



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
IMPERIAL VALLEY

Monday, February 28, 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 2:30 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
- B. Voting Members Absent: Stephanie Amaya-Vasquez, Manuel Piña
- C. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Present: Henry Villegas, Melyssa Gonzalez, Alicia Robles, Gina Jimenez
- D. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Absent: Ismael Arvizu, Marina Martinez
- E. Visitors Present: Dr. Vanessa Falcon, Faculty Director, Cross-Cultural Center at S.D.S.U. Imperial Valley, Dr. Wheeler, Interim Chief Administrative Officer and Dean of Imperial Valley

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for Monday, February 28, 2022.

The agenda was approved with the amendments below:

It was moved and seconded to add Items for Consideration C. “Game Night Event (Action)” D. “Food/Game Night Event (Action)” E. “Starbucks Gift Card Giveaway (Action)” and F. “Student Union Reservation/Revolutionary Women Empowerment Group (Action)”.

HORTON-ALVARADO/LORA-ACOSTA

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

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of Monday, February 21, 2022.

LORA-ACOSTA/A. PIÑA

CARRIED (9-0-0)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Dr. Falcon, Director of Cross-Cultural Center:

1. Invited everyone to join her in the first event celebrating Women's Month. The "Revolutionary Women Empowerment Group" will host a workshop in the Student Union building to create purple ribbons to promote awareness of femicide in the U.S. – Mexico Borderlands.

VII. UNIVERSITY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. SDSU-IV A.S. Advisor/Dean of Students Henry Villegas

1. Invited everyone to participate in the "Explore S.D.S.U." event on April 16th for freshman and transfer students
2. Reminded everyone that the final A.T.S. forum is tomorrow
3. Announced that A.S. will have a booth at the Imperial Valley Fairgrounds from March 4th through March 13th
4. Reminded everyone that March is "advising" month

B. SDSU-IV Associated Students Coordinator Melyssa Gonzalez

1. Informed them about her meeting with the Scholarship Office regarding the A.S. Scholarship Committee. Will keep them updated.
2. Student Union Building facilities request.

C. A.S. President Carlos A. Fitch

1. Thanked A.S. members for participating in the A.T.S. Forum.
2. After listening to student feedback, a common theme was that the presentations were not held during students' availability. Passed on this concern to the committee for review and their consideration. Opened the floor for members to elaborate on concerns and provide feedback.
3. Shared he has emailed faculty to promote Tuesday's Forums.
4. Shared that he was hoping to see the A.T.S. Forum at Brawley last week, but the presenters left around 3:15, according to staff from the campus.
5. Shared with the Council that E.V.P. Moreno, Jr. has been tasked with the promotion of Mental Health Counseling.
6. Shared with the Council that the Chair of the Division of Arts and Sciences has voted to move forward with the C.C.S. Minor. Thanked all of those who contributed to the research and advocacy stages of the initiative.
7. The F.U.E.R.T.E. hiring committee is advanced and assured the Council that he's advocating for the best candidates in research, scholarship, teaching, and service. There will be campus visits, and A.S. Members are expected to participate.
8. The commencement will take place on May 12, 2022. There are specific guidelines that are strict and need to be followed in order to participate. Asked V.P.F. to elaborate on the report.
9. Congratulated all of those who are participating in S.R.S. 2022 and shared that there is more San Diego State University in Imperial Valley S.R.S. participation every year.
10. Announced that he will be working with A.S. Coordinator Gonzalez to create a Form for outside faculty and students to reserve the Student Union Facility. This will ensure we keep track of events inside the A.S. building.

11. V.P.F. Gutierrez-Guler and Pres. Fitch will be participating in the C.F.A.C. meeting on March 11th (A.T.S. Deliberation Meeting) as it will be in person. Will be submitting a reimbursement request and asked council members interested in participating to contact him.
12. Shared with the Council that it was a shame to see a social media post of a staff member who is doing a disservice to the institution and the students. Will follow up directly with the Dean of Students.
13. There is a Senate meeting this Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Encouraged the running members to show up and get a glance of what this entity meeting is.
14. Brought up the tragic event in Ukraine. Asked Council for a minute of silence to reflect on those who have already fallen victims defending their country and freedom.

D. A.S. Vice President of Finance Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler

1. Promotional shirts will be given out at the end of the meeting.

E. A.S. Vice President of University Affairs Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado

1. Informed everyone that the basketball game was enjoyable.
2. Discussed land acknowledgment
3. If a Senator needs a project or a committee needs another event, please reach out to me about working on the Lavender Graduation. I want to get a group of students to plan this event and start finalizing details on it.

F. SDSU-IV Dean/Chief Administrative Officer, Mark R. Wheeler

1. Thanked them for their leadership.
2. Wished them luck with their midterms and papers.
3. Thanked them for the minute of silence.
4. S.R.S. this Friday and Saturday.
5. Senate meeting tomorrow.
6. S.T.E.M. program / project for Brawley.
7. Minor Chicax Studies proposals.

VIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. Meet the Candidates Event (Action):** It was moved and seconded to hold a Meet the Candidates event on Thursday, March 10th, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Art Gallery Cement Area and quad.

LORA-ACOSTA/DIAZ

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

- B. Food/Meet the Candidates Event (Action):** It was moved and seconded to purchase snacks (coffee, pastries, etc.) from Costco Wholesale or another vendor in an amount not to exceed \$300.00 from the Activities: Social Activity (5) – Spring Activities Account to provide at the Meet the Candidates event.

LORA-ACOSTA/GUTIERREZ-GULER

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

C. Game Night Event (Action): It was moved and seconded to hold the Game Night event at the Student Union Building on Wednesday, March 9th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PIÑA/LORA-ACOSTA

CARRIED (8-0-1)

Discussion: Event is not mandatory for A.S. members. Discussed hosting a "Game Night" in the Student Union on Wednesday, March 9th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

D. Food/Game Night Event (Action): It was moved and seconded to purchase pizza from Pizza Hut or other vendors in an amount not to exceed \$400.00 from the Activities: Spring Activities Account to give out at the Game Night Event.

MORENO, JR./CASTRO

CARRIED (8-0-1)

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

E. Starbucks Gift Card Giveaway (Action): It was moved and seconded to purchase gift cards from Starbucks or other vendors in an amount not to exceed \$400.00 from the Activities: Spring Activities Account to hold the Starbucks gift card giveaway.

OSUNA/LORA-ACOSTA

CARRIED (8-0-1)

Discussion: Starbucks gift cards will be purchased to promote the Instagram page. Currently-enrolled students will be asked to post something for the chance to win Starbucks gift cards and suggested ten gift cards of \$10.00 each.

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

F. Student Union Reservation/Revolutionary Women Empowerment Group (Action): It was moved and seconded to reserve the A.S. Sala on March 1st from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to host the Cross-Cultural Center event.

GUTIERREZ-GULER/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 A. Osuna – Yes	Angela Piña – Yes

IX. YEAR-LONG COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. March Newsletter is underway. Requested event information.

B. Aztecs Events: A.S. Executive Vice President, John Moreno Jr.

1. No Report.
 - a. Bonding: A.S. Senators Karla Lora-Acosta/Angela Piña**
 - 1) Voting for awards. Budget for the event.
 - b. Education: A.S. Senators Frida Diaz/Manuel Piña**
 - 1) Announced that the "Meet the Candidates" event is Thursday, March 10th from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Art Gallery cement area & Quad area. Will send duty list.

C. Special Events: A.S. Vice President of University Affairs, Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado

1. Reminded everyone that today is the "Welcome Back!" event. Reminded everyone have their costumes ready. Asked everyone to read yesterday's email detailing specifics of the set up and decorations.
2. Reminded everyone to sign up for the Brawley "Welcome Back!" event. If anyone is unable to make it, please fill out an "Excused Absence Form."

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

1. Reached out to Julio Fino, a professional muralist, regarding the mural project, and he agreed to help with the project.
2. Announced that the Sustainability Committee would like to host a "Plant-Potting" event on Tuesday, March 15th, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the auditorium entrance.

IX. SHORT-TERM COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. SDSU-IV Campus Fee Advisory: A.S. Vice President of University Affairs, Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado

1. Reported that most IRA applications were approved! Upcoming events include WPA, Art Gallery exhibit, and Women's History Month celebration with multiple events.

X. REPORTS OF ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEMBERS/STAFF

A. Senator Karla Lora-Acosta:

1. Asked everyone to send in their reels.

B. A.S. Coordinator Melyssa Gonzalez:

1. Informed them about the S.S.F. tabling this March 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

LORA-ACOSTA/OSUNA

CARRIED (9-0-0)

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