

Call to Order: Kristina Rather called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Attendance: Peter Lindbeck, Ashli McClary, Jeff Brown, Megan Loghry, Benjamin Gelbaum, Nathan Lovaas, Eric Rodriguez, Kristina Rather (NV), Andrew Janz (NV), Erin Bowe (NV), Matt Ryan (NV), Dr. David Colnic (NV).

Absent: Byron Kamp (NV), Ron Noble (NV), Alejandro Torres, Daniela Perez, Jenna Kasch, Diana Heredia.

Guests: Cesar Rumayor, Dr. Steven Filling

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to Approve the Agenda for July 29, 2008

Move by Janz, Second by Lovaas

Move to Amend to add Discussion item C, Senate Job Description Update by Brown, Second by Janz (passes with no objections)

(Main motion passes unanimously)

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to Approve the Minutes for July 8, 2008

Move by McClary, Second by Brown

(Motion passes unanimously)

Announcements & Presentations:

None

Open Forum:

None

New Business:

- a. Motion to appoint Emily Cimino to the position of Environmental Senator by Janz, second by Lovaas. No Discussion took place.
(Motion passes unanimously)

Discussion:

- a. Removal of Senator Alejandro Torres. Janz passed around a packet to demonstrate ASI's efforts in contacting Alejandro Torres. Torres was placed on either Academic or Disciplinary probation by the Dean's Office. He will be removed following this meeting.
- b. Faculty RPT and Workload. Dr. Filling spoke about the administration's attempt to require part-time faculty/non-tenured faculty to do more research. More research responsibility

could lead to larger class sizes and less contact between students and faculty. Janz asked what students can do? Filling responded that students should let administration know their stance on this issue. Do we want to be a research institution or a teaching institution. Filling also asked the students to speak with their professors about the issue. Rodriguez feels that this effort is unethical and asked if it were against the law. Filling said no it is not against the law, but it may be grieved. Grievance takes years. Ryan asked what was administration's point of view? Filling responded that he wouldn't be the best source for this information since he does not agree with it. He did say that it had something to do with getting the university more recognition.

Senator Reports:

Senator, College of Natural Sciences: Peter Lindbeck- No Report

Senator, College of the Arts: Vacant

Senator, College of Health and Human Sciences: Daniela Perez - Absent

Senator, College of Humanities and Social Sciences: Ashli McClary – Met with her Dean regarding issues affecting her college.

Senator, College of Business: Jeff Brown- No Report

Senator, Undergraduate Students: Megan Loghry- No Report

Senator, Student Organizations: Diana Heredia – No Report

Senator, Stockton: Vacant

Senator, Residential Life: Vacant

Senator, Environment: Emily Cimino – No Report

Senator, Graduate Students: Ben Gelbaum- Ben mentioned that he thought there was a financial motivation behind the Provost's attempt to urge faculty to do more research.

Senator, Athletics: Jenna Kasch- Absent

Senator, At Large: Nathan Lovaas- Met with Stacey Morgan-Foster and discussed many topics. Wants to work on three goals. The first is to get better demographics of who attends ASI events. Second is to survey students in regards to the shuttle. Third is to improve communication with students and to better utilize the campus email accounts.

Senator, At Large: Eric Rodriguez- Also met with Stacey Morgan-Foster. Wants to work on the Signal and survey students to see how the newspaper can be improved. Also mentioned the Brenda Athletic memberships for students.

Executive Reports:

President: Andrew Janz

Reported on the status of the VPBF search committee. Updated Senators on the Recreation and Wellness Coordinator Search. Asked for volunteers. Monte Vista Banners will be up in a few weeks. Creating a Senior Class Gift Committee. Went into further detail about the free gym memberships for students. Told Senators to check their emails.

Vice President, Internal: Kristina Rather

Working on Retreat and told all senators to fill out their SLP Forms. Retreat is mandatory.

Vice President, Finance: Matt Ryan

Finished the first draft of the new purchasing policy. Will work with Bryce from the USU on the project. Will be working with Jenna Kasch on units for senators.

Vice President, External: Erin Bowe

Presented Roxy Hark as the new PR Assistant. Informed senate that Stanislaus will again be hosting CSSA in August. Spoke about the Stanislaus booth at the fair.

Other Reports

Executive Director: Byron Kamp- Absent

Assistant Director: Cesar Rumayor

Reiterated Kristina's urge to fill out the SLP packets. Reported on the progress of the concert. Looks like we will be getting Metro Station and The Used or Dashboard Confessionals.

Faculty Advisor: Dr. David Colnic – Welcomed the new board and spoke about his office always being open to students.

Recreation & Wellness Coordinator: Vacant

Dean of Students: Absent

Closing Comments

None

Move to adjourn by Janz second by Lindbeck. (passes unanimously) Meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____
Kristina Rather, Vice President, Internal

Minutes prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Andrew Janz, President