a prayer room will be included which is very similar to the meditation room that was planned to be placed within the new student center. He recommends that perhaps the best solution to the problem would be to leave the rooms that have been designated for these spaces empty until it is decided what should place in within that space.
- German recommends that perhaps USU representatives should be included within campus wide committees.

# b) Equipment and Furniture Donation to the Diversity Center

- Cesar informs the board that the Diversity Center Committee has an interest in the chairs and projector within the Lakeside conference room. He would like to know if the USU BOD would like to donate those things to the Diversity Center.
- Establishing a relationship with students is something that the board agrees is important and so they agree to donate the furniture and equipment.

#### VI. Action Items:

#### a. Revised ASI/USU Point System

- Sabrina explains that the Rules Committee has decided that the rules committee would like to add a section 1.4 to the Point Policy which would assign points to ASI board members who do not attend Student Government Events.
- Line 1.5.1 will allow board members to miss 5-49% of retreats and receive 2 points.
- Line 3.1 will be revised to allow board members to be notified of their pending points via email and board meeting announcements.

- A motion to approve the revised ASI/USU Point System is made by German Silva, second by Dylan McAlister. Motion carries 11-0-0.

#### VII. Reports

#### a. Associated Students, Inc. Representative

- Maria Marquez informs the board that Jade Poon, ASI Budget Assistant will be stepping down from her position next semester. She encourages everyone to Thank Jade for her hard work and dedication.
- ASI will be hosting an Event during warriors in the quad to inform and gather signatures to support priority registration for Student Athletes.

## b. USU Secretary

- Sabrina Pineda wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### c. USU Vice Chair

-Jennifer Galeana- Vasquez reminds the board that she will be hosting an event at the Stockton campus on November  $30^{th}$  from 4-6:30pm.

- Winter Retreat will take place January 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, more details to come.

Budget Committee has finished their second round of Student Presentations

She is also working on developing the Senior Class Gift.

#### d. USU Chair

- Allysa Gonzales informs the board that the Sale of USU equipment and furniture will take place at the end of January and it will be open to students first, followed by faculty/ staff and then the public.
- The bricks for the Brick Campaign will no longer me made by Bricks-R-US and will be made by Brick Makers USA.
- She also asks Dylan and James to meet her after to receive their board email log in information.

#### e. USU Executive Director

- Cesar Rumayor informs the board that a marketing campaign will launch on December 31<sup>st</sup> to inform the campus that the USU will be closing for renovation in January.
- A second campaign will be held in the spring to inform the students that USU, ASI, NSO and SLD will be located in housing.
- There has been a request for USU/ASI to continue providing student ID cards and further negotiation is necessary.

- There will be an MOU revision that will need to be approved in order to purchase a total of four housing suits for the duration of the USU renovation and expansion project.
- The final event to be held in the USU will be a Ground Breaking event to thank and celebrate USU boards, both past and present for their dedication and hard work. This will take place on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 3pm.
- Finally, Cesar reminds everyone that the annual holiday party will take place on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

## VIII. Announcements

- Gary Potter reminds that all volunteers for the Christmas parade will meet on December 1<sup>st</sup> and he will contact them with further instructions.

## IX. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5 pm by German Silva, second by Gary Potter. Motion carries 11-0-0.