

**Student Senate Meeting  
January 22, 2014  
Time: 4:00 PM**

**1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM.

**2.0 Flag Salute**

The flag salute was led by Senator Fields.

**3.0 Roll Call**

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X	Menchaca	X	Byers	X	O'Brien	X	Powers-Mead
*		X	Bertoni	E	Oh		Dolan
X	Rosengarten	X	Dhanjan	T	Sanchez		Rocker
X	Kiernan	X	Farnesi	X	Sims	X	Reames
		X	Fidler	X	Ward	X	Contreras
		X	Fields	X	Whisten		
		X	Gill	X	Wilson		
		X	Marcroft				

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

\*At the time of roll call, Senator Whisten was a part of the Senate, during action item 9.1 Senator Whisten was voted in as the new Executive Vice President.

**Guests:**

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clay Crocket, Bulldog Blog Editor would like to thank ASI for all of their help and support during their partnership. The Bulldog Blog is growing so we took on a Co-Editor, Kristen Wong, who will help maintain the blog.

**5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Farnesi has approved the agenda as read. Senator Sims seconds. The agenda passes 13-0.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Senator Farnesi makes a note that he was at the previous senate meeting. Senator Oh has approved the minutes with the correction of Senator Gill's attendance. The minutes pass 13-0.

**7.0 REPORTS**

**7.1 Standing Committee Reports**

None.

**7.2 Executive Reports**

President Menchaca: The Tablet Program has kicked off; President Castro has distributed 30 tablets to faculty throughout the colleges, who will have all semester to adjust their curriculum as need be. There will be two history classes, one with the tablets and one without. Students may join either class, but if they join the tablet class they must currently have a tablet. This is to see how well having access to tablets and other technology will work in the classroom.

VP of Finance Rosengarten: Starting the Budget Call Process, working on Pete Mehas funding, and Sponsored Activity Grants, this will be talked about in more detail during those action/information items.

VP of External Affairs Kiernan: Working on scheduling Legislative visits in Sacramento for CSSA. Also working on two resolutions, one is changing the funding with CSSA and ASI, currently CSSA charges ASI \$.63 per student, want to make it where ASI gets more money, and each charges separately.

### **7.3 Senator Reports**

Ward: MCJ 190 class asks that Senators pass this information along to your constituents. This class gives you the opportunity to interview a Veteran and write their story and experience. The Provost search committee is still going through applications to find good candidates to forward on to the President's desk  
Fields: Search for Dean of Lyles College of Engineering is underway, more details to come once details are finalized.

### **7.4 Coordinator Reports**

Powers-Mead: ASI sent all three of their professional staff members to the Auxiliary Organization Association (AOA) Conference, which was held in Sacramento January 12-15. The conference was a great experience for all, and learned many new things. We will be entering our three year Chancellors Audit during the same time we close our books in July. The budget that ASI approved last year for this year's spending, has shown that there are some extra funds available; the student assistant area did not use all of the allocated money, since there was a lack of Senate Recorder throughout the summer. With this extra money, we will use it towards a graphic designer, Kaitlyn Wilcox, who will come in for 5 hours a week to work on redesigning any art work that ASI has done. Rocker has been going into classrooms giving presentations on Community Revitalization and what ASI is doing to help and what you can do to help as well. IRA application has been updated and will be posted on the website. The website has also been updated.

Rocker: Passing multiple sign-up sheets for upcoming tabling events, where we will need people to man the booth and inform people about what we are doing.

## **8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE.

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 ACTION ITEM: Election of Executive Vice President (Menchaca)**

Senator Gill nominates Senator Whisten. Senator Sims seconds the nomination for Senator Whisten. Senator Whisten states this is his third year apart of ASI and has worked his way up through the different positions. The Senate votes on the approval of Senator Whisten to become the new EVP; 13-0.

\*At this time Secretary O'Brien relinquishes his chair to EVP Whisten who runs the remainder of the meeting.

### **9.2 INFORMATION ITEM: Madventure trip to Fiji (Ward)**

Senator Ward talks about his trip to Fiji and what a great experience it was. Senator Ward was in Fiji for 2 weeks. This experience was one of a kind, was able to help Fijians build new homes, and learn about their culture. Highly recommends all to study abroad, and experience life through another person's eyes.

### **9.3 INFORMATION ITEM: Budget Call Process (Rosengarten)**

Vice President of Finance Rosengarten explains what the budget call is and how it works. Before we plan the academic budget for the following year, we open it up to allow different departments and organizations to tell us what they would like to see the money being spent on. The Finance Committee will meet and review the applications before making them available to others, to make sure that the correct questions are being asked. We will follow a tentative schedule to stay on track

**9.4 ACTION ITEM: Dog Dish (Contreras)**

Contreras explains the current layout for the Dog Dish and would like to make some recommendations on changing the layout for the show to flow more smoothly. Senator Gill moves to approve the changes in the Dog Dish show. Senator Bertoni seconds the motion. The motion passes 14-0.

**9.5 INFORMATION ITEM: ASI Elections (Powers-Mead)**

Petitions are now available in USU 306, and are due on Friday February 14, 2014. Those running for the position of ASI President are encouraged to apply for a \$2,000 scholarship, the Student Body will vote on the recipient of the scholarship. All candidates who run for an ASI position will have a meeting on Friday February 19, 2014 (after our senate meeting), and Cary Edmondson will be taking professional photos for all candidates to use during campaigning. Tuesday March 25, 2014 through Thursday March 27, 2014 an email will be sent out to all students who pay ASI fees, with a link to a site that will allow students to vote for candidates.

**9.6 ACTION ITEM: Sponsored Activity Grants (Rosengarten)**

Sistah 2 Sistah would like to have an event “The Women I Am” and is requesting \$2,000 to cover the speakers fee and travel, as well as promotional supplies, and activity supplies. Senator Fields approves the motion to grant Sistah 2 Sistah the full \$2,000 requested. Senator Sims seconds the motion. Motion passes, 14-0.

African Peoples History Month would like to have a one man theatrical presentation, requesting \$3,000. Senator Dhanjan makes a motion to approve the requested funding. Senator Farnesi seconds. Motion passes, 14-0.

The Fashion Inc. Club, is requesting \$2,780 to help with their Spring Fashion Show. Senator Sims moves to approve the motion. Senator Farnesi seconds. Motion passes, 14-0.

**9.7 INFORMATION ITEM: Fresno State 101 (Menchaca)**

Fresno State 101 is a three week workshop that covers, university structure, admission, budget, safety, ASI involvement, and much more. This is a way to kick off ASI Elections, and get the students informed.

**9.8 INFORMATION ITEM: Pete Mehas Funding Grants (Rosengarten)**

The Pete Mehas Funding Grants is a way for departments to request money for education and technology, this is a one-time application. Each department must work with their Dean as well as their College Senator. A limit of \$5,000 per department is being set. Colleges may turn in one large application for each department if there is something specific they would like to purchase for the entire college, or they may turn in applications by department only. Exact details of the application (total amount of money willing to provide for the Pete Mehas Grant), will be brought to the Senate at the next meeting and voted on.

**10.0 CLOSED SESSION:**

There was no closed session.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

Senator Sims moves to approve the adjournment of the meeting. Senator Ward seconds. The adjournment of the meeting passes 13-0 at 5:31 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

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