Tuesday, October 12, 2021

NOGALES CONFERENCE ROOM/ZOOM – 10:45 A.M.
https://SDSU.zoom.us/j/86994166411
MEETING ID: 869-9416-6411

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER
A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch, called the meeting to order at 10:49 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 Jiménez, Ismael Arvizu, Manuel Piña
D. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Absent: Marina Martínez
E. Visitors Present: Maria Elena Garibay – Counseling & Psychological Services, Anthony Acosta - A.S. Volunteer

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

The agenda was approved with the amendments below:

It was moved and seconded to add Items for Consideration F. “Access Hours to A.S. Members/Student Union Building (Informational)” and G. “Saturday Access/Student Union Building (Informational)”.

GUTIERREZ-GULER/OSUNA CARRIED (10-0-0)

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

LORA-ACOSTA/DIAZ CARRIED (10-0-0)
VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
A. Maria Elena Garibay – Counseling & Psychological Services
   1. Informed attendees that counseling services will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Bilingual services will also be available.
   2. Informed attendees that John Moreno Jr. will be starting his internship with them.

VII. UNIVERSITY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS
A. SDSU-IV A.S. Advisor/Dean of Students Henry Villegas
   1. Provided an update regarding Saturday library hours starting as soon as a new full-time person is hired.
   2. Reminded and encouraged everyone to start using the shuttle service to and from San Diego.
   3. Reminded everyone that student volunteers are still needed for C.F.A.C.
   4. Reminded students that today is the workshop for “Student Success Fee” at 12:00 p.m. and at 1:00 p.m.

B. SDSU-IV Associated Students Coordinator/Career Services Melyssa Gonzalez
   1. Reminded everyone they will not be meeting on Tuesday, October 19th as they will be having the Team Bonding event.
   2. Asked them if they are interested in getting a bus to the Homecoming Football Game versus Nevada which will be held on Saturday, November 13th. The game will be at the Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, CA and it will start at 7:30 p.m. Would work with West Campus to secure the bus at no cost. Needs feedback by today as they need to secure a bus. The A.S. leaders voted to move forward with this event.
   3. Encouraged them to continue advertising Aztec Nights. There are a total of 16 RSVP's so far (7 for October and 9 for November).
   4. Asked them to get estimates from Walmart in order to print out the A.S. picture so it can be placed in the glass bulletin.
   5. Reminded them to turn off computers, lights, and close the door before leaving the office. Discussed hours of operation and cleaning services.

C. A.S. President Carlos A. Fitch
   1. On Tuesday, October 5th, VPUA Horton-Alvarado and himself attended the University Senate Meeting.
   2. The Chairs of the Strategic Committee activity teams were notified of the Imperial Valley representatives and mentioned that some of the committees were already done with their assignments as Activity 18 and 23.
   3. Mentioned that if anyone has any suggestions on what they want to see in the Library, they can send him an email and he will forward that to Mara Cota, IV Librarian.
   4. Commented on the rules of the Student Union Building and A.S. Offices. He does not agree that A.S. members are not able to enter the building before the hours of operation, even if they have business to run. An agenda item has been added to discuss to repeal the rule and let A.S.
Executives and A.S. Senators access the building as early as 8:00 a.m. and as late as 8:30 p.m. as he acknowledges that the office hours are not enough time to get the work done.

5. Commented that he will send some suggestions to be corrected in the A.S. Handbook and will be directed to VPUA Horton-Alvarado for consideration.

6. Mentioned that Bookkeeper Robles and VPF Gutierrez-Guler have not received an answer from San Diego on the budgetary changes due to the census. He is concerned that A.S. is spending a lot and we might be financially impacted due to managing budget affairs without an update from the impact of the lower enrollment.

7. Expressed to all A.S. Members that if at any point in the semester, they have the need to take a break on A.S. business, it is not necessary to give any explanations, as he acknowledges the volunteer quality of the work. He stated that just by sending an email to the group and stating the dates that the member will be out of office is enough for himself. If there are pressing issues that are in need to be resolved, he stated that any A.S. Member can let him know and he will take care of it.

8. Mentioned that he met with VPF Gutierrez-Guler and went over projections of expenses. He said that we need to be cautious on how we are spending the allocations, as there were unforeseen expenses. Both will be drafting guidelines on spending and share them with the council.

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

E. A.S. Vice President of Finance Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler
   1. West Campus recommended that we re-budget in March 2022 so that we can consider the census at that time.

F. A.S. Vice President of University Affairs Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado
   1. Informed them that furniture for the Student Union Building has been ordered and it should start arriving soon.

VIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
   A. Dia de los Muertos (Action): It was moved and seconded to have the Dia de los Muertos main event on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Rodney Auditorium.

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

Discussion: Members unable to attend the event should submit an Excused Absence Form. The altar exhibit will take place from Tuesday, November 2, 2021, through Friday, November 5, 2021. Exhibit will open on a set schedule on November 1, 2021. A schedule will be posted outside the door so that classes aren’t disrupted.

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

B. **Food/Dia de los Muertos (Action):** It was moved and seconded to purchase food (tamales, beverages, etc.) from D'Poly or other vendor in an amount not to exceed $250.00 from the Activities: Social Activity (2) - Fall Activities Account to provide at the Dia de los Muertos event.

**MORENO JR./OSUNA**

CARRIED (10-0-0)

Discussion: The restaurant previously chosen is unavailable at the time. Contact was made with Nana’s Kitchen.

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

C. **Items/Dia de los Muertos (Action):** It was moved and seconded to purchase items (decorations, etc.) from Walmart or other vendor in an amount not to exceed $150.00 from the Activities: Social Activity (2) - Fall Activities Account to provide at the Dia de los Muertos event.

**LORA-ACOSTA/SANDOVAL**

CARRIED (10-0-0)

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

D. **Co-Sponsorship/Transfer Student Meet and Greet (Action):** It was moved and seconded to purchase pizza from Domino’s Pizza Inc. or other vendor in an amount not to exceed one $150.00 from the Activities: Social Activities – Hospitality Account to co-sponsor the Transfer Student Meet and Greet event to be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The co-sponsorship only includes the purchase of pizza.

**GUTIERREZ-GULER/DIAZ**

CARRIED (10-0-0)

John Moreno Jr. - Yes  Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler - Yes  Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado - Yes
Alan Castro - Yes  Frida Diaz - Yes  Julieanna Gutierrez - Yes
Karla Lora-Acosta – N/A  Linda Osuna - Yes  Angela Piña - Yes
Melissa Sandoval - Yes
E. Sweaters (Action): It was moved and seconded to purchase sweaters from vendor SanMar or other vendor in an amount not to exceed $900.00 from the Activities: Council Relations Account in order to provide A.S. members and staff sweaters.

MORENO JR./HORTON-ALVARADO CARRIED (9-0-0)

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

F. Access Hours to A.S. Members/Student Union Building (Informational): Discussed repealing the prohibition to A.S. members on entering the Student Union Building/A.S. Offices prior to 10:00 a.m. Discussed implementing a business schedule of 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

G. Saturday Access/Student Union Building (Informational): Discussed opening the Student Union Building on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Will ask Maribel for assistance with on-campus security. This will be a temporary thing until the library starts opening on Saturdays.

IX. YEAR-LONG COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Campus Safety: A.S. Senator, Melissa Sandoval
   1. Reminded them the committee will be meeting via Zoom on Friday October 15, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

B. Research Team: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch
   1. The meeting from Thursday, October 7th was cancelled.

C. Team Development: A.S. Senator, Angela Piña
   1. Informed them that the Team Bonding Event will take place next week, Tuesday, October 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the "living room" area of the Student Union Building.
   2. Asked them to dress for the occasion. The theme is “Disney vs. Pixar.”
   3. Sent everyone a form via Google and asked them to fill it out no later than Friday, October 15th by 12:00 p.m. Information shared will be used for trivia game.

X. SHORT-TERM COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Disciplinary: A.S. Executive Vice President, John Moreno Jr.
   1. Reminded everyone that no one other than A.S. Members and Staff ought to be inside the A.S. Office. Anyone found violating said instructions, will be issued a warning.

B. SDSU-IV Campus Fee Advisory: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch
   1. The CFAC San Diego Committee met on Friday, October 8, 2021. VPF Gutierrez-Guler and himself attended the meeting.
   2. Mentioned that there was an informational item on the IV Fees, in which he noted that student engagement was not as intense nor prolonged as the presenters stated.
C. University Senate: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch
   1. Met at the last senate meeting and were present during a conversation regarding the provost’s report. Inquired to the provost on the topic of tenure track lines and specifically asked the reason why Imperial Valley was given only 3 lines out of the 89 lines. The provost mentioned to him that more lines will be given from the central fundings but said that those 3 lines may become 4 lines funded from the FUERTE funding to a cluster of Environmental Health. President Fitch also mentioned that comments and criticism from other Senators, highlighting the low enrollment at I.V. were used to justify the minimum number of tenure track lines given during this academic year.

XI. REPORTS OF ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEMBERS/STAFF
   A. Melyssa Gonzalez, SDSU-IV Associated Students Coordinator/Career Services
      1. Regarding the newly vacated Elections Assistant position, A.S. leaders opted to offer the position to Nayeli Mancillas, A.S. Student Assistant, if no other student was interested.

   B. Angela Piña, A.S. Senator
      1. Reminded everyone to submit their votes for the A.S. sweaters.
      2. Invited everyone to the Cultural Arts meeting via Zoom.

   C. Alicia Robles, A.S. Bookkeeper
      1. Stated the monitor will arrive soon.

   D. Alan Castro, A.S. Senator
      1. Recommended that A.S. leaders start tabling more.
      2. Asked that everyone remind students to fill out the FAFSA form as soon as possible.

   E. Carlos A. Fitch, A.S. President
      1. Recommended that perhaps everyone should table for one hour per week.

   F. John Moreno Jr., A.S. Executive Vice President
      1. Notified everyone that he is working on getting quotes for a golf cart. Inquired about the budget and was informed reserves money can be used for this purchase.

   G. Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado, A.S. Vice President of University Affairs
      1. Reminded everyone who has not signed up for the duty list for the Health Fair, to please do so.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
    It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

    LORA-ACOSTA/DIAZ CARRIED (10-0-0)

    Approved by: Carlos A. Fitch, A.S. President
    Prepared by: Gina Jimenez, A.S. Executive Assistant