



# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY  
IMPERIAL VALLEY

**Monday, January 24, 2022**

**ZOOM – 2:30 P.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 2:33 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, Janneth Trinidad Aguirre, Alan Castro, Frida Diaz, Julieanna Gutierrez, Karla Lora-Acosta, Linda A. Osuna, Angela Piña
- B. Voting Members Absent: Manuel Piña
- C. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Present: Henry Villegas, Melyssa Gonzalez
- D. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Absent: Alicia Robles, Gina Jimenez, Stephanie Amaya, Ismael Arvizu, Marina Martinez
- E. Visitors Present: Vannessa Falcon Orta - Director, Cross-Cultural Center, Gabriel Lam - Counseling Therapist, Anthony Acosta - Staff

### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for Monday, January 24, 2022.

The agenda was approved with the amendments below:

It was moved and seconded to add Item H: Approval of Letter to Administration on Environmental Health Program Facilities (Action).

**MORENO JR./GUTIERREZ-GULER**

**CARRIED (10-0-0)**

**John Moreno Jr. - Yes**

**Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler - Yes**

**Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado - Yes**

**Janneth Trinidad Aguirre - Yes**  
**Julieanna Gutierrez - Yes**  
**Angela Piña - Yes**

**Alan Castro - Yes**  
**Karla Lora-Acosta - Yes**

**Frida Diaz - Yes**  
**Linda A. Osuna - Yes**

**V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

**LORA-ACOSTA/AGUIRRE**

**CARRIED (10-0-0)**

**John Moreno Jr. - Yes**

**Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler - Yes**

**Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado - Yes**

**Janneth Trinidad Aguirre - Yes**

**Alan Castro - Yes**

**Frida Diaz - Yes**

**Julieanna Gutierrez - Yes**

**Karla Lora-Acosta - Yes**

**Linda A. Osuna - Yes**

**Angela Piña - Yes**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Gabriel Lam, Counseling Therapist

1. Introduced himself and informed him he is now available in his office hours. Stated an email communication with further information was sent out.

**VII. UNIVERSITY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. Informed them the food pantry space is ready. Will be working with IV Food Bank. ECRT items will also be stored in the food pantry.
2. Discussed updates regarding the booster requirement.
3. Thanked President Fitch for his assistance with communications regarding services and resources. Asked them to direct students to him if they have any issues.
4. Informed them Commencement will be on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee will be meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

B. SDSU-IV Associated Students Coordinator Melyssa Gonzalez

1. Welcomed them to the Spring 2022 semester.
2. Informed them she just got access to the new emailing systems and is working with SD staff to be able to start emailing students soon. Will send out the Basketball and Elections mass emails as soon as everything is sorted out.
3. Reminded them about the co-sponsorship request form sent in by Luis Hernandez, Art Gallery Coordinator.
4. Asked them to reach out to her if they need assistance with anything.

C. A.S. President Carlos A. Fitch

1. Announced that there is already a referendum proposal that has been formed upon the different surveys, focus groups and feedback from the student body. Seeks to initiate the advisory referendum research process (Attachment 1 and 2).
2. Shared a list of class sections that will be key for the Referendum Task Force to visit, share the 2022 Referendum presentation and conduct a survey. First contact with faculty members has

been established and the spreadsheet shared with the group will be updated as faculty members accept A.S.' request (Attachment 8).

3. Shared that the winter beautification project was not put into effect by the SDSU-IV Facilities and Maintenance team even though promises and negotiations were already conducted. He highlights that there was unprofessional behavior by the Assistant Director and believes that administration should evaluate these behaviors and the effectiveness and work of the Facilities Department, which in his view is lacking in delivering the expected results. Mentioned that after expressing his sentiments towards the handling of the situation, the Director of Business validated the emotions and has established a collaborative attitude to enhance the working relationship. He cannot express the same of the Assistant Director who responded "LOL" to the concerns expressed by President Fitch, which is worthy of a student grievance report. Hopes that the senior administration and Dean Wheeler can take action and train the staff and administrators on how to treat students with dignity and respect. With this, he has experienced two incidents in which he is not taken seriously. Now, he is directly working with Maribel Madero on getting the contractor and the items needed to conduct the renovations.
4. Announced that there is a proposal for the council to approve or deny the monetary compensation of A.S. Executive Officers for the upcoming academic years. Stated that with the current budget, it is attainable to compensate the President, but the VP's would only receive an increased scholarship. The reasoning behind this is to ensure that all future administrations have time allocated exclusively to A.S. (Attachment 4)
5. Shared that the IV Press posted an article on the State of the A.S. and shared an article on the Aztecs Bring Smiles campaign. (Attachments 6 and 7)
6. A.S. participated in the New Student Orientation earlier this month and thanked those who participated.
7. Stated that thanks to the leadership of the Executive board, there were major changes during this temporary shift. Reminds the students that the SDSU-IV Library and the SDSU IV Brawley campus remain open. There is also a virtual front desk with accessibility to the services. (Attachment 5)
8. Reminded the council that if during this temporary shift, there are any challenges experienced by the students on getting a hold on staff or have problems with faculty, they can email Student Affairs or directly to him.
9. Mentioned that there seems to be a problem with the Spring 2022 Calendar, as there is final class/instruction or final day on commencement day and that will halt the possibility of graduates from participating in commencement on May 11th. He directed the concern to Dean Villegas.
10. Mentioned that on Thursday 27th at 1:00 p.m., he will be hosting a virtual Q&A Live on Instagram with Senator Lora-Acosta to answer any questions that students may have.
11. The Referendum Task Force will be meeting every Monday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to continue discussions and planning of the components of the Referendum.
12. To continue promoting transparency, the A.S. Website has been updated with the Referendum Task Force lead contact list and the State of the A.S. Report Presentation.

- D. A.S. Executive Vice President John Moreno Jr.
  - 1. No Report.
- E. A.S. Vice President of Finance Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler
  - 1. No Report.
- F. A.S. Vice President of University Affairs Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado
  - 1. Stated she met with Deans Espinosa and Villegas to discuss an exciting visiting professor opportunity for our campus. Would like to obtain feedback on who else we would like to see be a visiting professor for our school. Asked them to think big about topics or course subjects they would like to take so she can work with the Deans on professors who may be able to come teach. (Attachment 3)
  - 2. Stated the Student Union Taskforce will be meeting biweekly on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. starting February 3rd.
  - 3. Stated the Cross-Cultural Center Advisory Committee has started and there are some really great plans in place.
- G. SDSU-IV Dean/Chief Administrative Officer, Mark R. Wheeler
  - 1. No Report.

**VIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- A. **Basketball Game (Action):** It was moved and seconded to attend the SDSU vs. San Jose State basketball game on Friday, February 25, 2022 at Viejas Arena.

**LORA-ACOSTA/HORTON-ALVARADO**

**CARRIED (10-0-0)**

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

- B. **Fee/Basketball Game (Action):** It was moved and seconded to charge students a \$10.00 fee to offset the cost of transportation to the Basketball Game.

**GUTIERREZ-GULER/AGUIRRE**

**CARRIED (10-0-0)**

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

- C. **Transportation/Basketball Game (Action):** It was moved and seconded to pay Goldfield Stage or other vendor in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 from the Activities: Social Activity (5) – Spring Activities Account to attend the Basketball Game on Friday, February 25, 2022 at Viejas Arena.

**LORA-ACOSTA/GUTIERREZ-GULER**

**CARRIED (10-0-0)**

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

- D. Dates/Spring 2022 Welcome Backs (Action):** It was moved and seconded to host the Spring 2022 Welcome Back events on Monday, February 28, 2022 (Calexico Campus - Rollie Carrillo Quad) and on Thursday, March 10, 2022 (Brawley Campus – Building Entrance) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**GUTIERREZ-GULER/LOR-ACOSTA**

**CARRIED (10-0-0)**

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

- E. Theme/Spring 2022 Welcome Backs (Action):** It was moved and seconded to hold Carnival Extravaganza themed Welcome Back events for the Spring 2022 Semester.

**MORENO JR./DIAZ**

**CARRIED (10-0-0)**

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

- F. Executive Board Salaries/Compensation (Informational):** Discussed the proposal to pay the A.S. President and VP’s starting next academic year. Opened it up for team discussion and increasing the stipend was recommended instead of compensating them on a salary basis (Student Assistant).

- G. Activities Referendum (Informational):** Discussed the shared folder and attachments. Reviewed attachments and answered questions. Opened it up to feedback from the team.

- H. Approval of Letter to Administration on Environmental Health Program Facilities (Action):** It was moved and seconded to approve the letter to administration on Environmental Health Program Facilities to be delivered to the SDSU-IV Environmental Health Hiring Committee.

**DIAZ/LORA-ACOSTA**

**TABLED (6-0-4)**

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

## **IX. YEAR-LONG COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. The Bylaws Committee will be meeting biweekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. starting January 25th.

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

1. Stated the committee will be meeting on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. starting January 27th.
2. Informed them changes to the Welcome Back dates were made. Welcome Back will now be held on February 28th for Calexico and March 10th for Brawley from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30p p.m. In the event we stay virtual, we will keep these dates and do a drive-thru event like last academic year.
3. Food permits and work orders have been submitted. Will start working on ordering decorations soon.
4. The Commencement Committee will be meeting this Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **X. SHORT-TERM COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. Discovering Leaders campaign tabling hours will be postponed until we are back on campus.
2. There is a joint event proposal with the Elections Committee that was supposed to be brought up to the council in the next meeting; will be postponed until temporary shift changes.
3. Designated Elections Coordinator and AEC Education Designees to come back with a set plan on the event.

### **B. Referendum Task Force: A.S. Leads**

1. President Fitch stated the updates on the Referendum will be addressed at the meeting today at 4:30 p.m.

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

1. In the ATS Subcommittee, he collaborated on the construction of the final draft of the alternative consultation pamphlet.
2. Checked with the fee proposers on how the two offices (Student Centric Help and Energy and Sustainability) would be added in IV, if fee is approved. The proposers concluded that both offices/services would be provided in a remotely format.
3. In the draft of the pamphlet, President Fitch assured that equitable representation of undergraduate and graduate students is enforced in the participation of the Accelerating Technology and Sustainability Committees, if fee is approved.
4. VPF Gutierrez-Guler and himself opposed the approval of the alternative consultation pamphlet and FAQ documents.
5. VPF Gutierrez-Guler and himself shared a joint statement on the rationale of the “no” vote. This statement will be shared with the student body from Imperial Valley via email. (Attachment 10)
6. There has been a lot of activity regarding the Accelerating Technology and Sustainability Fee Proposal, he participated in the ATS Stakeholders Presentation and voiced requests on the component’s presentation, he stated that he would like to see accessibility to students whose English is not the first language, especially in the IV Campus as we are mostly Spanish speaking.
7. Has been working with Dr. Villegas in setting dates for the open forums at IV Campus.

**D. University and External Committees: A.S. Vice President of University Affairs, Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado and A.S. Representatives S. Amaya-Vasquez, I. Arvizu and M. Martinez**

1. Additional University and External Committee Reports:

- a. SDSU-IV Dean Search:
  - i. President Fitch and VPUA Horton-Alvarado will continue to represent students at the best ability possible over the meetings set for the Spring 2022 Semester.
  - ii. This semester is a very intense workload for this specific committee.
  - iii. Due to confidential terms, further information cannot be discussed.
- b. SDSU-IV Environmental Health Hiring Committee:
  - i. President Fitch will be representing students on this committee.
  - ii. The search is for 3-4 tenured assistant/associate professors in the area.
  - iii. Expected to be completed by March 2022.
  - iv. President Fitch has reviewed and ranked the pool of applicants.
  - v. The pool of applications was very high and President Fitch is impressed by the candidates' academic work and university service shown in CV's.
  - vi. The committee is currently working on hiring a potential full professor with the rationale of mentorship to the 3 junior faculty.
  - vii. President Fitch shared with the council that during conversations of the committee, it appears that the plan of the administration is to house the program of Public Health in full time in the Brawley campus. One of the members of the committee shared that two rooms will be designated to this program as a temporary solution to the lack of facilities to house scientists. President Fitch raised concern on this temporary solution and importantly on the fact that Room 107 which is the student lounge/student computer lab will be modified into a temporary lab, leaving no space for students aside from the lounge.
  - viii. In coalition with the committee's community representative, A.S. is expected to deliver a letter of requests to the administration as the committee wants to address the issue with the scientific facilities needed for the program. (Attachment 9)
- c. SDSU-IV Shuttle Committee:
  - i. Met on Friday, December 17th at 2:00 p.m. along with Senators A. Piña, Lora-Acosta and Representative Arvizu. With the testimony of Fall 2021 Shuttle users, there is a list of upgrades and improvements needed and the committee will be working to address the problems.
  - ii. There was a suggestion to align all days of shuttle services to the same timing. Another key suggestion was to add a bridge shuttle to be in between the timing offered already.
  - iii. Dr. Villegas and Mrs. Richerson worked before on the possibility of opening a bridge shuttle, but the administration did not approve.
  - iv. The committee brainstormed on creating a planning for "Wednesdays of Bridge Shuttle" in which SDSU-IV creates a calendar of events happening at the Mesa Campus and along with Career Services, taking a group of students for half a day and using the bridge shuttle to come back, while the cultural center representatives visit our campus, and they take the shuttle back at 1 pm. This plan is to pilot the shuttle with an enhancement of intercultural relations and focus on career growth of IV students.

- v. Meetings will continue to happen over the semester on Fridays.
- d. Cross Cultural Center Inaugural Advisory Committee
  - i. Meetings will be happening every other Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Room LA2.
  - ii. A.S. Representatives will be President Fitch and Representatives Amaya-Vasquez and Arvizu.
  - iii. The first phase of this committee will be focused on establishing a mission and vision of the center and the working physical space of the center.
  - iv. Met with Dr. Falcon Orta and the appointed members to start off the committee.
  - v. On the second meeting, the members of the committee worked on establishing a mission and vision.

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

1. First and second Spring 2022 Meetings will continue to be virtual.
2. First SEC Spring meeting will be happening on January 20th, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
3. First Senate meeting will be happening on February 1st, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
4. There is a proposed change to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee that he would like to bring to the Senate regarding the expansion of representation of students, both from San Diego and Imperial Valley. The proposal entails a 10% increase in Senate membership. Still needs to have this conversation with A.S. S.D. President Tejada.
5. There are a few committee vacancies within the Senate and A.S. Members will need to represent in those committees. Appointments will be filled upon discretion of the President.
6. Chair of the Committee on Committees and Elections, Dr. David Marx is seeking input and endorsement of A.S. on a proposal to add a student seat in the committee he chairs to ensure representation in later years.

**XI. REPORTS OF ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEMBERS/STAFF**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**GUTIERREZ-GULER/LORA-ACOSTA**

**CARRIED (10-0-0)**

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

**Prepared by: *Melyssa Gonzalez*, Associated Students Coordinator**