

Call to Order: Brittany Jibby called the meeting to order at 5:11pm.

Attendance: Brittany Jibby (NV), Andrew Janz (NV), Matt Ryan (NV), Alejandro Bocanegra (NV), Blanca Barrera, Jorge Mejia, Erin Bowe, Laura Leon, Patricia Gonzalez, Johnny Padilla, Caitlin Steffeck, Byron Kamp (NV), Ron Noble (NV)

Absent: Daniela Perez, Tarah McComak, Dr. David Colnic (NV) Sean Newland (NV)

Guests: Cesar Rumayor, Cheryl Cone, Mehran Khodabandeh, Crystal Villanueva, Daniel Martinez, Elisa Navarette, Kimberly Warmsley

Points: Barrera 2, Bowe 5, Leon 6, Gonzalez 2, Mejia 1. McComak 4, Steffeck 2.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion (Barrera) to approve the Agenda for January 8, 2008. The agenda was changed as follows: Add Discussion item B: CSU Stanislaus Bust the Ballot; Add Discussion item C: Candidate for Senator, Stockton – Kimberly Warmsley. Seconded (Steffeck) and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion (Barrera) to approve the minutes of December 4, 2007. Seconded (Steffeck) and passed unanimously.

Motion (Bocanegra) to approve the minutes of December 7, 2007. The minutes were amended to add Johnny Padilla as in attendance. Seconded (Janz) and passed unanimously.

Announcements & Presentations:

A: Union Program Board Chair: Sean Newland – Absent

B: University Way Banners: Andrew Janz presented 9 different banner options. A poll was taken as to the 2 best looking banners.

Open Forum:

Elisa Navarette introduced herself as a candidate for the Senator, College of Natural Science. She is a current student and is currently on a review committee for the College of Natural Science.

Daniel Martinez introduced himself as a candidate for the Senator, College of Natural Science. He is a current student and is working toward a BA.

Erin Bowe arrived at 5:20pm.

New Business:

A: Motion (Janz) to approve \$2,000 of Senate Initiate money to be used for University Way banners. Andrew Janz mentioned that 20 banners will cost approximately \$12,000. The University wants ASI to help fund 50% of this project. These banners will go up on University Way, not on campus. They will last about 3 years. An MOU will be created. ASI will be mentioned in any press releases. Seconded (Bocanegra) and passed unanimously.

B: Motion (Janz) to approve \$2,000 of reserve funds to be transferred to Senate Initiate account. There was some discussion on the amount of money needed. Motion (Janz) to amend the motion for the amount to be \$4,000. Amendment seconded (Ryan) and passed unanimously. The amount of money in reserves is currently about \$222,249.72.

Motion (Janz) to amend the original motion as follows: strike “Senate Initiative account” and insert: to be designated towards the purchase of the University Way banners. Seconded (Ryan) and passed unanimously.

With the above amendments the motion was seconded (Ryan) and passed unanimously.

Discussion:

A. Introduction of Appointee for Senator, Diversity-Mehran Khodabandeh: Andrew Janz introduced Mehran Khodabandeh. Mehran spoke on his double major and that he has participated in Warrior Squad and is active on campus. Mehran presented his goals (attached to these minutes) if he were appointed Senator of Diversity.

Andrew Janz left at 5:40pm.

B. CSU Stanislaus - Bust the Ballot: Alejandro Bocanegra announced that he was in contact with someone regarding bringing election/political speakers to campus. Some suggestions he had were celebrities from the television show “Real World”. Some Senators stated that we should look into person(s) that are credible and can bring a good message towards voting/politics. Alejandro will look into some more speaker candidates.

C. Introduction of Appointee for Senator, Stockton – Kimberly Warmsley: Brittany Jibby introduced Kimberly. Kimberly introduced herself as a grad student and that she is familiar with committees and dealing with constituents. She also noted some of the issues the Stockton campus is facing.

Senator Reports:

Senator, College of Natural Sciences: Vacant

Senator, College of the Arts: Vacant

Senator, College of Health and Human Sciences: Vacant

Senator, College of Humanities and Social Sciences: Erin Bowe – Spoke highly of Professor Pillion.

Senator, College of Business: Jorge Mejia – No report.

Senator, Undergraduate Students: Tarah McComak- Absent

Senator, Student Organizations: Vacant

Senator, Stockton: Vacant

Senator, Residential Life: Johnny Padilla – Spoke on the Modesto Bee article about the Housing shutdown. He wished he were quoted better in this article.

Senator, Environment: Laura Leon – I have had email correspondence with CSU Chico on the solar panels. I am trying to set up a meeting for the Eco Club.

Senator, Graduate Students: Vacant

Senator, Diversity: Vacant

Senator, College of Education: Patricia Gonzalez – The search committee for the Dean of Education has met and we are reviewing the applications of the candidates.

Senator, Athletics: Caitlin Steffeck- Fanatic night is this Friday. Women won both games this weekend. Caitlyn spoke about the different game promotions happening.

Senator, At Large: Blanca Barerra- Tomorrow will be the first Cesar Chavez meeting in MSR.

Senator, At Large: Daniela Perez- Absent

Executive Reports:

President: Andrew Janz - Absent but Brittany Jibby spoke on his behalf. The Quad renovation has started and Andrew will be attending the UEPC meeting this week.

Vice President, Internal: Brittany Jibby – The Senate meetings this month (January) will be on the 15th and the 22nd. Brittany handed out some general information on the Winter Retreat February 6-8, 2008 (attached to these minutes). Brittany briefly reviewed the information.

Vice President, Finance: Matt Ryan – I will be working with Byron on the mid-year financial review. See me if you would like to tutor a 10 year old.

Vice President, External: Alejandro Bocanegra- I am currently catching up on ASI happenings and I look forward to attending tonight's City Council meeting.

Standing Committee:

Executive Committee: No report

Rules Committee: Currently looking into continuing points through winter and start over in spring. We will have a meeting during winter. Office hours during winter are 1 hour per week.

Elections Committee: Laura Leon mentioned that the committee may need a vice chair.

Budget Committee: No meeting yet.

Other Reports

Executive Director: Byron Kamp – There is a full time staff retreat, off site, for the ASI and USU on Thursday January 10, 2008. During this retreat we will be discussing topics such as ethics, budget timeline, student learning, and staff expectations. I have scheduled a meeting with Ken Whitfield, the Interim VP Finance, and the VP for University Advancement, Susana Gajic-Bruyea. I will be out of the office next week Monday through Wednesday attending an AOA conference. On February 13, 2008 the game room will reveal the Xbox 360.

Program Coordinator: Cesar Rumayor - I had a meeting with SAAC on how we can work together. Some of our short-term goals are to get people to wear the fanatic shirts, attend games, to have free food and items, and to create a VIP seating area.

We are currently working on the spring calendar so if you have any dates of events please let me know. Regarding Recreation and Wellness: During winter we are offering volleyball, dodgeball and village basketball. Byron mentioned that we are working very hard with OIT to get our website up and running as soon as possible.

Administrative Assistant: Cheryl Cone – No report.

Faculty Advisor: Dr. David Colnic – Absent

Dean of Students: Ron Noble – The Judicial Officer has left the position and I am filling in until they find a replacement.

Warrior Squad – No Report.

Closing Comments

Laura Leon mentioned that she thought she was taking an art class on California Missions but it turns out it is more of a history class. It was suggested she speak with Thomas and Cesar. Patricia Gonzalez mentioned that she met the new Recreation and Wellness Coordinator Amanda Saugstad and would like to know Amanda’s expected involvement in the Senate meetings.

Motion (Barrera) to adjourn the meeting. Seconded (Bowe) and passed unanimously at 6:28 pm.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____
Brittany Jibby, Vice President, Internal

Minutes prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Cheryl Cone – Administrative Assistant