



**ASSOCIATED
STUDENTS**
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
IMPERIAL VALLEY

Monday, February 14, 2022
NOGALES CONFERENCE ROOM – 2:30 P.M.
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch, called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.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:

- A. Voting Members Present: Carlos A. Fitch, John Moreno Jr., Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler, Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado, Alan Castro, Frida Diaz, Julieanna Gutierrez, Karla Lora-Acosta, Linda A. Osuna, Angela Piña, Manuel Piña
- B. Voting Members Absent: None
- C. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Present: Henry Villegas, Melyssa Gonzalez, Alicia Robles, Gina Jimenez, Stephanie Amaya
- D. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Absent: Ismael Arvizu, Marina Martinez
- E. Visitors Present: Vanessa Falcon-Orta, Cross-Cultural Center Director

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for Monday, February 14, 2022.

The agenda was approved with the amendments below:

It was moved and seconded to add Items for Consideration C. Valentine's Bonding Event (Action) and D. Food/Valentine's Bonding Event (Action).

A. PINA/HORTON-ALVARADO

CARRIED (9-0-0)

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of Monday, February 7, 2022.

LORA-ACOSTA/GUTIERREZ-GULER

CARRIED (9-0-0)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Vanessa Falcon-Orta - Cross-Cultural Center Director

1. Invited everyone to a zoom event on February 16th from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. with guest speaker Trimaine Davis to celebrate Black History Month.
2. Proposed a commencement ceremony at "Casa de la Cultura" in Mexicali for students who would like their families to celebrate their graduation and are unable to cross the U.S. border. Mentioned that it is still a work in progress.

VII. UNIVERSITY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. SDSU-IV A.S. Advisor/Dean of Students Henry Villegas
1. Encouraged students to participate in fee conversation. The virtual meeting will be held virtually on March 12th and in-person on April 16th.
 2. Informed everyone that someone was hired for the food pantry.
 3. SDSU Explores event at our campus for newly admitted students.
 4. Discussed summer courses in Imperial Valley and San Diego.
- B. SDSU-IV Associated Students Coordinator Melyssa Gonzalez
1. There are 23 people signed up for the basketball game. The second chaperone is Fernanda Ferreira.
 2. Shared Scholarship Committee inquiry.
- C. A.S. President Carlos A. Fitch
1. Has accepted the resignation of former Senator Janneth Trinidad Aguirre and wishes her the best for her professional career and personal development.
 2. Stated that he met with a student interested in collaborating and accelerating the efforts to combat food insecurity among SDSU IV students.
 3. Thanked Vice President Moreno Jr. for representing A.S. in the meeting with Visiting Professor Dr. Ivo.
 4. Stated that he received reports and complaints about staff members who impede accessible and efficient services to students. He passed this concern on to Administration.
 5. Sought clarification on the accessibility to the A.S. Building and asked if there is any protocol for A.S. members to access it outside regular hours.
 6. Shared with the council that he has been in conversations with the Dean of Students, the Director of Business and Financial Services, and the A.S. Executive Director on job descriptions of current staff and is looking to create staff job descriptions that reflect fairness and equity in their assignments and hours worked.
 7. Shared and thanked some Executives and Senators who did class presentations last week and stated they were a success.

VIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. **A.S. Promotional Shirts (Action):** It was moved and seconded to purchase promotional t-shirts from Frank's Graphic Graffiti or another vendor in an amount not to exceed \$800.00 from the Promotional Items Account to give out at A.S. events.

LORA-ACOSTA/GUTIERREZ-GULER

CARRIED (9-0-0)

Discussion: Will be getting red shirts with white logos.

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 A. Osuna – Yes	Angela Piña - Yes

B. A.S. Member Scholarships (Informational): Discussed the increase in scholarship aid to A.S. members. Stated there may be a need to increase the budget by \$8,000.00.

C. Valentine's Bonding Event (Action): It was moved and seconded to host the Valentine's Bonding Event on Friday, February 18th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LORA-ACOSTA/MORENO JR. CARRIED (9-0-0)

Discussion: The location for this event was discussed, and the decision was made for Applebee's Restaurant in El Centro, CA.

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 A. Osuna – Yes	Angela Piña - Yes

D. Food/Valentine's Boding Event (Action): It was moved and seconded to pay Applebee's Restaurant or other vendor in an amount not to exceed \$300.00 from the Activities: Social Activities-Spring Activities Account.

LORA-ACOSTA/A. PINA 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 A. Osuna – Yes	Angela Piña - Yes

IX. YEAR-LONG COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cultural: A.S. Senators Alan Castro/Linda A. Osuna

1. Senators Osuna and Castro discussed planning a field trip to a museum for students. We are aiming for Balboa Park to be the museum we go to. The time frame has not been decided. Prefer that this event be free of charge for students.

B. Bylaws: A.S. Vice President of University Affairs, Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado

1. Associated Students Coordinator Gonzalez informed them that the Bylaws should not be changed every year. Instead, only needed and pressing matters should be edited and/or removed.

C. Campus Safety: A.S. Senator, Manuel Piña

1. Will be meeting with Corporal Peterson on February 23, 2022.

D. Media and Marketing: A.S. Senator, Karla Lora-Acosta

1. Informed everyone that feedback suggests students prefer a TikTok account for our campus. It was discussed in the media meeting that we should delete Facebook for the lack of participation

of the community and students and open a TikTok profile. It is too much work to have three social media accounts active. Before we do this, they request the council's input.

2. Regarding the yearbook, stated only one person has turned in their Bio. Asked them to please turn those in as soon as possible. Regarding the quotes, only 3-4 people have turned them in. Asked them to please send them to her as soon as possible.
3. Informed everyone that faculty and staff will be included in the yearbook. Their headshots are needed, and their full name and position is needed as soon as possible.
4. Monthly reels will start back up again now that we are back to "in-person" learning. Therefore, she asks they please submit videos and boomerangs for them to be added to the reel of February.

E. Recognized Student Organizations Oversight: A.S. Executive Vice President, John Moreno Jr.

1. Associated Students Coordinator Gonzalez brought up the date for the SLL visit to Imperial Valley.

F. Sustainability: A.S. Senator, Alan Castro

1. The committee plans to hold a "Plant Potting Event" and an "Earth Day" themed event this semester. They aim for early March and late April as the time frames for these events.

X. SHORT-TERM COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Appointment and Elections: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch

1. Appointment: Per feedback provided, he shared with the council that he will proceed with the option of promoting an A.S. Representative to the Senator position. He will hold interviews along with the A.S. Coordinator, and for the following Monday, there will be a deliberation.
2. Elections: The application period is concluded, and the campaign is approaching.

B. Referendum Task Force: A.S. Leads

1. Met with Georgette Astorga, Basic Needs Coordinator, to go over the different guidelines for the student support scholarships.
2. Asked everyone to share the survey in circulation with all students.

C. SDSU Campus Fee Advisory: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch

1. Participated in the CFAC Meeting and voted to approve the pro/con statements of the alternative consultation.

D. University and External Committees: A.S. Vice President of University Affairs, Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado and A.S. Representatives Stephanie Amaya-Vasquez/Ismael Arvizu/Marina Martinez

1. SDSU-IV Environmental Health Hiring Committee: President Fitch participated in most faculty candidate interviews and submitted his scoring spreadsheet, along with comments and insights on the candidates. Stated that he has a rank for both associate and assistant positions and will deliver them to the committee.
2. Chicana and Chicano Studies Minor Task Force: President Fitch met with the faculty, staff, and students invited on Monday, February 7th. Will meet again on February 21st with the stakeholders and guests. He will continue working on tactics to prove and increase program demand. There is a survey going on, asked the council to share it with students.

3. SDSU IV Dean Search Committee: The committee chair has contacted President Fitch and VPUA Horton-Alvarado to meet and proceed with the next steps of the task.
4. SDSU Strategic Planning Committee: AVP Dooley will continue the committee's engagement, but meetings have been paused.
5. Cross-Cultural Center Inaugural Advisory Committee: Shared with the council that there is an inquiry form that Dr. Falcon-Orta is sharing with the student body to collect data on students who are interested in having a transborder commencement for students whose families are in Mexicali.

E. University Senate: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch

1. Informed everyone that SDSU Land Acknowledgement may soon be removed.

XI. REPORTS OF ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEMBERS/STAFF

A. Karla Lora-Acosta, A.S. Senator

1. Reminded everyone to sign up on the duty list for the self-care day event on Tuesday.
2. Stated she won't be able to help with the setup.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

GUTIERREZ-GULER/LORA-ACOSTA

CARRIED (9-0-0)

Approved by: *Carlos A. Fitch*, A.S. President

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