

Senate Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:16 PM**
- II. [ROLL CALL](#)
- III. **Present:** Krisstina Caro, Arazeli Barragan, Tayla Beasley, Jilian Manlapaz, Emily Flores, Erin Quineri, Jazzmin Matthews, Jacoby Young, Zandrae Chan, Isaac Ibarra, Omar Alvarez Espinosa, Michael Ryan Cesena, Anjelica de Leon, Tyler Luevano
- Late:** Ashley Medeiros
- Absent:** Justin Withers, Neilah Peku, Jill Nelsen
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda of January 27, 2022, by **Z. Chan**, second by **O. Alvarez Espinosa**, motion **CARRIED**.
- V. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of December 3, 2021**
Motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2021, by **E. Quineri**, second by **O. Alvarez Espinosa**, motion **CARRIED**.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – **Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the Senate on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**
No public comment.
- 3:26**
- VII. UNFINISHED ITEMS:
- A. ACTION ITEM- **Resolution in Support of S.2755 - College Completion Fund Act of 2021**
The Senate will take action on the Resolution in Support of S.2755 - College Completion Fund Act of 2021.
Motion to move the Senate to take action on the Resolution in Support of S.2755 - College Completion Fund Act of 2021, by **J. Manlapaz**, second by **A. Barragan**, motion **CARRIED**.



J. Manlapaz recaps that the resolution is in support of the College Completion Fund Act of 2021. It would allow the Secretary of Education to award grants to higher education in order to provide students support services for students who come from low income background as well as historically underrepresented students, first generation college enrollees, parenting students, students with disabilities, and student veterans. Not only will the College Completion Fund Act help encourage more students to enroll in higher education but help ensure that more students can get their college degree. As a diverse campus community, both Erin and I think that it is important to support an act that can help students receive support so they can succeed and complete their college degree. If any of you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let Erin or I know as we will gladly answer your questions.

K. Caro asks if there are any questions or discussion.

Motion to approve the Senate to take action on the Resolution in Support of S.2755 - College Completion Fund Act of 2021, by **ALL**, motion **CARRIED**.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION ITEM- **Real Talk Event**

The Senate will discuss the Real Talk Event.

J. Matthews says this is my first event which is the Real Talk Event is about the year of 2020 with activism and academics in the pandemic. It is important that we have a moment to pause and talk about what has happened in the past 2 years. Our campus and society have moved past it and pushed through it. We are in year 2 and we need to have acknowledgement for what we went through. Especially the struggles that we are still experiencing with the university being online and hybrid. Many things happened in 2020 such as the protest that affected our BIPOC students. We need to have a community talk and discussion about this topic. I am planning for this event at the end of February, but things are still up in the air as we have permission 30 days prior an event for it to be in-person. I am meeting with Michael later today to discuss this event. I want this event to be in-person or hybrid on Zoom. It would be redundant if it is on Zoom as many of our classes are on Zoom. I will be the facilitator and asking the questions. Once we get clarity on when and where, I am hoping for this event to be in the DISC room, but they are currently under construction. The next thing is reaching out to professors in classes which is during UU hours on a Tuesday. The last Thursday of the month, we have a Senate meeting which I would not want to extend past that timeframe. I plan to ask professors if they can provide extra credit for attendees and if they can advertise. Any questions?



K. Caro asks that since you will be facilitating, in order to have the talk started, did you have questions in mind?

J. Matthews has to draft a list of questions and met with the person who runs the DISC. We will have about 3 to 5 questions and at least one for each of the topics. One of the question is “How has the pandemic affected your campus experience?” as I know for myself is that my entire university experience was during the pandemic. There will be questions about protesting and how no one is talking about it anymore, and issues that are still affecting BIPOC students at the university. Overall, my questions would be with each topic as how the pandemic affected academics, how are we protesting, how are we still standing up for BIPOC lives as a campus, and what more can we do with that.

A. De Leon loves this idea and that it is important. I wrote a couple of ideas down that I have worked with Kim Baker Flowers, our University Diversity Officer, which I think she would be great as a panelist or someone to collaborate in terms of questions, thoughts, or themes to specifically bring up. She is closely aligned with the DISC and would be a great resource for your event. Another thing is that in terms of spacing for COVID-19, the area of the DISC is a bit small, but it is an ideal space as it is aligned with the theme of the event. We are able to book other places on campus if you wanted more space such as the MPR. I know Michael would be able to help you book a room. I think the event is going to be great and I love it!

O. Alvarez Espinosa mentions that this is a great idea! I know there was an event held by Sankofa about 2 months ago and I can reach out to have a list of conversation or questions that can be provided for you.

J. Matthews states we can collaborate. I went to the event for Sankofa, and I like the way they did it so it would be nice to model off that event. If you know people that can help, that would be nice. Thank you Omar!

K. Caro says people had wrote things in the chat, you may want to look at that as well.

J. Matthews sees that Erin really likes this event and knows Dr. Jocyl Sacramento from the Ethnic Studies Department as they are one of my professors as well as Dr. Tran, whose class I have right after this meeting.

M. Cesena is excited to meet about this later and we will go over more in logistics. For everyone’s scope of knowledge and with the current state of the pandemic, every room has a different restriction. For example, room UU311 has the capacity of 40 people. I would imagine that where the DISC is now, the capacity is around 30 people. This is something you want to keep in mind is to consider the capacity for an event and that the university is requiring about 30 days to approve events. That is mainly for the Fire Marshal as we need to submit a Special Event Plan, which is a document that dignifies everything for COVID



safety that takes 2 weeks to be approved. We are going to do our best to make your timeline work, but we might have to delay for a week. For everyone else, keep this in mind and schedule a meeting with me as soon as possible. Early February is not an option right now, but the end of February is still doable. If you have something in March, please meet with me the sooner, the better. Great work Jazzmin! I look forward to talking about it later.

K. Caro asks if there are any other questions or discussion.

16:00

B. DISCUSSION ITEM- Lunar New Year Event by Asian Pacific Islander Club

The Senate will discuss the Lunar New Year Event hosted by Asian Pacific Islander Club (APIC).

Z. Chan is in charge of this event. The Asian Pacific Islander Club is having their Lunar New Year event on February 3rd. Our original plan was to have this in-person but changed it to an online format due to the rise of cases from the pandemic. This event has different parts as we are including our gift exchange. We were planning to have a Secret Santa event in December but because of capacity during the Fall semester, we decided to reschedule it to be included in this event. ASI is sponsoring this event which is to learn about the history of Lunar New Year as it is celebrated in many Asian cultures such as Thai, Vietnamese, and Chinese to name a few. You can share your zodiac animal which we will share your fortune and the background of the 12 different zodiac animals. Everyone is welcome to share any experience, traditions, and how they celebrate the Lunar New Year. For me, it is Chinese New Year which I celebrate on February 1st. There are games such as Kahoot and Skribbl.io which there are prizes that APIC has ordered and plan to send to the winners for the games. There is also Jackbox games which is a fun online game. As mentioned before, there is a gift exchange as there are already people participating and had sent out their gifts. Lastly, this is open to student, staff, and faculty. We decided to close the sign up form for the Lunar New Year Swag Boxes which include chocolate coins and tiger stickers since it is year of the tiger. We apply for funding and ask for \$300 which we are waiting for that approval. We are handling things with Heather from Student Life and had emailed Mirna about the status of our application. This club has done this every year but with me being a part of ASI, I was able to get this event sponsored and increase advertisement through the newsletter that Ashmita sends out. There were at least 50 people who signed up for the Lunar New Year Swag Boxes and a handful of attendees. I am the President for this club, and this also helps with our member recruitment. Thank you everyone!

K. Caro asks if there are any questions or discussion about this event.

21:00



IX. SPECIAL REPORTS:

No special reports.

21:10

X. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

A. De Leon welcomes everyone to your first meeting of the year. I am excited for all of you! I wanted to share that your Director of Legislative Affairs, Jasmine Domino, and myself attend CSSA which is the Cal State Student Association. All other presidents from the CSU system and their Director of Legislative Affairs or a different position are advocating for the CSU system on a system wide level. There were a couple of bills that were passed through there that we are now supporting. If you have any questions about what we do at CSSA, feel free to let me or Jasmine know as we have been loving it. It has been great to meet other presidents and Director of Legislative Affairs. The Chancellor had announced on Monday that the CSU system will not be raising tuition for the year of 2022 to 2023 which is amazing. We were trying to push for that through CSSA and it finally happened. I am currently working with the Academic Senate Chair, Sarah Nielsen, on a COVID-19 Student Absence Policy or Letter. I have noticed that a lot of students have been missing classes because they had COVID, taking care of someone with COVID, or anything related to the matter. They have been docked points because they are not attending classes, even through Zoom. I asked Sarah if there was a policy or concrete protocol for students that had to miss classes. She said there was not which was not okay. I am going to be working with Sarah to create either a policy or letter to send to faculty to reevaluate that protocol and making sure that there is something concrete for students. Even if it is past the pandemic, this would be something concrete for students who need to have mental health days, sick, or need to take care of their family members. Another thing I want to mention is that I am working with Erin on the Women's Leadership event which her and I are meeting in February. Also, I am working with Krisstina on a written public comment form as you hear us state during meetings. If there is not anyone around, we do not hear from students or faculty which I know many students have classes and faculty would be teaching. We wanted to make public comment more accessible for students in East Bay which is why we are making a form where people can submit their public comment that would be mentioned during Board or Senate meetings. This is something that CSSA does so I wanted to bring it to ASI as well. I have been able to check in with some of you throughout January and I am going to try to check in with everyone on the Board and Senate soon. If there is any feedback, concerns, or questions, please reach out to me as I love growing as a leader and serving you all the best way possible. Even if it is negative, I want to hear it. My Google Calendar is always updated, feel free to email me during that time. I am proud of you all and excited to see what everyone does this year!



O. Alvarez Espinosa wants to receive feedback from people here as I do have a budget and want to create events. Most events will take place in housing because there are less restrictions, and it targets a lot of the population that I want to work with. I also realized that most students are not in housing. For me to be able to make something for them, I try to find ways to incentivize them to be present. One of the ways is providing gift cards such as Starbucks. Recently, students in housing have been in quarantine and I want them to go out to places like Bronco Billy's. If I want to get a physical gift card while the office is closed, what are some suggestions where I can get an electronic \$15 gift card. I tried to look for some on Steam, but the process is tedious, and I do want to consider other things like food in addition to entertainment and streaming services. I would like suggestions on what gift cards students may appreciate and it does not have to be locally as not all students live in Hayward. I see in the chat that AJ said that Michael may have some ideas so meeting with them will be good.

M. Cesena mentions that if you want to talk after this meeting, we can. I do not want to take away from what you ordinarily planned but there are other creative avenues that could fulfill our goals.

K. Caro shares that our next Senate meeting will be on Thursday, February 10th at the same time as today. I reached out to some of you to start planning one of our events called Hey Be Nice. Please make sure to check your emails and that the monthly task list is due tomorrow, January 28th by 5 PM. You will need to email AJ and Kabir then CC me in that email for your monthly task list. Congrats on finishing your first Senate meeting of this year!

29:19

XI. ADJOURNMENT at **12:45 PM**

Minutes reviewed by:

Chair of the Board

Name: Krisstina Caro



Krisstina Caro (Feb 11, 2022 15:31 PST)

Minutes approved on:

02-10-2022

Date:

