



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

**Monday, January 31, 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, Alicia Robles, Gina Jimenez
- D. Ex-Officios (non-voting) Absent: Stephanie Amaya, Ismael Arvizu, Marina Martinez
- E. Visitors Present: Michelle Halverson – Student Life Advisor, Mark Wheeler – Interim Dean, Daniel Nieto – SDSU-IV Alumni, Sue Giller – Media and Marketing Consultant, Vanessa Falcon Orta – Cross-Cultural Center

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for Monday, January 31, 2022.

The agenda was approved with the amendments below:

It was moved and seconded to add Item for Consideration E. “Chicana and Chicano Studies Minor Advocacy Task Force (Informational)” and Item for Consideration F. “Snacks/Tabling (Action)”.

**MORENO JR./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, January 24, 2022.

**A. PINA/GUTIERREZ-GULER**

**CARRIED (9-0-0)**

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

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Vannessa Falcon Orta – Cross-Cultural Center

1. Informed them about the virtual Undocumented Orientation.
2. Reminded them about the Inaugural Advisory Committee and asked them to join if they'd like.
3. Informed them the Cross-Cultural Center will be featured in local news.

B. Michelle Halverson – Student Life Advisor

1. Informed them about the 2022 Leadership Summit which will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Discussed the registration fee which is \$30.00 for SDSU students.

**VII. UNIVERSITY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. Requested feedback on the Student Affairs Newsletter.
2. Discussed the booster requirement for compliance.
3. Stated there will be a Commencement Committee Meeting tomorrow. Informed them the time will be changed for further meetings to accommodate schedules. Informed them the SD Commencement Committee will start meeting next week.
4. Gave them the dates for upcoming fee increase meetings.

B. SDSU-IV Associated Students Coordinator Melyssa Gonzalez

1. Asked them to continue advertising the basketball game as not many students have signed up. Mass email will be resent this week.
2. Reminded them to submit reports by the set deadline.

C. A.S. President Carlos A. Fitch

1. Met with Dean Wheeler to receive campus updates and see the potential partnerships that can be formulated during this semester.
2. Per advice of the administration, he decided to put a hold on the letter of Environmental Health Facilities and rather, intensify the advocacy at the state legislature level to advocate for a potential increase in the funding for student life and research at Imperial Valley.
3. Shared with the council that there is a mass communication sent by Director Madero on the closure of the Brawley campus due to water interruption and construction of laboratories.
4. Had a meeting with A.S. Executive Director and A.S. President Tejada on the status of the referendum and the potential changes that this will bring to Imperial Valley students.

5. Received the draft of the SDSU - IV Master Academic Plan and has shared his suggestions with Dean Wheeler. Both are working on a communication for this document to be shared with the student population and seek additional input.
6. Is working on a succession plan and asked all those members who are interested in seeking the presidency position for next year to reach out privately to him to establish a relationship of mentorship and succession.
7. With assistance and advocacy of Representative Arvizu, he will initiate an advocacy line to add a Chicano and Chicana Studies minor at SDSU-IV. The establishment of a Task Force lead by Associated Students will be discussed in this meeting.
8. Participated this past weekend in the MLK Stone of Hope Annual Ceremony representing SDSU-IV along with Dean Wheeler.

D. A.S. Executive Vice President John Moreno Jr.

1. No Report.

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

1. Received two quotes for the different jobs that have to be performed as part of the renovation of the Student Union.

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

1. No Report.

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

1. Gave them updates regarding funding and programming.
2. Informed them about the search for tenure track faculty.
3. Stated there will be construction at the Brawley campus and informed them about updates.
4. Discussed the academic plan to secure more resources for Imperial Valley.
5. Stated there are discussions for developing more programs.
6. Talked about the remodeling of the library space this semester.

## VIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

**A. Date/Spring 2022 Awards Banquet (Informational):** Discussed that the Spring 2022 Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**B. Venue/Spring 2022 Awards Banquet (Informational):** Discussed the venue for the banquet which will be Cheval Farms. The venue will charge \$2,900.00 for the venue and food. Guests will be charged \$40.00.

**C. Awards/Spring 2022 Awards Banquet (Informational):** Discussed that the awards purchased in this category are for A.S. members and A.S. staff, student assistants, lamp of leadership, and Aztec Pride award. The awards will be ordered from 1 Hour Photo with a budget not exceeding \$1,000.00.

**D. Awards (Informational):** Discussed that awards purchased in this category are for Outstanding Staff, Full-Time Faculty, Part-Time Faculty, Commencement Speaker, and Outstanding Staff in the Eyes of the A.S. The awards will be ordered from Academy Awards & Trophies with a budget not exceeding \$800.00 from the Awards Account.

**E. Chicana and Chicano Studies Minor Advocacy Task Force (Informational):** President Fitch shared with the council that he will restart the conversations of adding an academic program on Chicana and Chicano Studies, most likely a minor. The discussions will involve administrators, faculty, staff, and student leaders from Chicanx Sin Fronteras.

**F. Snacks/Tabling (Action):** It was moved and seconded to purchase snacks (rice crispy treats, granola bars, etc.) from Costco Wholesale or other vendor in an amount not to exceed \$250.00 from the Activities: Social Activities – Spring Activities Account to provide snacks for students while tabling and inside the Student Union Building.

**PINA/OSUNA**

**CARRIED (9-0-0)**

**John Moreno Jr. - Yes**

**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**

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

### **A. Finance and Facilities: A.S. Vice President of Finance, Erika D. Gutierrez-Guler**

1. On behalf of VPF Gutierrez-Guler, President Fitch shared with the council the potential changes to the scholarships.
2. On behalf of VPF Gutierrez-Guler, President Fitch shared that there are many constraints when there are salaries or wages and after revision, moving from scholarships to wages may be dangerous for the financial situation of the organization.

### **B. Media and Marketing: A.S. Senator, Karla Lora-Acosta**

1. Canceled President Fitch's Live Q&A due to changes in schedules of members.
2. Asked if they should change the group picture and Senator picture now that we have Senator Manuel Piña. Also, stated there will be a poll going up on social media and asked them to please participate.

### **C. Recognized Student Organizations Oversight: A.S. Executive Vice President, John Moreno Jr.**

1. Stated February 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day to spend RSO allocations.

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

### **A. Executive Leadership: A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch**

1. The Executive board met earlier today with A.S. Executive Director Christina Brown, AVP of Financial Operations Crystal Little and A.S. President S.D. Ashley Tejada to receive an update on the process of the referendum.

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

1. The task force met last week and discussed potential changes to the current Referendum proposal, which included the salaries allocation and the amount of the increase.
2. Reminded everyone that this task force meeting is open to everyone.

3. Will be inviting Georgette Astorga, Basic Needs Coordinator, for advice on the financial aid and scholarships component.

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

1. VPF Gutierrez-Guler and himself voted in opposition of the ATS Presentation as this presentation presents many aspects that are not fully integrated in SDSU-IV. The presentation lacks acknowledging the gap between what needs to be addressed in terms of sustainability and technology when referring to SDSU-IV and further, does not show a plan forward to close such gap in SDSU-IV.
2. Shared that there is a proposal to change the current SSF language policy to pay student researchers in the faculty-led programs through SSF funds. Shared that he totally supports the proposal, but seconded VPUA SD Schenkenfelder's motion on bringing back the proposal with further information on the technicalities of how this would work and the current SSF funding on faculty-led research.

**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. Stated the SDSU-IV Environmental Health Hiring Committee will be moving forward with a short-list of candidates for interviews. President Fitch will be forming part of the panel on behalf of the student body.
2. President Fitch, VPUA Horton-Alvarado and Associate Dean Espinosa are working on setting up a meeting with A.S. Members and Professor Ivo.

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

1. Stated there will be a meeting on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

1. Commented now that elections are coming up, to respect and take into consideration any decisions that the committee makes. Based on past events, they weren't respected nor taken into consideration, asked them to please take in mind that most of this committee is taking time out of their day to discuss and oversee the elections.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

**LORA-ACOSTA/DIAZ**

**CARRIED (9-0-0)**

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

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