

**Call to Order:** Brittany Jibby called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

**Attendance:** Brittany Jibby (NV), Andrew Janz (NV), Matt Ryan (NV), Erin Bowe (NV), Laura Leon, Daniela Perez, Jorge Mejia, Patricia Gonzalez, Johnny Padilla, Tarah McComak, Caitlin Steffeck, Kimberly Warmesley, Mehran Khodabandeh, Elisa Navarette, Bailey Mobley, Dr. David Colnic (NV), Byron Kamp (NV), Ron Noble (NV)

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Cesar Rumayor, Cheryl Cone, Thomas Janz, Estollio Calderon, Leah Codoni, Sheri Weatherill, Tanya Mulli, Kendall Wadman, Ayla Sellers

**Points:** None

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion (Khodabandeh) to approve the Agenda for March 4, 2008. The agenda was changed as follows: add Discussion item C: Vice President External Credit Card; add Discussion item D: Senate Resolution SR0708-03; add Discussion item E: Bylaw Job Description Changes. Seconded (Leon) and passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion (Steffeck) to approve the minutes of February 26, 2008. Seconded (Khodabandeh) and passed unanimously.

**Announcements & Presentations:**

A: Mehran Khodabandeh announced a 'Ping Your Health' survey.

**Open Forum:**

Andrew Janz announced his appointee for Senator of Humanities and Social Sciences, Estollio Calderon. Estollio introduced himself and is looking forward to speaking more in depth next week.

Andrew Janz announced Leah Codoni as a guest. Leah introduced herself and fellow classmates. They each spoke on their troubles with Professor Gackowski, which were grading issues and derogatory remarks.

**New Business:**

A: Motion (Khodabandeh) to increase the limit of Cesar Rumayor's credit card to \$10,000.00. His current limit is \$5,000.00. The increase in limit is needed for purchasing of equipment and supplies from vendors that don't accept purchase orders for when we need the product immediately. Seconded (Steffeck) and passed unanimously.

B: Motion (Steffeck) to approve appointee for Senator, At-Large Patricia Gonzalez. Seconded and passed with one abstention.

(SEE DISCUSSION ITEM E) C: Motion (Khodabande) to approve Bylaw and Job Description Changes. The bylaw and job description changes brought before the Senate for approval have been discussed. Seconded (Leon) and passed unanimously. The Executive Committee will meet to approve these changes.

**Discussion:**

A: Sustainability Policy: Laura Leon passed out a draft of an ASI/USU Sustainability Policy (attached to these minutes). This policy is open for review and discussion. Dr. Colnic, Andrew Janz, and Laura Leon will work on a final draft.

B: Sustainability Speaker: Laura Leon mentioned she would like to bring Ellen Augustine on campus to speak. She would be a great Earth Day speaker and the cost is \$750.00. Dr. Colnic and Bailey Mobley will speak with their constituents on possibly helping contribute to the cost of the speaker. This will be a New Business item next week.

C: VP External Credit Card: Andrew Janz announced that with this position comes a credit card with a limit of \$2,000.00. The card is used for travel purposes. This will be a New Business item next week.

D: Senate Resolution SR0708-03: Andrew Janz distributed a draft of the resolution for review (attached to these minutes). There was a lot of discussion on this issue. When asked, Dr. Colnic explained tenure, annual reviews, and evaluations. Stanislaus students sometimes write reviews on the website [www.RateMyProfessor.com](http://www.RateMyProfessor.com).

If Senators receive complaints from their constituents, they are to refer them to the ASI office to speak with the Student Advocate. Some members of the Senate will have a final draft ready for review next week. This will be a New Business item next week.

E: Bylaw and Job Description Changes: Andrew Janz distributed proposed job description and bylaw changes (attached to these minutes). Andrew addressed each change. These changes were noted as time sensitive due to elections starting this week. Motion (Khodabandeh) to suspend all applicable rules and make Discussion Item E now New Business item C: Bylaw and Job Description Changes. Seconded (McComak) and passed unanimously

**Senator Reports:**

Senator, College of Natural Sciences: Elisa Navarette – I am no longer the President for the Conservation Club. I am trying to meet with the Assistant Dean. I attended the Inquiry Circle meeting.

Senator, College of the Arts: Vacant

Senator, College of Health and Human Sciences: Vacant

Senator, College of Humanities and Social Sciences: Vacant

Senator, College of Business: Jorge Mejia – The Meet the Firms night was great. A lot of firms attended but some of the firms were not hiring.

Senator, Undergraduate Students: Tarah McComak- I'm working on a survey. There is a problem with students purchasing books at the bookstore and not being able to return them.

Senator, Student Organizations: Bailey Mobley – Club and Org Fair went well. I introduced myself to the organizations. UPB would like to use the clubs and orgs on Earth Day, so I will be contacting them.

Senator, Stockton: Kimberly Warmsley – President Shirvani has confirmed his attendance for Feed the Students Day April 7<sup>th</sup> in Stockton. Attended the UEPC meeting on Academic Advising for Course Repeat Policy.

Senator, Residential Life: Johnny Padilla – Johnny passed around a copy of the results of the Village survey. The results from the most recent survey are being finalized. I urge you to attend the Village Council meeting tomorrow @ 9:00pm.

Senator, Environment: Laura Leon –I had a meeting with Clyta Polhemus. The Eco Club is meeting on Monday.

Senator, Graduate Students: Vacant

Senator, Diversity: Mehran Khodabandeh – My Scholarship goal has been a priority of mine. I attended the Women’s History Month social today and the guest speaker was well spoken. The Student Health Advisory Committee is losing a lot of members due to graduation, so contact them if you are interested. I will be meeting with Mr. Fernando Beltran to discuss the Cesar Chavez Day celebration.

Senator, College of Education: Patricia Gonzalez

Senator, Athletics: Caitlin Steffek- The basketball games were a hit. Troy from soccer won the Woods Furniture gift certificate. One of our athletes won the CCAA raffle trip to San Bernardino.

Senator, At Large: -

Senator, At Large: Daniela Perez- I have set an appointment with Lee Renner.

*Tarah McComak left at 6:58pm.*

### **Executive Reports:**

President: Andrew Janz- I have been working a lot this week on the bylaw and job description changes. No new news on the budget. SROC met yesterday and a fence needs to be built around the facility. SFAC met today and the Village Residential rates will increase 5%. I am looking into what the increase is and what the students get out of it.

Vice President, Internal: Brittany Jibby – No report.

Vice President, Finance: Matt Ryan – There is a finance meeting with ABS on March 7, 2008. Please come prepared with any questions you may have for the ABS staff.

Vice President, External: Erin Bowe – There will be a Budget Advocacy Summit March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am. Please attend, as it will reflect well with Pres. Shirvani that ASI is in attendance. CHESS Lobby Day is April 21<sup>st</sup> and Stanislaus has promised a bus of students to go to the capital that day. We are looking for politically conscious students to attend, so let your constituents know. I will be in the Quad tomorrow with voter registration.

**Standing Committee:**

Executive Committee: At the meeting tomorrow we will be approving the final changes to the Bylaws and Job Descriptions. In future meetings we will continue our work on a Summer Business policy.

Rules Committee: Fill out your office hours. Execs. that turn in their sheets late will be given a point(s).

Elections Committee: Meets Tuesdays @ 3:00pm.

Budget Committee: Meeting Monday @ 11:30am in the Stanislaus room. The start of budget hearings is April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Reports**

Executive Director: Byron Kamp – There will be a mock mediation held on campus. Please see me if you are interested. All full time staff for the ASI and USU are very busy and I am grateful to Cheryl and Cesar. Please attend the meeting Friday and have your questions for ABS ready.

Assistant Director: Cesar Rumayor – Union Info Day is tomorrow in the Quad. The Warriors Up All Night event is Friday from 7-Midnight. Warrior Day Committee has started. March 14<sup>th</sup> is Warrior Fanatic night at the Softball and Baseball games. We have eight new Warrior Squad members.

Recreation & Wellness Coordinator: Amanda Saugstad - Absent

Administrative Assistant: Cheryl Cone – No report.

Faculty Advisor: Dr. David Colnic – This faculty member issue is troubling. Looking for 2 students to be commencement speakers. The basketball game was a blast.

Dean of Students: Ron Noble – With the switch from Banner to People Soft you will need to talk to your constituents about their need to get new free ID cards by Fall.

Warrior Squad – See Cesar Rumayor’s report.

**Closing Comments**

Goal committees wishing to meet can do so after the meeting.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> the Senate meeting will be held in the Lounge with food.

Motion (Steffeck) to adjourn the meeting. Seconded (Padilla) and passed unanimously at 7:28 pm.

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brittany Jibby, Vice President, Internal

Minutes prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Cone – Administrative Assistant