The State of the A.S.
Associated Students - Imperial Valley 2021-2022

The State of the A.S.
-Ceremonial Meeting-

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Senator

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Senator

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Senator

Melissa Sandoval
Senator
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Approval of the Agenda

Tuesday, December 14, 2021
ROOM N-106 – 11:00 A.M.
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
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III. ROLL CALL

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
   A. Spring 2022 A.S. Senator Swear-In
   B. Spring 2022 A.S. Representative Swear-Ins
   C. The State of the A.S. (Action)

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Approval of Previous Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
NOGALES CONFERENCE ROOM - 10:05 A.M.
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER
A.S. President, Carlos A. Fitch, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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III. ROLL CALL
A. Voting Member Present: Carlos A. Fitch, John Moreno Jr., Erika D. Gutierrez-Gómez, Izayna Hector-Alvarenga, Jameth Trujillo Aguirre, Alan Castre, Fredia Díaz, Juliana Gutierrez, Karla Luna-Acosta, Linda A. Osuna, Angela Pita,
B. Voting Member Absent: Melissa Sandoval
C. Ex-Officio (non-voting) Present: Henry Villegas, Mellyma Gonzalez, Alkira Robles, Gina Jimenez, Ismael Arvizu
D. Ex-Officio (non-voting) Absent: Marisa Martin, Manuel Pita
E. Visitors Present: Lee Hernandez, Career & Veterans Coordinator

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for Tuesday, December 7, 2021.
The agenda was approved with the amendments below:

It was moved and seconded to add Item 6 for Consideration F. Nintendo Switch Console (Action).

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

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

LORA-ACOSTA/AGUIBRE CARRIED (9-0-0)

Complete document available in our website or with A.S. Executive Assistant
Items for Consideration

A. Spring 2022 A.S. Senator Swear-In

B. Spring 2022 A.S. Representatives Swear-Ins

C. The State of the A.S. (Action)
The State of the A.S.
Associated Students:

- **Empower** students
- **Advocate** for student needs and wants
- **Promote and create** campus life, social events and recreation
- **Establish** representative government
- **Address** student issues with administration
- **Embrace** college life, values and visionary goals for future leaders
- **Uplift** student leadership
The Students’ Budget

- **Activities Budget (AY 2021-2022)**
  $130,983.00

- **Student Union Budget (AY 2021-2022)**
  $52,553.00

- **Expenses up to December 2021**
  - Activities Budget: $43,161
  - Student Union Budget: $17,004
The Students’ Budget

- Monies allocated for Staffing and 5 Student Employees: $65,000.00
- Monies allocated for Fall Programming (Activities, Co-sponsored events, trips and social activities): $6,800.00
- Monies allocated for Fall Scholarships: $9,000.00
- Monies allocated for Student Organizations: $1,500.00

Benefit to Students

- A.S. currently employs 4 student assistants with a $15.00 hourly wage
- A.S. has invested a 90% of allocations for Fall Programming, mainly focused in events for students. The investment will continue and grow exponentially over the Spring Semester
- A.S. awarded $8,000.00 in scholarships to Imperial Valley Students
- A.S. awarded $300.00 to 5 Recognized Student Organizations
Student Union Investments

- **During the Fall Semester, Associated Students invested more than $5,000.00 in equipment for offices and student centered areas.**
  - Associated Students implemented youth-like facilities and updated furniture that was in place since at least, 10 years.

- **During the Winter Break, the main entrance of the Student Union will be repurposed into a lobby area.**
  - This is the major investment in the last five years.

- **Over the Spring Semester, the A.S. Offices will be repurposed for council and the centralized student areas will be interactive.**
  - Televisions, space for meetings and recreation will be added.
  - Murals designed by students and alumni will be painted in the Student Union.
  - Outdoors furniture and spaces for recreation will be added.
Internal Organization Restructure

2020-2021
- President
- Executive Vice President
- Executive of Finance
- Executive Secretary
- 4 Senators
- 4 Ambassadors

2021-2022
- President
- Executive Vice President
- Vice President of Finance
- Vice President of University Affairs
- 8 Senators
- 4 Representatives
Internal Organization Restructure and Historic Changes in Advocacy Efforts

June 2021
- Creation of the Media and Marketing Committee
- Seniority Level to Ambassadors and transition to A.S. Senators

August 2021
- Historic appointments to the University Senate- 1 Undergraduate and 1 Graduate student.
- Creation of the Vice Presidencies of Finance and University Affairs
- Expansion of Student Leadership with junior positions: A.S. Representatives in External/University Committees
- Official Representation in the Faculty Council
- Official Representation in the Student Affairs and Campus Diversity Strategic Planning Committee

September 2021
- Historic appointments and participation in the University’s Campus Fee Advisory Committee

November 2021
- Creation of the Referendum 2022 Task Forces in Activities, Legal Terms, Student Union and Turnout
- Met with CSU Trustee and laid down the problems of equity with San Diego counterparts.

December 2021
- Creation of the Special Events Committee
- Creation of the Finance and Facilities Committee
- Creation of the Aztecs Events Committee
August 2021
December 2021
Upcoming Initiatives

Support to newly-created departments
- Collaborate with the Wellness Center in increasing awareness and expand services to our students.
- Develop a unique platform that serves our Latinx population better than the services provided in the Mesa Campus.
- Contribute with the Cross Cultural Center in a vision of what students expect from it.
- Constant promotion of the Basic Needs Support Program and joint events.
- Serve as the student liaison for all of these departments and revise the effectiveness, presence and impact on our students.

Advocacy on student concerns, wants and needs
- Continue advocating for an opening of the Food Pantry before the AY ends.
- Continue working with Mental Health Therapist to increase hours/time of focus with students.
- Advocate for a shuttle service between IV Campuses.
- Continue advocacy in creation of student centered spaces around campus.
- Continue advocacy in better COVID-19 preventions and sanitization of high-traffic areas.
- Oversight of expenses on newly instituted fees and ensure student input in those expenses.

New Programming
- Events of quality with higher budget and more attraction for students.
- Intensify the work with exterior organizations and supporting local business.
- Support RSO’s and students in their own events by providing sponsorships.
Upcoming Initiatives

Support to minority groups
● Support to minority groups in events such as:
  ○ Juneteenth Celebration,
  ○ Lavender Graduation,
  ○ Latinx and women empowerment talks.
● Creation of scholarships for minority group students.
● Look for solutions on day-care assistance for single parents.

Students on all that matters
● Associated Students Designees in all committees, boards, councils and meetings where decisions that affect students will be taken.
● Initiate a Senate proposal to increase the number of student senators from both Mesa and Imperial Valley Campuses.
● Establish a Presidential Advisory Committee with students-at-large and develop a series of demands to be presented to the University on matters as educational equity and justice.

Funding a better Future
● Survey students, create focus groups and work in a 5-year plan for the construction of a LEED Student Union to bring a better experience for SDSU-IV Students.
● Understand the financial approaches that can be taken to fund a more impactful A.S. Budget.
● Ask students in the possibility of a 2022 Referendum Process for Associated Students Fees.
Leading and empowering with purpose