

**Student Senate Meeting
October 23, 2013
Time: 4:00 PM**

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM

2.0 Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by Senator Farnesi.

3.0 Roll Call

---	<u>Executive</u>	---	<u>Senate</u>	---	<u>Senate</u>	---	<u>Staff</u>
X	Menchaca	X	Bertoni	X	O'Brien	X	Powers-Mead
X	Amico	X	Clark	X	Oh	X	Dolan
X	Rosengarten	X	Dhanjan	X	M. Sanchez		Rocker
X	Kiernan	X	Farnesi	X	Sims	X	Reames
		X	Fidler	X	Ward	X	Contreras
		X	Fields	X	Whisten		Nelson
		X	Gill	X	Wilson		
		X	Marcroft				

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

Guests:

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Farnesi moves to approve the agenda. Senator Oh seconds. Approval of the agenda passes 15-0.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Farnesi moves to approve the minutes. Senator Dhanjan seconds. Approval of the minutes passes 15-0.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Standing Committee Reports

Academic/Ward: Met with President Menchaca who briefed them on the tablets. Organizing an event/celebration for next semester to congratulate them on all of their hard work for those who are on the Dean's List. Wanting to create a Facebook page that is just for the Academic Committee, so they can post information relating to projects they are working on to keep all informed.

Activities/Fidler: T-Shirt Exchange Program is in full force, the ASI office is a "swap-stop" location. All members of ASI need to be able to help those who come in to exchange a shirt. The information is behind Rachelle's desk on a clipboard. "Blackout" shirts were put into everyone's cubbies, if you need to exchange size please let us know. Football tickets need to be picked up by Friday October 25, 2013 otherwise they will be raffled off to students. Sign-up sheet for a Halloween event in El Dorado Park Thursday October 31, 2013 from 5-9pm, needs volunteers to

help out with the dinner distribution, costume contest and “trunk or treat” for the kids. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Pep Rally and made it such a huge success.

Finance/Rosengarten: Will be meeting on Monday October 28, 2013 at 4pm in USU 309 for anyone who would like to attend. Allocated a total of \$17,684.00 to those who have applied for funding and \$3,515 has been spent and accounted for.

Legal/O’Brien: None.

Legislative/Kiernan: Worked on and passed two resolutions Trustee Mehas and a revised Sex Offender Disclosure Resolution. The Sex Offender Disclosure Resolution will get to us at a later date. Has set up meetings with Valley Delegation State Legislators to get an idea of how often they will meet and the CSSA has worked on and is pushing to pass some bills within that will hopefully make it easier for those in CSSA to get their job done.

Personnel/Menchaca: Did not meet since there were no new applications. There are still many committees that need student representatives, so please inform students and get them to apply.

7.2 Executive Reports

President Menchaca: Will email a copy of executive report to everyone following the meeting, since there was a line at the copier. Representatives from all 23 campuses from the CSSA will be attending the meeting and encourages all to attend the meeting to see what all entails to be a student representative at a state wide level. Friday November 1, 2013 many will be attending the Central Valley Student Leadership Conference and we are having a friendly competition to see who can bring the most representatives. Lyles Center for Entrepreneurship and Ingenuity has been working on different social media sites to raise awareness to get Duck Dynasty to come to Fresno State by using #QUACKATTACK. Really thinks we should help take on promoting this to let them know that Fresno State likes the idea of a small town family business was able to turn itself into a multimillion dollar corporation. Chief of Staff has been attending alumni meetings to give a student’s perspective. Secretary of Commerce and Labor has been meeting with Career Services, and is looking for a way to better inform students about all of the great opportunities they have to offer. Secretary of Defense and Veteran Affairs to see how those students who are not represented by anyone in particular may better be represented within ASI.

EVP Amico: 1-1 Senator Meetings have been taking place and will continue to take place.

Everyone will meet, and if you do not have an appointment let me know so we can set up a meeting. Working with Rachelle to set up a Halloween Festivities for those in ASI, look for an upcoming email regarding the party details.

VPF Rosengarten: IRA Committee has started and will be allocating about \$100,000 to organizations on campus. The dollar amount is lower this time because last time more IRA funding was passed out. Thirsty Thursday is November 7, 2013 from 5-8pm in The Bucket. At the next meeting a signup sheet will be passed around for everyone to sign up for free meal vouchers, if you will be attending the event.

VPEX Kiernan: Attended the Campus Strategic Planning Committee, many topics covered but one of the most important topics would be “W” courses to fill the writing requirement. Some “W” courses fill in other gaps as well and because of this it is in high demand, never enough seats available. Trying to find a solution to this problem so more students are able to fill the requirements. Has been dealing with the stop light issue on Cedar and Bulldog Lane, since it is a safety issue. Grants and funding have been applied for to get a stoplight put in place. There is secured funding, not sure of the details pertaining to it.

7.3 Senator Reports

O’Brien: Café Academy is a meeting where you can go and address any issues or concerns that you have on campus. Does not know much about it since it was just received moments before the meeting. Spoke with Chief W about Campus Sex Offenders and says they need to have better disclosure and practices. Also spoke about the “Smoking Ban” and working on the resolution for

a system wide smoking ban, and working out details for what it will include. UPD will not be the ones enforcing this, there are not enough resources.

Clark: Had a meeting with Dr. Oliaro but have to reschedule because of midterms and conflicting schedules. Looking to have a Santa Clause Program on campus, where I will dress up and play the part of Santa. Will be going to different locations on campus that young children are at and hand out gifts in the forms of books, pencils, paper, and school supplies to promote school and education at an early age. More details will be coming as it gets closer. Looking to get a Student Forum in the Free Speech Area, to have students come speak with ASI members directly so we can hear firsthand how to help them. CSSA is quickly approaching and has many great opportunities that we can all benefit from. Legislative training will be from 5-7pm, room is still trying to be found, throughout this training we will discuss legislative, financial aid and many other important issues. November 11-12, 2013 will be at Fullerton College presenting to the Assembly of Higher Education Committee the importance of reinvesting in higher education. November 15-17, 2013 University of California Students Association is having their 25th annual Student Color Conference; event is \$25 which covers many issues that we could take advantage from. Wants for us all to be more economically friendly, and maybe post agendas online or email them out so there is not as much paper being wasted. Maybe we could get it approved to allow tablets in meetings and we can view everything online.

Sanchez: Sat in on the Campus Planning Committee meeting got new newspaper stands. New newspaper stands come with a place for advertising, and needs to be ADA compliant. Going to have a three strike system where if they are not ADA compliant then that they will need to be removed. Looking to have a "Bike Dorm" which is where people can lock up their bikes in addition to the bike racks currently on campus. Way too many bikes and not enough bike racks to keep bikes, so they are currently being locked up to trees, doors and other miscellaneous objects. You will need a student ID card to enter/exit. This should be put in place this semester or early spring, some details are being finalized. Wanting to find a way to improve traffic flow on Barstow, and working on getting grants to make more appealing.

Ward: Very excited that Santa Clause is coming to Fresno State, and will help out in anyway. Make a Difference Day is coming up, there is still some time to register so I encourage all to do so. Bulldog Pantry on Friday October 25, 2013 is having a double distribution at Western Methodist Church. Need volunteers to pick up food and take to the church, as well as put food bags together with the food that was picked up. This is from 2-4pm and all help is greatly appreciated. Registration begins Monday November 4, 2013. If you are not sure of what classes you need to take you should meet up with your advisor to get that situated.

7.4 Coordinator Reports

Tara informs us that the reports are a combination of what ASI staff have been working on as a whole. Working on cleaning up club accounts, if no activity has taken place within at least 2 years we are going to write the club a check and a letter to inform them that their account is now gone but that they can apply for a new account if need be. ASI office has purchased 2 new laptops and 1 new iPad for the use of those in ASI to use during meetings or for use in the office when there are no other stations available. They are available to help you do your job. Must check them out with Cynthia. Would like to congratulate Nate Chang for all of his hard work, drivers for Tone Loc, MC, donors, and everyone else who has participated with the Pep Rally to make it a success.

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE.

9.0 REPORTS:

9.1 ACTION ITEM: Personnel Committee Appointments (Menchaca)

Asking the Senate to approve the recommendations of students to sit on university wide committees, as well as replacing two because of time conflict. Senator Sims moves to approve the recommended students to sit on the personnel committee. Secretary O'Brien seconds. No discussion. Vote Passed 14-0.

9.2 INFORMATION ITEM: Retail Dining Services Study (Scotty/ Astone)

Speaking with the Senate to inform about why people make the selections of the foods that they eat. A study has been done, saying that most people go for convenience, quality and nutrition health are other factors that decide why students eat what they do. Trying to find a way so students will eat on campus more and not bring their own lunch, as well as providing food that they find appealing.

9.3 ACTION ITEM: USA Today Readership Program (Menchaca)

Speaking with people on campus to see how they can improve the readership program since we are at our capacity with the Wall Street Journal. Wants to get 200 copies per day for \$0.50/copy. There are numerous people who are willing to donate money. Wants to vote for \$9,900 to use for the readership program. We will be receiving over \$10,000 in donations which will help cover future costs. Wants to know if we could get enough money to cover USA Today and the readership program. Senator Sims moves to approve the entertainment. Senator Fields seconds. Senator Clark wants to table this until we have more details available. USA Today Readership Program passes 12-2.

9.4 ACTION ITEM: Sponsored Activity Grants (Rosengarten)

There is one application for the Ski and Snowboard team that is requesting the full \$3,000. Looking for funds to help cover their entry forms for the races, total cost will exceed \$3,000 but they will distribute the money evenly between those who are competing. There are 15-20 members of the team who will be racing. Senator Gill moves to approve the action item. Senator Sims seconds. Senator Ward and Senator Gill abstains from voting because of conflict of interest. Kristen (member of the team) speaks and informs the senate what the Ski and Snowboard club does and what they plan on doing with the money. Approval of granting the Ski and Snowboarding club the full \$3,000 for their registration fees passes 13-0-2.

9.5 ACTION ITEM: Resolution honoring Trustee Pete Mehas (Kiernan)

Taking a moment of silence to honor Trustee Pete Mehas passing. The resolution was written in the way to reflect back on his life and not just one specific part. CSSA has already passed the resolution and it is almost exactly like ours. Senator Ward moves to approve the action item. Secretary O'Brien seconds. Passes 14-0.

9.6 INFORMATION ITEM: Bulldog Pantry 2 (Rocker)

Bulldog Pantry 2 was created a few years ago. This was done to bring different religious groups together for a common good. Groups/clubs can sponsor this for a month at a time to help make a positive impact on people's lives. If you or a club you know is interested in participating please let Ashleigh know, spots are going quickly.

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

Legislative Affairs committee has worked out the resolution dealing with our concerns, to make it more appropriate. Students will receive a generalized email stating that there is a sex offender in

classes or activities that they are involved in. The email will not give out specifics on who the person is. If you do not feel comfortable with this or want to know more about it, you can switch classes or talk with University Police Department and go through the proper steps to find out the information. The resolution will have the school notify parents of those who are underage on campus that there is a known sex offender. O'Brien is asking to table the resolution until the next meeting November 6, 2013 so that everyone has more time to review it and will vote next meeting. Senator Sims seconds the motion to table the resolution until the next meeting. Action Item will be tabled until next meeting passes 14-0.

9.8 INFORMATION ITEM: Pep Rally (Menchaca)

Would like to give a special thank you to the Activities Committee, USU Productions, Powers, Change, Rocker, and all of those who have helped with the Pep Rally and making it such a success. Would like to say that this event would not have been as successful if it were not for Rocker and all of the hard work she has done, and has raised everyone's expectations more so. We were able to keep costs down with collaboration from cosponsors to help with expenses and appreciates all that was done.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION:

There was no closed session.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

Senator Whisten moved to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Sims seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm

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