

**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 -



**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



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!



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