I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Derek Stotler at 3:17pm.

II. ROLL CALL
Members Present: Derek Stotler, Mike Kwon, Ricardo Perez, Neel Singh, Jennifer Sanchez, Oscar Alvarez, Kathy Barrios, Stacy Dalere, Ajaypal Dhillon, Tamika LaMere, Mercedes Macias, Gizelle Mangalindan, Zach Miller, Anish Mohan, Seyi Obadeyi, Ruth Orozco, Vincent Ortiz, Jessica Quinones, Samantha Sales, Mirka Sanchez, Parmeet Sidhu, Denisse Silva, and Christina Swanson.

Members Absent: Stephanie Campos

Also Present: EJ Callahan, Denise Nielson (for Sarah Hendrick) and John Tarjan.

III. INTRODUCTIONS
Denise Nielsen from Alumni Association introduced herself. Alana, Laura, and Jasmine introduced themselves. Carina, Steven and Esteban from the Runner were present.

IV. ACTION ITEM - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
M/S Tamika/Ricardo moved to approve the Agenda. There was a board discussion regarding ASI Bylaws and the Gloria Romero Act. M/S Mike/Oscar moved to suspend the rules of the bylaws and in accordance with Gloria Romero Act, add New Business Item A. The Runner – All Articles as a discussion item. Amendment approved 17/3/0. Amended Agenda approved 19/1/0.

V. ACTION ITEM - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING
M/S Christina/Vincent moved to approve the minutes from previous meeting. Minutes approved unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute maximum)
Joel Rodriguez, and ASI election candidate, thanked the board members for going out of their way to introduce themselves and comradery during campaigning.

VII. ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
Denise reported there will be a Grad Fair on the Antelope Valley campus on 5/12/15 from 10am-6pm, and on the main campus 5/13/15 and 5/14/15 from 10am-6pm. There will be a Visiting Alumni Career Panel on 5/18/15 in the MPR from 5-7pm. Denise reminded everyone to sign up for the CSU Class of 3 Million by June 30th. Vincent asked about dress code for the graduate portraits; graduates will be provided a cap and gown to use for the portrait. Oscar yielded his time for Jasmine
who asked how much the cap and gowns cost; she was informed approximately $40.00.

VIII. ACADEMIC SENATE LIAISON REPORT
Dr. Tarjan stated Interim Dean of the Library, Curt Asher, was going to extend the Library study room hours on a pilot basis soon. If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding academic advising in the schools, contact Dr. Tarjan or Ricardo for their next meeting. If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding SOCI, contact Dr. Tarjan or Mercedes for their next meeting. Oscar asked if student could voice concerns to the SOCI taskforce. Dr. Tarjan encouraged the students to speak with Mercedes, who in turn could bring it to the taskforce.

IX. APPOINTMENTS
Luka Seles was sworn in as Director of Diversity Affairs.

X. CAMPUS ISSUES
Anish announced the Library has purchased white boards, and they should be installed soon.

XI. NEW BUSINESS
A. THE RUNNER – ALL ARTICLES (DISCUSSION)
M/S Oscar/Anish moved to discuss this item. Derek advised the board after some quick research, they are acting within the ASI bylaws. Mike asked Ricardo why he discussed issues with the Runner instead of discussing it with the board.

Mercedes asked, if this was an issue, why the Executives haven’t spoken to the board about it. Mercedes asked why punitive measures are being taken against Ricardo without the board knowing; that she feels it is unfair and unethical. She stated there are more politics than principles on this board, which is disappointing.

EJ asked if the discussion is regarding the newspaper articles, or making accusations back and forth. Mike replied it’s the allegations that surfaced around “Candidate for ASI President” in the Runner.

Derek read the ASI Removal Policy and provided a flow chart of the removal process to the Board.
1. Allegations are received, documented, and forwarded to the Executive Committee.
2. Executive Committee meets and determines appropriate action.
   A. If Executive Committee determines the removal process should advance, requires 2/3rds vote to advance, then it is presented to the board. The board votes which requires another 2/3rds approval for action.
   B. If Executive Committee determines the removal process should not advance, or determines an alternative, the issue is not presented to the board.

Vincent reminded the board that sometimes newspaper articles are for ratings and not necessarily a true and complete depiction of events.
Derek stated the Executive Committee had received allegations regarding Ricardo Perez violating the ASI delegate contract. On 4/2/15 a removal letter was provided to Ricardo. An Executive Committee meeting was held on 4/10/15, however not all executives were able to attend. The Executive Committee scheduled a special meeting on 4/14/15 to hear all allegations and determine appropriate action. As a result of this meeting there was not a 2/3rd vote to move forward with the removal process, however a verbal agreement was made to draft a written contract between Ricardo and the rest of the executive officers. On 4/24/15 Executives met and determined the overall concept of the written contract. On 4/30/15 Derek presented Ricardo with a three page detailed contract. Derek stated, because the Executive Committee determined not to proceed with the removal process, that the board members should not have any knowledge of the allegations or removal.

Board members then asked questions of the Executive Committee:

Mercedes asked
1. Why Executive Committee members had discussed allegations and possible removal actions with board members, if the matter was indeed being handled at the Executive level and not being forwarded to the board?

2. Why “the Board” was requesting removal in the letter given to Ricardo when the board had not been addressed in this issue?

3. What are the terms of the contract between the Executive Committee and Ricardo.

4. Oscar asked if the contract had been violated.

Jessica stated Mike had approached her and discussed the disciplinary action of Ricardo with her professionally.

5. Denisse asked if Ricardo agreed to the terms of the contract.

Christina stated two Executives had sat down with her and discussed these issues with her and about a pending closed session in two-weeks’ time to remove Ricardo from the board.

Mercedes stated the terms of the contract change how Ricardo can perform his ASI duties. Constituents voted Ricardo in to do a specific job, and if he is unable to perform that job due to the terms of this contract, constituents have the right to know.

Ruth stated accusations were discussed between her and Mike, but no details were discussed.

Mike asked Mercedes if she had seen the contract, and who had given it to her. She stated it was in the “Executive Committee” binder in the office. Mike asked Mercedes if someone handed her the binder. She said she saw the binder and looked in it.

Mike reminded the board the Executive Committee meets as a management meeting which is why agendas and minutes are not posted. If personal information...
such as this can negatively affect that person, but would also negatively affect this organization. As executive officers, it is our responsibility and duty to make sure our organization’s name is representing the students in a positive light and not in a negative fashion. If there is info pertaining to an ASI board member in a negative fashion, it is our duty to make sure it is contained in our organization so that it does not spread negatively about that person and our organization.

Mercedes stated, from what she had discussed with Mike, some people need to resign. If that is the standard, lack of confidentiality and misrepresentation of the school, then I am calling for that.

Mercedes stated she wants due process in regard to the allegations before any actions are taken. She stated the board has the right to know about any evidence. She stated if allegations are found to be true then something does need to be done. However, we must not hold anyone to double standards that another person isn’t.

6. Oscar asked if there is a contract is it being followed. If not, what are you doing as executive officers to hold that person accountable?

**Derek answered the above listed questions:**

1. Executive officer discussions with each board member were different. For the majority, there was no communication. Other board members approached executive officers with questions; those board members were told general information. There were some board members that had specific knowledge and specific questions which required a more detailed response from the executive officers.

2. There were several concerns that were brought up in the removal letter, some of them coming from board members. It was not to speak on behalf of the entire board, but was actually relaying some board members concerns.

3. Terms of this specific contract are going to be kept confidential, due to the fact that the removal process is not proceeding forward. EJ advised to seek more information from human resources or legal counsel before providing any details.

4. Derek stated there is a verbal contract in place; however the written contract has not been signed. EJ stated he has not seen any violations from the verbal agreement.

5. The terms of the contract were generally discussed on 4/24/15 and the overarching general themes of the contract were verbally agreed upon. On 4/30/15 the detailed written contract was given to Ricardo. Ricardo requested time to read the contract that was presented to him. At this time, the written contract has not been signed.

Mercedes asked EJ if it is typical for managerial contracts such as this are applied to elected officials. EJ stated he was unsure, that is why he advised they seek legal clarification.
Mercedes asked if the terms of the contract will in any way affect Ricardo’s ability to do the jobs he was elected to do. Derek stated he could not answer that question without breaking confidentiality.

6. If the contract is not followed, that bridge will be crossed at that time.

Jenny stated she is disappointed there is no resolution yet of this matter. Jenny stated she feels if the written contract has not been signed, that Ricardo has not fulfilled his part of the verbal agreement. Denisse asked if there was a verbal agreement, why the written document has not been signed.

Ricardo stated on 4/14/15 the Executive Committee and he agreed to a written contract to be drafted by Derek and Ricardo; they had met again to discuss the contract on 4/24/15. Derek then presented him with the written contract on 4/30/15 in Ricardo’s office in a questionable manner.

Christina stated the purpose of this discussion was because Mike wanted answers to why this was presented to the paper. We went through all this discussion; she felt that question was for one specific person, not the entire board. She agrees that this information needs to be presented to the board, but felt that the discussion presented was to one specific person and not the entire board.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. ANTELOPE VALLEY
Tamika reported the Criminal Justice Club held a taco sale fundraiser on Cinco de Mayo, proceeds to be used to purchase ammunition to attend shooting range. Tamika stated SLACK is providing food from Tommie’s Burgers for the Grad Fair. Next Thursday the Multicultural Club is hosting a Mothers’ Day event, and ordered Rattlers BBQ.

EJ requested Tamika to have Debby Rodriguez contact him prior to any purchase of ammunition as club monies cannot be used for that purpose.

M/S Jenny/Mike motioned to suspend Robert’s Rules of Order and return to New Business Item A: The Runner – All Articles. Vote of 12/10/0 failed (not 2/3rds of the board)

B. GREEK
No report

C. STUDENT ATHLETIC ADVISORY COUNCIL
No report

D. STUDENT UNION & ORGANIZATION GOVERNANCE/CAMPUS PROGRAMMING/INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
EJ stated the Cinco de Mayo week is ending with a dance in the MPR tonight. Student Leadership Hall of Fame will have a ceremony on 5/20/15.

*Students Working for Students*
Week Ever is coming up and will have a gaming theme and culminating in a fashion show.

EJ appreciates the board’s passion, and reminded the board they are student leaders, and cautioned there is a fine line between personal emotions and doing a good job and representing student life on this campus.

E. CSSA
Ricardo stated SIRF will be applied beginning July 1st, students may opt out of this fee until the census date of fall quarter. As the CSSA representative from Bakersfield, Ricardo is working with EJ, and Kevin McCusker, and Nicole Bueno to give them the marketing strategy the External Affairs Committee will be working on to market SIRF.

The Academic Senate of the CSU has passed a resolution in support of the additional $97 million required to properly fund the CSU.

CSSA Chief Governmental Officer has asked we consider, by campus, approving resolutions on our own terms; the External Affairs Committee will be drafting these next week.

XIV. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS
A. PRESIDENT
Derek stated they had discussed Recycling Center including a recycling audit for our campus, University Garden, and a Food Pantry at the Sustainability Committee meeting.

B. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
Mike apologized to the board for his attitude/emotional display today. He expressed disappointment that some officers cannot communicate as well as they should appropriately. He also apologized as well for not communicating to the board about this issue and having everyone find out via the Runner about Executive Committee meetings and what is being discussed there. Mike then wished everyone a safe and happy weekend.

C. VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CSSA has taken a position of either ‘Support, Opposed’ or ‘No Position’ on all the bills discussed at the last few meetings. The External Affairs Committee will be working on a resolution with thirteen separate clauses to present to the board. The next External Affairs Committee meeting will be held next Friday at noon in the Student Union.

D. VICE PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS
Jenny announced she received a grant to receive 15 indoor mixed recycling bins on campus. The new Recycling Program was proposed to the Sustainability Committee and the BARC contract may be transferred to be overseen by ASI. Thank you for you recycling efforts in the office.
E. VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE
Neel stated on 5/1/15 the Finance Committee approved to fund CNSA Ice Cream Social, and MSA Redefining Jihad; representatives for Greek Week were scheduled to attend, however they did not show and did not provide a reason for the no-show. At the Finance Committee meeting on 5/8/15 the Greek Week representatives attended and were funded the following: Greek Council $280, Panhellenic Association $123, Kappa Sigma $513, Gamma Phi Beta $186, and Phi Sigma Sigma $186. Greek Week was given a 15% deduction due to lack of attending scheduled meeting, lack of communication, and lack of preparedness. During the 5/8/15 meeting the Finance Committee also funded Kaibigan $147 for a food sale.

F. VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING
Christina read a report from Stephanie. See attached.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(see Special Reports Item D above)

XV. CAMPUS COMMITTEE REPORTS
Ricardo announced the Executive Director search committee has narrowed the field down to three candidates who will be visiting the campus 5/15/15, 5/18/15, and 5/22/15. Board members will have an opportunity to visit with the candidates and provide feedback. Derek stated he would send out an email of candidate agendas.

Luka announced the last SAAC meeting was held and announced all officers elected for next year. Men’s swimming vs men’s soccer will hold an event May 13th 3-5pm.

Derek announced he would present the University Garden proposal and the Runner Recycling Proposal to the board in the future.

XVI CLOSING REMARKS
Mercedes announced she had gotten married Monday, to which she was congratulated. Mercedes congratulated Oscar on receiving multiple scholarships recently. Mercedes stated despite the difficulties and conflicts that arise in ASI, she is proud to serve as a member of ASI and is very proud of everyone and their achievements as a group.

Jenny expressed that she did not appreciate Ricardo emailing his removal letter to the Runner, and then in his interview he said it may have been leaked to smear his campaign. Jenny said that makes it look like a set up to make one of the candidates look like a victim. The terms of the contract were discussed two weeks ago, it took almost a week to get it to Ricardo, but there should be some follow through regarding the contract. Derek stated EJ, Ricardo, and he will work together to bring this issue to an end.

Ruth stated that if this matter was handled on the executive officer level and was not being brought to the board, then it should have never been discussed with board members.

Anish thanked everyone for their hard work which resulted in a successful ASI mixer.

Students Working for Students
XVII ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.

Noted and Recorded by:     Approved by:

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Mary Barnes, ASC      Derek Stotler, President
From the desk of the Vice President of Programming and Publicity:

Here are our Programming updates for this week:

**Elections**

*We definitely have to encourage students to participate and vote! Can we ask Livani to update our FB as soon as possible?

**Farmer’s Market: TBD**

*We have set a tentative date of May 27th! We will be charging the vendors who will be attending. In order to apply for the Community Events Permit, we must have a list of interested vendors, their permits, and a tentative date, so we are taking it one step at a time.

*We have emailed the vendors and we hope to call them soon!

**Senior Appreciation Week/Selfie Day/Family Movie Night**

* Stacy is in the planning process, but so far we are planning to collaborate with the bookstore, who plans the Grad Fair.
  -We officially have the flier for Grad Week! 😊
  -Tentative date of June 1st to the 4th.

*We want to collaborate with other departments on campus to have a “Self Awareness” day during Study Strong Week/Senior Appreciation Week, so an email will be sent this upcoming week.

*Mirka is also planning a family movie night were graduates can invite their families to come watch a movie in Runner Park → TBD

**Karaoke Hour**

*The next one will be on: May 28th from 12pm-1pm.

*Derek, can we have Livani start working on the next flier?

**Other Dates**

*May 26th-29th (Best Week Ever; Gaming)
I want to wish you all an incredible Mother’s Day with your lovely moms! I also want to thank you all for understanding my situation and continue to see that although I am not present, I am still working behind the scenes to make our last few events happen.

See you all on Tuesday!

-Stephanie Campos