

**Student Senate Meeting  
November 6, 2013  
Time: 4:00 PM**

**1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

**2.0 Flag Salute**

The flag salute was led by Secretary Neil O'Brien

**3.0 Roll Call**

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X	Menchaca	X	Bertoni	X	Sanchez	X	Powers-Mead
X	Amico	X	Dhanjan	X	Sims		Dolan
X	Rosengarten	X	Farnesi	X	Ward	X	Rocker
X	Kiernan	X	Fidler	X	Whisten	X	Crocket
		X	Gill	X	Wilson	X	Contreras
		X	Marcroft			X	Nelson
		X	O'Brien				
		X	Oh				

**Key:** [X] = Present [ ] = Absent [T] = Tardy [E] = Left Early \* = See Notes

**Guests:**

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Assemblyman Tim Donnelly came to let us know that he kicked off his campaign for governor on Tuesday November 5, 2013. Thanked each and every one of us for participating in student government and helping set the guidelines that we live by each day. "The only limit to your dreams is what you can imagine." No matter what role you play within the work force, you should care about it all because those are your opportunities that are leaving. Says that the government is our biggest issue, we need to stand up for what is right. Everyone deserves the opportunity to seek their own destiny. It is up to each of us to decide what role we play, but every part will make a difference.

Jonathon Duncan, President and founder of the Fresno State Movember Movement. Movember is a nonprofit organization. Started in 2003 in Australia and has reached its way to Fresno State. 5.3 million people will die this year from inactivity versus the 5 million people who smoke. This has inspired us to host the first annual 5k Stache-Dache run. This will take place on Saturday November 30, 2013, is open and free to all students here at Fresno State as well as the public. Would like to encourage everyone to participate in the Stache-Dache and to inform others about the event and what it does.

**5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Sims moves to approve the agenda as read. Senator Farnessi seconds. No Discussion. Passes 14-0.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Senator Farnesi moves to approve the minutes as read. Senator Oh seconds. Friendly amendment to Senator Wards Report. Passes 14-0.

**7.0 REPORTS**

**7.1 Standing Committee Reports**

Academic/Ward: The academics committee was not able to meet, due to scheduling conflict, but is setting up a date to meet.

Activities/Fidler: The T-Shirt Exchange Program is going extremely well. We only have about 20 of the "Blackout" shirts left, constantly seeing students in the shirts that were made for the T-Shirt Exchange Program. Passed around a signup sheet for the Thirsty Thursday event this will take place Thursday

November 7, 2013 at The Bucket from 5-8pm. If you do not plan on going please do not put your name on the signup sheet that way we can raffle off any extra meal voucher tickets to students.

Finance/Rosengarten: Meeting regularly every other Monday. So far has received 32 applications, 29 of which has been approved, 1 has been denied, 2 will be voted on during the senate meeting. Allocated a total of \$25,328 to date, only \$6,271.10 has been accounted for. The committee will not be meeting on Monday since it is a holiday, so another meeting date will be scheduled in place of, will let the senate know when this meeting is.

Legal/O'Brien: Nothing to report at this time.

Legislative/Kiernan: Has been meeting regularly. Has some meetings scheduled and others are in the process of being scheduled to meet with state representatives, Senator Berry Hill, Senator Andy Vidak, Assemblyman Perry, and Assemblyman Patterson who we will meet with each of them at least once before the end of the semester to establish a relationship before lobbying starts and the legislative budget comes out. The resolution from last meeting is before us again so we can look at CSSA legislative proposal.

Personnel/Menchaca: Has not met this week because of the lack of applications. There are some committees that need to be filled so please let me know if you or anyone you know is interested.

## **7.2 Executive Reports**

Menchaca: CSSA was very successful. Cynthia was a huge part of the success with CSSA with her guiding us in the right direction; it could not have been done without her. Announcement of Gary Nelson's retirement is causing ASI to look for a new advisor, and creating a list of criteria that we are hoping to be met, based off of the caliber of job Nelson has done over the years. Working on getting Duck Dynasty to Fresno State, using #QUACKATTACK on all social media to inform others what we are trying to do. We will be having a "Tweet-A-Thon" before the Thanksgivings holiday. The date is still being determined, but one finalized detail will be the use of "hashtags" to promote the event on various social media platforms. ASI Readership Program submitted a contract to USA Today, and are exploring different locations on campus to be available for all on campus. Menchaca, Rosengarten, and Gill have been attending IRA committee meetings and have allocated all the funds. A letter will be sent out to each organization that will receive funding to inform them. Sold out basketball game is Saturday November 16, 2013 and we are trying to create a buzz on social media about it. It is Financial Literacy Week, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor has been working on promoting and marketing the different events that will be happening each day.

Amico: Student Affairs At Large is now a vacant position, so please let everyone know if they are interested there is an opening. I do commend Senator Clark for all of his duties that he has done as Senator.

Rosengarten: Former basketball player at Fresno State, now NBA player Paul George has bought all of the tickets at the Save Mart Center for the Saturday November 16, 2013 Men's Basketball game. This is the first sold out basketball game. There are still the 2,000 student tickets available, and each student can get one guest ticket. Encouraging all students to attend and pack the house. There will be \$.94 hotdogs, soda, and popcorn at the game. Working out details to hopefully have the Ultimate Fan Booth at the game, to get everyone pumped up for the game. Thirsty Thursday is tomorrow November 7, 2013 at The Bucket from 5-8pm. This is a free event open to everyone. The first 20 students through the door get a free meal voucher. We will be raffling off prizes, more free meal vouchers, and tickets for the Zac Brown Band. Working out details with Amico for the Winter Retreat, once they are finalized an email will be sent out informing everyone.

Kiernan: Recently met with a group of students who are trying to remove the use of sweatshops from the production of Fresno State apparel, gave them some guidelines on how to write the resolution. This is something that might be seen in the future if they persevere it. CSSA is looking into changing their fee structure, instead of charging ASI \$.62 to be a member (about \$15,000 total), would instead directly charge each and every student that amount. The reason for this is to give us more stability and independence from the Chancellors office. Looking to do this through a bill with the legislator, and will keep us updated with details as they get figure out. CSSA is starting to do something similar to what the UC system has done with the legislative score card. Creating a spreadsheet of what legislators have voted on and against bills regarding higher education.

## **7.3 Senator Reports**

O'Brien: Working on an event within the college to have an award for the best performing professor. Students will take a poll, and tell us what they think about each professor. Working out details and criteria for the event, but will keep us informed.

Wilson: Reforming the student evaluation form, some colleges across the campus allows the professor to choose what classes they will be evaluated in, which does not always show an accurate performance.

Sanchez: Met with the Director of Creativity and Art, who wants to work with ASI for assistance with IRA. Each year would like to have a few different artist come and display their artwork on campus. This year's theme is "Security and Surveillance" and will unveil a life-size Predator Drone statue on campus. This artist is known for using reused material. Some concerns have been brought up about safety and would like to work out details to get those addressed. Brought up suggestions for the Pete Mehas memorial who wanted to do a scholarship for a number of students instead of each college. Addressed his concern that it would only benefit those students, when we would use that money to help all students within each college by purchasing equipment.

Fields: Has spoken with President Castro about the idea of introducing tablets to each student, and how he feels it would benefit those within the Lyles College of Engineering and how to customize it for their department. Had a meeting and discussed how pizza with the dean went, and how the mechanical engineering department as well as others within the Lyles College of Engineering could use and benefit from having labs open and available 24-7. Met with the Civil Engineering Leadership about having international organizations come visit on campus this April, which will require additional funding, if anyone has any ideas on how to approach that please let me know.

## **8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE.

## **9.0 REPORTS:**

### **9.1 INFORMATION ITEM:USU Board of Directors Update (Gonzalez)**

We skipped this information item to allow more time for Gonzalez to arrive since he was at a prior commitment, unfortunately he was not able to make it.

### **9.2 INFORMATION ITEM:USU Productions Update (Esguerra)**

Throughout the month of November there are several upcoming events. Would like to thank everyone who had attended Bulldog Wednesday as well as The Noonier. International Education week is next week and will have events on November 12-15. Numerous musical performers will be there to entertain. Always trying to have the performers for each year be different to show diversity. Random Acts of Kindness is also going on next week, which will promote random acts of kindness. There will be numerous activities going on to participate which will take place in the Free Speech Area. On Thursday November 14,2013 at 5:30pm in the University Courtyard Atrium (dorms) there will be an event "The Big Payoff" which is a way to motivate students through the rest of the semester and how important academics are. Karaoke Night is on Thursday November 21, 2013 at The Bucket. First 30 students who arrive will get a free meal voucher. Saturday December 7, 2013 is the San Francisco Bus Trip, which is \$25 per student. This trip always sells out so buy your tickets soon! It is an all-day event, will have plenty of time to do numerous activities and enjoy yourself without feeling rushed. Men's Basketball is having their first game of the season November 16, 2013. The event is completely sold out, except for the student section, trying to make it a packed house and show support for the basketball team.

### **9.3ACTION ITEM: Personnel Committee Appointments (Menchaca)**

Secretary O'Brien moves to approve the recommended students to sit on university wide committees per the personnel committee. Senator Farnesi seconds. No discussion. Passes 14-0.

### **9.4 ACTION ITEM: Sponsored Activity Grants (Rosengarten)**

There are two sponsored activity grants to be passed, both are with club sports. Secretary O'Brien moves to approve funding for the Men's Waterpolo Team, who has requested funds for season dues, waterpolo caps (which will have the ASI logo on them), as well new waterpolo balls. Secretary O'Brien would like to approve funding to the Men's Waterpolo Team. Senator Gill seconds. No discussion. Passes 14-0. The

Fresno State Bulldog Cycling Club is requesting funding for uniforms. Senator Farnesi moves to approve the cycling clubs funding in full. Senator Fields seconds. Passes 14-0.

**9.5 ACTION ITEM: Resolution on the General Disclosure of Registered Sex Offenders Present on College Campuses in California (Kiernan)**

Secretary O'Brien moves to approve the resolution as submitted within the packet. Senator Wilson seconds. Senator Ward wants to make sure that all omissions and changes will be corrected before it is submitted. Secretary O'Brien encouraged the senate to vote for passing this resolution. Passes 13-1.

**10.0 CLOSED SESSION:**

There was no closed session.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

Senator Gill moves to adjourn the meeting. Senator Oh seconds. No discussion. Passes 14-0. The meeting is adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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