

**Student Senate Meeting
February 19, 2014
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 Gill.

3.0 Roll Call

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

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

* Senator Fidler arrived at 4:08PM.

* Secretary O'Brien called into the meeting.

Guests:

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of Phi Beta Sigma came to appeal why they were denied for funding. VP of Finance Rosengarten informed them that they will need to go to the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday February 25, 2014 at 3:15PM to appeal the application.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Farnesi approved the minutes as read. Senator Sanchez seconds. The minutes pass 13-0.

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 Standing Committee Reports

Academics/Ward: Met last Wednesday for an unofficial meeting to gather thoughts and brainstorm for their activities throughout the semester.

Activities/Oh: Sign-up sheet going around encouraging all Senators to help make boxes for the upcoming Supply Drive. There will be one box at every college and scattered throughout campus. If everyone helps out it will only take a matter of minutes. Fidler: ASI Cares packet has information that the activities committee is working on as well as ASI and what our goals are for the semester. Would like for everyone to go through the packet and let know what events as a Senator or that as a whole would like to put on. The committee has created a new event planning application which is condensed from the previous application with the expense form attached. The easier to use packet are to inspire Senators to put on events for their constituents, as well as ASI as a whole to know what is going on and to be supportive. Spring into Service event is ASI's part by fronting the El Dorado Park Site. There are numerous projects that ASI will be able to help with. Spring into Service is Saturday March 22, 2014, signups are through the Richter Center

website and begin this Friday February 21, 2014. Also have included El Dorado Park Community Food Distribution Adoption Application, where clubs and organizations can adopt a distribution center once a month and distribute the food on that Saturday. If you have any questions, feedback or ideas to make any applications run smoother let the committee know.

Finance/Rosengarten: Have received 83 applications for Sponsored Activity Grants, 70 have been approved, 4 have been denied, 9 will be voted on at the next Finance Committee meeting. \$74,450 has been allocated out and of that \$38,370 has been used. The next meeting will be Tuesday February 25, 2014 at 3:15PM in USU 316.

Legal/O'Brien: None.

Legislative/Kiernan: Worked on and restructured the resolution that was brought forth by Secretary O'Brien, which has passed. Also looking at a bill that came out in the State Legislature which would alter how University Administrators would have to handle sexual assault complaints, working on being a possible resolution brought forth to the Senate.

Personnel/Menchaca: Continues to meet, there are vacancies on Campus Wide Committees and within ASI. An email will be sent out with the most recent vacancies that we currently have. Please encourage all to get involved.

7.2 Executive Reports

President Menchaca: President Castro would like to talk to the Cabinet about President's Designee. Dr. Coon would like to be included so a meeting will be held next week. There is talk about raising the student fee, more details will come once everyone has had a chance to discuss. Dr. Llamas was named Vice President of Student Affairs, assumes office on July 1, 2014. Community Revitalization projects have been going well. Secretary of Defense and Veteran Affairs, Shai Van Gelder, has been working closely with Student Veterans within the El Dorado Park area, encouraging them to help out in the community. After seeing what we can do for them, they are in turn wanting to help Fresno State and value its presence within the community. They in turn are asking for a new toilet within the restroom since theirs is old and outdated, if interested in helping out even \$5 from each Senator as an individual not as a group within ASI would be a great way to show that we care and are here to help and work with one another.

EVP Whisten: Spring Retreat will be held on Saturday March 1, 2014. Will start at 10:00AM at Walters Elementary, where we will participate in a Saturday Sports Program, where we work with kids in the El Dorado Park community. Afterwards we will head to The Old Spaghetti Factory for a working lunch 12:30PM-2:00PM. We will go through Senator Binders together, get all questions answered and make sure that your time as a Senator runs as smoothly as possible. This is an official ASI Senate Meeting, just as a reminder you can only miss 2 meetings a semester. ASI Incentive Program started last semester and nothing was done with it so we will now be getting quarter-zip sweatshirts as a thank you and a reward for doing such a great job. There is one spot available to attend CHESS, March 8-10, 2014 if interested in going please let us know.

VP of Finance Rosengarten: Thirsty Thursday will be held on March 6, 2014 from 5:00-8:00PM at The Bucket. If you know of any clubs who would like to co-partner with ASI during this event let us know. This is a great way to mingle not only with those in ASI but as well as within Fresno State.

VP of External Affairs Kiernan: This weekend will be traveling to CSU Chico for the Budget Resolution, a very similar one will be in front of CSSA at that meeting. Will keep us updated on the outcome. Next week Tuesday-Thursday will be traveling to Washington D.C. with President Castro, Chancellor White and other CSU Officials to talk to members of Congress about our needs as a higher education system on the Federal Level. After our next Senate Meeting, Wednesday March 5, 2014 will need to have a CHESS delegate meeting for those attending. Will provide lobbying materials as well as background information on those that we will be going to CHESS.

7.3 Senator Reports

Wilson/Science and Mathematics: Has been working with administration from College on the Pete Mehas funding. Student Health Advisory Committee survey regarding the proposal of a missed appointment fee, please do the survey as well as telling constituents that way we can inform the Health Center if ASI supports or disapproves of the fee change.

Fields/Lyles College of Engineering: Blood Drive this last week went well, more students than previous times. Will be meeting with the Dean to discuss funding issues. Dean search committee has already began video interviews.

Gill/Social Sciences: Wants to commend ASI and the Finance Committee for the success in passing the Pete Mehas grant. Has met with the Dean and department chairs regarding funding, and they are all excited to have such a great opportunity.

Ward/Academic Affairs: Has spent time with the Provost Search Committee, and are currently down to 3 candidates. Wants to have student voices in the decision making process, and encourages Senators to attend the lunches starting the following week. Also Fresno State Talks has its Diversity talk at 7:30PM in the USU.

7.4 Coordinator Reports

Would like to give a huge thank you to Cynthia and Ashleigh for help with ASI Elections and candidate checks, signature checks, and taking on this new responsibilities. In the last 2 weeks we have had office members go to QPR Training, which helps make them “safe spots” so students can go to them if thinking about suicide, how to help out in emergency situations. ASI office is developing a library with great books that Senators can borrow from. Staff are participating in Women’s Campus Connection with women across the campus and have lunches, guest speakers, and find ways to make campus more diverse. Graphic Design Services has put out a campus activities grant flier, will allow for Vintage Days to use our services but will charge them. Congratulations to President Menchaca for Fresno State 101 and its success. Over 20 students completed and graduated the course for the semester. Cynthia has done an excellent job updating the IRA and R-grant applications and up on the website. Senator pictures are complete and up. Ashleigh has been working on Kid’s Day to find a way that ASI can be involved without having our own corner, since so many of us are participating with other clubs already, and has decided to deliver coffee and donuts to those participating in Kid’s Day.

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 INFORMATION ITEM: Eligibility for Student at Large (O’Brien)

Main reason for wanting to change is because the ASI Committees want to expand the pool of people who are eligible to partake in a committee. This would remove the residency requirement, therefore allowing first time students to partake in such opportunities. This is for both Student at Large Senators and Campus Wide Committees. Rosengarten would like for the Personnel Committee to have done some research on each candidate that way we can be notified how they are doing in classes, how long they have been at Fresno State, that way we know if they can handle a busy work load as well as how experienced they are on campus. O’Neil informs us that this would just be a way for young students who are not eligible for a Senator position to have the opportunity to do and to help expand our options on who would be best for the position.

9.2 ACTION ITEM: Senator Absences’ Policy (O’Brien)

Senator Mason approves the motion. Senator Fields seconds the motion. The motion passes 14-0.

9.3 INFORMATION ITEM: Dogs United, a new approach to Diversity (Dhanjan)

Update on African People’s History Month and events that have been and will continue to take place throughout the rest of the month. Update on Diversity logo for Dogs United, which is a campus movement to increase cross-cultured interactions, attend events with groups other than what you are used to. Diversity Cup can be won by groups who increase cultural competency, individuals can also receive diversity awards, just need to fill out a form online for every event you attend.

9.4 ACTION ITEM: Resolution in Support Recognition of Jesus Nazareth's Contribution towards Peace (Kiernan)

VP of External Affairs Kiernan and Secretary O'Brien would like to postpone until March 5, 2014. Senator Gill moves to postpone the resolution until the next meeting. Senator Mason seconds. Motion to postpone passes 13-0.

9.5 INFORMATION ITEM: Sponsored Activity Grants (Rosengarten)

None.

9.6 ACTION ITEM: Personnel Committee Appointments (Menchaca)

Senator Oh makes a motion to approve Haley Evans. Senator Sanchez seconds. Approval of Haley Evans passes 12-0-1. Senator Ward makes a motion to approve Heather Donat. Senator Farnesi seconds. Approval of Heather Donat passes 13-0.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION:

There was no closed session.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

Senator Ward makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator Sanchez seconds. Senator Fields would just like to know if Senators have been talking to their Deans for the Pete Mehas Funding. Senator Sanchez has all Senators say if they have been talking to administration for the funding since they will be the ones to really push the Pete Mehas grant. VP of Finance Rosengarten informs us that as of now 0 applications have been turned in. EVP Whisten also informs the Senator at Large that you are not off the hook, still need to help other Senators get the ball rolling, and make this worthwhile. Motion to adjourn the meeting passes 13-0.

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