Monday, August 2, 2021
ZOOM – 1:30 P.M.
https://SDSU.zoom.us/j/86994166411
MEETING ID: 869-9416-6411
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
[Abbreviated Version]
For millennia, the Kumeyaay people have been a part of this land. This land has nourished, healed, protected, and embraced them for many generations in a relationship of balance and harmony. As members of the San Diego State community, we acknowledge this legacy. We promote this balance and harmony. We find inspiration from this land; the land of the Kumeyaay.

III. ROLL CALL:
A. Voting Members Present: Carlos A. Fitch, John Moreno Jr., Erika D. Gutierrez, Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado, Janneth Trinidad Aguirre, Frida Diaz, Julieanna Gutierrez, Karla Lora-Acosta, Melissa Sandoval
B. Voting Members Absent: None
C. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Present: Henry Villegas, Melyssa Gonzalez, Alicia Robles
D. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Absent: None
E. Visitors Present: Bret Kofford-Faculty, Norma Aguilar- SASC Coordinator, Jeanette Shumaker-Faculty, Juan Carlos Ramirez-Pimienta- Faculty, Mark Wheeler- Interim Dean for SDSU Imperial Valley, Stacy Bodus - Faculty, Fernanda Ferreiro- University Relations and Development, Maribel Madero- Director of Business Services

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for Monday, August 2, 2021.

The agenda was approved with the amendments below:

It was moved and seconded to remove Nogales Conference Room from the meeting location. It was also moved and seconded to add information item E. “Opt-Out Campaign”.

AGUIRRE/MORENO JR. CARRIED (8-0-0)

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of Friday, July 16, 2021.

MORENO JR./AGUIRRE CARRIED (8-0-0)
VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
A. Jeanette Shumaker, Professor
   1. Thanked members for the chance to speak at meeting. Reported she has two (2) requests about increased student fees. First request is to hold a referendum of student about the increased student fees. Explained the President of the university has the right to change fees without referendum, but she thinks students have right to have voice. Reported that twenty (20) years ago, Weber wanted to raise the student fees to match San Diego but A.S. IV held a referendum and it did not pass. Reported that she heard the Chancellor may have been in communication with President De La Torre and it may be illegal to have different fees from San Diego but is not sure how accurate that is. Explained that in the past, a freshmen program on IV campus was shut down illegally so this is nothing new. Asked council to consider how much poorer Imperial County is, with 86% of students receiving Pell grants meaning they are low income as compared to only 31% of students in San Diego. Stated she understands the great improvements that can be made with services with the new fees but IV could never have what San Diego has due to many factors including student size and economy. The second request was to consider informing students on increased student fees if a decision is made to not hold a referendum. Explained that President De La Torre’s statement did not make sense to layman, and it needs to be ensured that students, faculty and staff understand how and why the fees were increased and what to expect of changes.
   2. Fitch- Acknowledged A.S.’s part played in the increased student fees and explained he has spoken to President De La Torre about the wrong way the university went about increasing the fees. Explained that an A.S. survey from a previous year was used to justify increasing the student fees. Confirmed he agrees about needing more transparency and communication to be sent out to students, faculty and staff. Also gave information that if a student cannot afford these increased fees, there is a process to remove them.
B. Norma Aguilar, SASC Coordinator
   1. Commended President Fitch for his leadership and communication on this matter of increased student fees. Echoes and joins Shumaker in her concerns about the increased student fees. Explained about a past incident of being roped into an alternative consultation. Understands that something similar was done in regard to these increased fees where the university took A.S. for a loop and flipped it on the council. Provided sympathy for any backlash A.S. has received for this matter and put herself at A.S.’s disposition for organizing. Urged council to have a consultation with students.

VII. UNIVERSITY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS
A. SDSU-IV A.S. Advisor/Dean of Students Henry Villegas
   1. Completed the search for Retention Specialist Coordinator position to support at risk students, probation/disqualified.
   2. Food pantry will be starting soon and will be located in the library. Received grants up to $100K to support the start of the program. Informed that there will be a need to hire students to run the pantry. Pantry will be partnering with IV Food Bank. Villegas will follow up on if students under AB 540 can be hired in this position.
   3. Informed them that he is currently working on hiring a new counseling therapist and the search starts soon. Also currently working on getting space C7 renovated.
4. Informed they will be hiring a full-time Financial Aid Advisor.
5. Updated that a new Cross Cultural Center will be starting soon, and they will be hiring someone to run the Center. The Cross Cultural Center will be located in the library.
6. Informed they will be hiring a full time Career Services person.
7. Updated on the new COVID requirements and mandates sent out by President De La Torre which is why A.S. was not able to hold meeting in person.

B. SDSU-IV Associated Students Coordinator/Career Services Melyssa Gonzalez
1. Informed them Senator Santos had to resign due to personal matters. This position will be advertised during the vacancy application period. Informed that we will need scholarship committee with two (2) student volunteers as soon as possible.
2. Asked committee chairs to submit committee meeting days, time, location, etc. as soon as possible.
3. Asked them to finalize office hours as soon as possible as well. Advised them to double check to make sure they abide by Student Union Building hours as well as confirm they have added the correct number of hours.
4. Reminded them to join the Student Life & Leadership Events Zoom meeting at 2:45 p.m. Stated she emailed the link earlier today.
5. Asked them to resubmit the T2 form as it has been updated. She sent the forms electronically earlier today.
6. Stated Subway eGift Cards were sent to their A.S. emails this morning to compensate for the cancelled luncheon.
7. Discussed custodial services, events, etc.
8. Reminded them to submit reports by the deadlines set by Executive Secretary Horton-Alvarado.
9. Encouraged them to reach out to her if they have any questions regarding A.S.

C. A.S. President Carlos A. Fitch
1. Met with Dean Wheeler to discuss ways to bring revenue to our budget by asking for donations to former A.S. leadership and SDSU-IV Alumni. Updates to be given later in the semester.
2. Met with San Diego’s Finance Director to discuss the budget and the different ways to make use of the reserves.
3. Met with President Ashley Tejada from A.S. San Diego and worked on final details for our retreat here on August 10, 2021. Discussed potential ways to work alongside in interinstitutional campaigns and events offered in San Diego’s Student Union.
4. Proposed to the Facilities Committee to invest in a mural inside the Student Union to counteract the conditions of the building. Expressed that it is his desire to have it up and running by no later than August 23rd but stated that A.S. submitted a work order to the university and has not given any update even after priority orders by the Dean. Updates to come in the next few weeks.
5. Reminded everyone to check the External Committees they would like to be part of. An email was sent on July 19th but has opened the A.S. representation spots to students-at-large for an opportunity to be involved.
6. Stated that along with Executive Secretary Horton-Alvarado, he has been working on major purchases for the different rooms and will be presented to the council in later meetings.
7. Requested assistance from the university to get a list of companies credited to install mini splits, but the list was not delivered. A.S. Bookkeeper Robles will be looking at another solution to install mini splits on the Student Union Building with our student-fee budget.

8. Reminded everyone about the mandatory attendance to the West Campus visit on August 10th, 2021.

9. Reminded everyone about the opportunity to meet Dean Wheeler and asked all members to confirm attendance on the respective form sent on Friday, July 23rd.

10. At a meeting with the Financial Director and VP of Finance Barber from San Diego, it was requested a schedule and services agreement for the Custodial Services. Thus far, no agreement or documentation has been structured or received and is unable to share the information with the Financial Director and VP of Finance.

11. Was in contact with Priscilla Silva, former A.S. Senator and President from Aztecs Around the World, Ilce Taboada, former President from Psychology Club and Lawson Hardrick, former A.S. President and President from Community Wellness Assistance Cohort to work closely on a plan to continue the existence of those RSOs in our campus for the year to come.

12. Stated a request will be sent to Academic Affairs to have a student representative at the formation of schedules process.

13. Mentioned that he would like to move forward with the “Opt-Out” Campaign as soon as the semester begins to prevent the extra charges on e-books to new students who are not aware of Immediate Access.

14. Shared that the council was informed of the resignation of former A.S. Senator Meghan Santos due to the lack of essential services (daycare provider) at our university. Stated there are many issues that need to be addressed with action so our students have a better learning experience at our campus, including this one. He advocates that the university be in charge of looking into providing childcare services either on campus or in collaboration with local childcare providers. A.S. will continue to advocate for our student’s needs.

D. A.S. Executive Vice President John Moreno Jr.
   1. No Report.

E. A.S. Executive of Finance Erika D. Gutierrez
   1. No Report.

F. A.S. Executive Secretary Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado
   1. No Report.

VIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Official Meetings (Action): It was moved and seconded to hold the Fall 2021 A.S. Official Meetings on Tuesdays from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

   LORA-ACOSTA/DIAZ CARRIED (8-0-0)

   Discussion: If meetings will be in person, the Nogales Conference Room will be utilized.

   John Moreno Jr. - Yes  Erika D. Gutierrez - Yes  Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado - Yes
   Janneth Trinidad Aguirre - Yes  Frida Diaz - Yes  Julieanna Gutierrez - Yes
B. Vacancies (Action): It was moved and seconded to open vacancy applications from Friday, August 27th to Thursday, September 2nd. Interviews to be held on Friday, September 3rd.

MORENO JR./LORA-ACOSTA CARRIED (8-0-0)

Discussion: Vacancy application period will be for Senator, Elections Committee, Scholarship Committee, Associated Students Executive Assistant, External Committees, etc. Lora-Acosta- Asked how many vacancies total will be open. 18 vacancies. Gonzalez- A.S. will have flyers available soon with all the vacant positions to advertise. Suggested that the university help with filling external vacancies so A.S. can focus on filling A.S. positions first.

John Moreno Jr. - Yes  Erika D. Gutierrez - Yes  Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado - Yes
Janneth Trinidad Aguirre - Yes  Frida Diaz - Yes  Julieanna Gutierrez - Yes
Karla Lora-Acosta - Yes  Melissa Sandoval - Yes

C. Revisions/2021-2022 A.S. Official Bylaws (Action): It was moved and seconded to approve the additional revisions for the 2021-2022 A.S. Official Bylaws.

MORENO JR./AGUIRRE CARRIED (8-0-0)

Discussion: Additional revisions were discussed during the July 16th special meeting. Executive Secretary Horton-Alvarado emailed the proposed changes on July 16th and Associated Students Coordinator Gonzalez emailed final proposed revisions on July 22nd.

John Moreno Jr. - Yes  Erika D. Gutierrez - Yes  Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado - Yes
Janneth Trinidad Aguirre - Yes  Frida Diaz - Yes  Julieanna Gutierrez - Yes
Karla Lora-Acosta - Yes  Melissa Sandoval - Yes

D. Custodial Services (Action): It was moved and seconded to reimburse SDSU Imperial Valley or other vendor in an amount not to exceed $8,400.00 from the Student Union - Reimburse University and Student Union - Administrative Charge Accounts for custodial services for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

HORTON-ALVARADO/LORA-ACOSTA NOT CARRIED (0-1-7)

Discussion: Horton-Alvarado- Informed that in past, the allocated money went directly to students who cleaned and with this motion, that will not happen. Madero- Explained that money usually goes back to students and once COVID is “better” they will look at hiring students again. Lora-Acosta- Explained that in the past, students do clean. Aguirre- Asked the reason for not hiring students. Gonzalez- Explained that students are not properly trained to clean.
E. **Opt-Out Campaign (Information):** It was discussed to hold the "Opt-Out Campaign" on the second week of classes (Monday, August 30th to Thursday, September 2nd) to create awareness of the Immediate Access fees. A.S. will have tablets/iPads available and those students who opt-out will be given a promotional item. Explained what immediate access is and encouraged participation from all members for this campaign.

IX. **YEAR-LONG COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   A. **Bylaws: A.S. Executive Secretary, Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado**
      1. If approval of new Vice President University Affairs position, Horton-Alvarado asked if council feels the position should open publicly in order to maintain fairness.
      2. Moreno Jr- Stated it was not necessary to open position to students at large.

   B. **Sports and Social Events: A.S. Senator, Frida Diaz**
      1. Committee will be having biweekly meetings on Tuesdays from 9:00 am - 9:30 am through Zoom.

X. **SHORT-TERM COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   A. **Welcome Back: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch**
      1. Discussed possible dates, food, decorations, theme, etc.
      2. Gonzalez- Gave class schedules for both Calexico and Brawley. Explained the Welcome Backs typically happen on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday and recommended Wednesday or Thursday.
      3. Horton-Alvarado, E. Gutierrez, Fitch, and Sandoval- All agreed on Wednesday from 6-7:30pm.
      4. Diaz- Explained she has class on Wednesdays at that time. Gonzalez explained she can help before or after class.
      5. Lora-Acosta- Suggested a Hippie/70s theme and explained she has office hours that day and time. Gonzalez explained since Welcome Back is an A.S. event, she can attend.

XI. **REPORTS OF ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEMBERS/STAFF**
   A. A.S. Senator Karla Lora-Acosta
      1. Gave suggestion of RSO Club Day event like last year.
      2. Moreno Jr.- Explained he enjoyed last year’s event and plans to create another event this year. He also suggested we can include food training as part of the Club Day event.
   B. SDSU-IV A.S. Advisor/Dean of Students Henry Villegas
      1. Thanked President Fitch for bringing up the childcare issue and explained that administration is fully behind getting a program going.
   C. Director of Business Services Maribel Madero
      1. Thanked Executive Vice President Moreno Jr. for suggesting adding the custodial training.
      2. Explained that training is important for cleaning services and may be able to provide that training.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**
It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

MORENO JR./LORA-ACOSTA  CARRIED (8-0-0)