Tuesday, November 2, 2021
NOGALES CONFERENCE ROOM – 10:45 A.M.
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER
A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch, called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
[Abbreviated Version]
For millennia, the Kumeyaay, Quechan, and Cocopah 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, Quechan, and Cocopah.

III. ROLL CALL:
B. Voting Members Absent: Janneth Trinidad Aguirre
C. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Present: Henry Villegas, Melyssa Gonzalez, Alicia Robles, Gina Jimenez, Manuel Piña
D. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Absent: Ismael Arvizu, Marina Martinez
E. Visitors Present: Dean Mark Wheeler, A.S. Representative, Anthony Acosta

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

The agenda was approved with the amendments below:

It was moved and seconded to add Item for Consideration F. "Recreational Facilities Survey (Informational)."

GUTIERREZ-GULER/LORA-ACOSTA CARRIED (10-0-0)

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

LORA-ACOSTA/PIÑA CARRIED (10-0-0)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
A. Dean Mark Wheeler:
1. Thanked them for their time.
2. Secured approval for B.S.N. at San Diego State University in Imperial Valley.
3. Bachelor's program in Public Health in 2022 with three to four professors in the tenure track.
4. Requested A.S. input and encouraged them to be part of committees.
5. Requested space to be added to A.S. Agenda permanently for him to provide council with updates.
6. Informed everyone that the search for a permanent Dean continues.

VII. UNIVERSITY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS
A. SDSU-IV A.S. Advisor/Dean of Students Henry Villegas
   1. Thanked everyone for attending Aztec Nights.
   2. Stated the cross-cultural coordinator will start next week.
   3. Offer for Career & Veterans Coordinator position.
   4. Candidates for Counselor search to start.
   5. Information session for int. experience.
   6. E.C.R.T. will stop by Cultural Center too.
   7. San Diego enrollment and shuttle to assist.

B. SDSU-IV Associated Students Coordinator/Career Services Melyssa Gonzalez
   1. Informed them there were 48 attendees at the Fall Carnival event (34 students and 14 faculty and staff).
   2. Reminded them if they will be absent, they must submit an Excused Absence Form and inform the team so everyone is aware.
   3. Aztec Nights: 5/15 attendees November 19th event chaperone charging etc.

C. A.S. President Carlos A. Fitch
   1. Appointed Representatives Martinez, Piña, and Arvizu to the Student Success Funding Categories Committee. V.P.U.A. Horton-Alvarado will work closely with San Diego on coordinating the Imperial Valley representation.
   2. Appointed Representative Piña to the Imperial Valley Library Committee. V.P.U.A. Horton-Alvarado will work on coordinating the student representation on the committee.
   3. Passed the tabling schedule to the Council and informed them that effective today, the tabling will be mandatory for an hour weekly.
   4. Inquired regarding a referendum needed regarding fee increases that don't cause detriment to a student's financial wellbeing. Discussions are ongoing with V.P.F. Gutierrez-Guler so that we can come to an adequate fee amount. Mentioned to the Council that if they agree, he will be reaching out to A.S. Executive Director Christina Brown for guidance on the process.
   5. Mentioned that the renovations for the Thanksgiving Break include the shortening of the main bar with sink on the entrance. Asked approval of the Council on taking out the wood bar and replacing it with a single sink. Also mentioned, if the Council agrees, the work order will be updated and a notification sent to Director of Business Services, Maribel Madero.
   6. Mentioned that V.P.F. Gutierrez-Guler and himself met with Bookkeeper Robles and discussed the funding and the budget of the current fiscal year. V.P.F. Gutierrez-Guler will notify the Council of a re-budget calculation.
   7. Thanked everyone who participated in the Fall Carnival Event.
8. Mentioned that the Director of Business Services, Maribel Madero, suggested that A.S. be more present at the Brawley Campus by placing a movable cart in the lobby area with informational pamphlets, snacks, and promotional items. She also mentioned that A.S. could add some couches in the Student Computer Lab. Asked everyone for additional feedback on the matter.

9. Mentioned that whenever an event happens, the members who sign up need to be there. No-shows have become a recurring issue in recent events, and it is unacceptable. If someone does not submit an excused absence for any event from this point forward, there will be consequences. Stated that if the workload of A.S. is overcharging the natural capacities of a member, the member should reconsider being part of the team. Should the need arise to request time off, please do so. However, one must not assume that everyone is aware of the reasons behind a no-show.

10. Suggested A.S. no longer hosts additional events in the morning hours as per the low turnout.

11. Informed everyone that Vice President of Financial Affairs from San Diego, Austin Barber, expressed interest in bringing the Aztecs Rock Hunger campaign to Imperial Valley. President Fitch agreed to expand the campaign. Consequently, merchandise and promotional material will be delivered. He asked the Council to promote the campaign.

12. A.S. to partner with E.C.R.T. to hand out items. Will further discuss.

13. Looking into getting next year's president paid as a student assistant.

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

E. A.S. Vice President of Finance Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler
1. Worked on Fall re-budget with President Fitch and Bookkeeper Robles.

F. A.S. Vice President of University Affairs Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado
1. Stated there are three different committees that need student representatives. Manuel Piña will be on the S.S.F. Review Team and Library Committee. Still need representatives for the Commencement Ceremony Committee and S.S.F. Review Team.
2. Spoke with Director of Business Services, Maribel Madero, again on Monday, will report on the meeting. Will look into room for R.S.O.s.
3. Congratulated Ismael Arvizu for placing in a film competition a couple of weeks ago and Senator Lora-Acosta for placing in the Royal Court. We must highlight and acknowledge our accomplishments not only within A.S.

VIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
A. Mural Competition (Action): It was moved and seconded to hold a student mural competition that will run from November 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. to November 24, 2021, by 11:59 p.m. A ceremony will be held for the winners on December 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

LORA-ACOSTA/OSUNA CARRIED (9-0-0)

Discussion: Locations for the mural, inside Student Union entrance and backroom.

John Moreno Jr. - AB  Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler - Yes  Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado - Yes
Janneth Trinidad Aguirre - AB  Alan Castro - Yes  Frida Diaz - Yes
Julieanna Gutierrez - Yes  Karla Lora-Acosta - Yes  Linda Osuna - Yes
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Angela Piña - Yes  Melissa Sandoval – Yes

B. A.S. Presence at Brawley Campus (Informational): Have access in computer lab as a lounge area. Provide some resources there as well.

C. Brawley Water Dispenser (Informational): What was requested was a water fountain. Maribel Madero, Director of Business Services, requested that A.S. purchase one. Will further discuss.

D. Fall Budget Adjustment (Action): It was moved and seconded to have a fall budget adjustment.

HORTON-ALVARADO/LORA-ACOSTA  CARRIED (9-0-0)

John Moreno Jr. - AB  Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler - Yes  Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado - Yes
Janneth Trinidad Aguirre - AB  Alan Castro - Yes  Frida Diaz - Yes
Julieanna Gutierrez - Yes  Karla Lora-Acosta - Yes  Linda Osuna - Yes
Angela Piña - Yes  Melissa Sandoval - Yes

E. Storage Container (Informational): The estimate is between $600.00 and $200.00, depending on the material. The container will be placed in the Student Union cemented patio area. Maribel Madero, Director of Business Services, suggested R.S.O.s get their own storage with organization money.

F. Recreational Facilities Survey (Informational): Facilities and Research Committee will come together to get feedback for items to be purchased.

IX. YEAR-LONG COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Educational Events: A.S. Senator, Julieanna Gutierrez
1. Thanked everyone for helping out at the “Dia de Los Muertos” event.

B. Facilities: A.S. Vice President of Finance, Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler
1. Informed everyone that the Facilities Committee is working with the Research Committee to create a survey about possible recreational games for the Student Union Building. Suggested that we continue with that order, and once we get that sent out, we can consider student feedback.
2. Spoke with Bookkeeper Robles regarding the polos, and she informed me that only a few polos had been completed due to shipping delays, so once those come in, we will start handing them out.
3. Received the quote on the jackets with embroidery, which totaled $841.10.

C. Media and Marketing: A.S. Senator, Karla Lora-Acosta
1. Reached over 500 followers on Instagram.

D. Sports and Social Events: A.S. Senator, Frida Diaz
1. Thanked everyone for their help at the Fall Carnival.

E. Sustainability: A.S. Senator, Alan Castro
1. Informed everyone that the committee plans to host a competition where artists paint two murals on wooden canvases inside the Student Union Building. The plan is to purchase paint from Home
Depot per Luis Hernandez's suggestion. The budget for this plan is yet to be determined. He also provided us the contact information of another vendor that produced the mural on the "C" Building to estimate what that cost. Director of Business Services, Maribel Madero, approved the plan.

F. Team Development: A.S. Senator, Angela Piña
   1. Regarding the idea discussed last week for an additional team development event, we will personally fund it. Feedback on "Friendsgiving" has been positive and involves a potluck, with each sharing a favorite dish. Additional activities are finishing Taboo and karaoke. Requested member input and approval. If agreed, finding a date and time that work for everyone will be the next step.

X. SHORT-TERM COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. SDSU-IV Campus Fee Advisory: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch
   1. Spring fee proposal, alternate consultation. Will have more updates. Needs input on new fee.

B. SDSU-IV Commencement: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch
   1. Suggested adding more students to the committee. Will start to meet this month.

C. Welcome Back: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch
   1. Feedback email was set.

XI. REPORTS OF ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEMBERS/STAFF
A. President Carlos A. Fitch
   1. Informed them the Cultural Arts events A.S. representative meeting is on Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
   2. Informed them regarding the library feedback: projector, reading machines, etc.
   3. Asked for committees to have events.

B. Senator Karla Lora-Acosta
   1. Reminded them the Aztecs Dance Club is requesting their A.S. allocation.
   2. Event is to take place on November 12th and 13th.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

LORA-ACOSTA/MORENO JR. CARRIED (10-0-0)

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Prepared by: Gina Jimenez, A.S. Executive Assistant
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