Chair, Tachelle Herron-Lane, has called a meeting of the University Affairs Council on Monday, December 3rd, 2018 at 2:15pm-3:15pm in Delmy Rodriguez (T-152) in the Cesar Chavez Student Center.

I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 2:20pm

II. Roll Call
VP of University Affairs- Present
Freshman Rep- Present
Campusrec Rep- Present
Corporate Secretary- Present
LCA Rep- Present
Sophomore Rep- Present
Ethnic Studies Rep- Excused
Education Rep- Present

III. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda for 3rd December, 2018.
Moved by LCA Rep, seconded by Sophomore Rep.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes
No minutes to approve.

V. Announcements (2 minutes each). Please submit literature to Chair when meeting begins.
Freshman Rep said that he spoke to the newspaper about gender neutral restrooms. Corporate Secretary asked if he spoke as Freshman Rep, and Freshman Rep answered that he did. Corporate Secretary asked if he received approval from the President, and reminded the Council to run statements through the President because it reflects on AS and the Board. This is the same reporter that reported on the BSU, and he said that he will send his writing back to be approved.

Sophomore Rep announced that she is chairing her first assembly next Thursday 2pm-4pm, to look at legislation being looked at in CSSA. She will also speak to the Golden Gate Xpress about the gender neutral restrooms. She also provided a handout about New Business Item a. Education Rep said that she cannot make it to the assembly, but is interested in what Sophomore Rep is working on so she can gather signatures from students who support College Free for All to take to CSSA. Sophomore Rep said she can schedule individual meetings if people cannot attend the assembly.

Freshman Rep left the room at 2:25PM
VI. Public Comment (2 minutes each). Must pertain to jurisdiction of Board. Please observe proper decorum. The board is not required to respond.
No public comment.

VII. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 89307 of the California Code for the purpose of to consider the appointment, employment, and evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of an employee.
No Closed Session

VIII. Old Business
a. University Affairs Council Goals and Strategies (Discussion Item) – The council will discuss goals and strategies to accomplish during the 2018-2019 school year; Gender Neutral Bathrooms, Post-Graduation Test Preparation Resources, Hiring more Counselors on Campus, Masters Degree in Africana Studies, Presidential Qualities Survey, and Student Center Makeover.

Education Rep wants to review the goals of the University Affair which can be addressed at every meeting. Sophomore Rep spoke about gender neutral bathrooms. She is working with a few faculty members and representatives from the LGBTQ community to set a timeline for the implementation of gender neutral restrooms in Cesar Chavez and the rest of campus. They are developing a survey to collect data on how comfortable students feel about gender neutral restrooms, to show campus administration that it is a need that students have. She is looking at parties who can get involved in starting to have gender neutral restrooms in the Cesar Chavez student center. VP of University Affairs asked about what actions can be taken now. Freshman Rep said that many of his female counterparts would use the men’s restroom if the female restroom is full, but he gets strange looks if he uses the female restrooms. He has been accused of sexual assault for using the women’s restrooms, and he wants to make sure that it’s safe for both sides to use gender neutral restrooms. Corporate Secretary thinks that the survey is ideally a great idea, but are hard to get people to do. She suggests forming a plan of action to actually obtain the data from students. Sophomore Rep said that she has brainstormed with faculty members on how to get student engagement, and spoke about asking faculty members to provide incentives for students to participate in the survey.

Freshman Rep entered the room at 2:27PM.

Sophomore Rep said she intends to direct the survey to people in the LCA, but Corporate Secretary says that the council should not waste the opportunity to gather data from other departments. Freshman Rep agreed that there is a challenge to reach the whole university, especially now since there are finals.

Mayra Saldana, Asst Exec Dir, Marketing & Communications mentioned that the Marketing Department was not contacted about the Campus Climate Survey until 3 days in, and she believes that there are opportunities for collaboration between groups on campus. She asked if the QTRC was involved, and asked the council if they have seen the postcard about gender neutral restrooms. An opportunity for surveys is identifying the outcome you want to see, e.g. how women of color aged 18 and above feel about the issue. She suggests getting focus groups that represent members of the community. She would like to ask the council what information they are hoping to reach with the surveys. She mentioned offering prizes as an incentive to get students involved. Sophomore Rep said that she likes the idea of focus groups. Asst Exec Dir, Marketing & Communications mentioned the success of focus groups for the Mashouf Wellness Center. Sophomore Rep also mentioned the concern about individual stalls and privacy issues that have to be addressed to the students. Freshman Rep agreed, and spoke about how the crowdedness is an issue that women’s restrooms have that men’s restrooms do not. Corporate Secretary reminded the council that they need to first gather the data to bring to the administration before thinking about what will happen if they succeed. Asst Exec Dir, Marketing & Communications mentioned that religious groups are an issue to consider. She also suggests creating surveys that aren’t as invasive for people, such as asking questions on Instagram. She said that she is available to support the committee once they have a timeline. VP of University Affairs talked about how some students with different religious beliefs might want their own bathrooms going down the line. Sophomore Rep said that the council can start with creating a timeline for the initiative.

VP of University Affairs believes that Post-Graduation Test Preparation Resources. She has spoken to Noah from
the Post Grad department about establishing a class or providing tutors for post graduation test preparation resources. Sophomore Rep asked if the LSAT will be under this program, because she knows of people who go to UC Berkeley to get help for the LSAT which is very expensive. Asst Exec Dir., Marketing & Communications brought up the question of how to bring about institutional change. as AS can only do so much with student fees used to support these programs that institutions should actually be paying to provide. She suggested considering this issue and how AS can partner with the campus to show our commitment to students. She emphasized thinking of how to impact and support institutional change. VP of University Affairs spoke about how it is difficult for DACA students to get help for post graduation test preparation. She has a lot of people to meet with before bringing this issue to the board. Freshman Rep echoed Asst Exec Dir., Marketing & Communications in saying that these items are a lot about delivery and compromise between institutions. He describes AS as filling the holes that the university doesn’t provide. He thinks that the council should be considerate about our delivery. Corporate Secretary agrees with the sentiment of needing resources for higher education testing, and thinks that it’s a great idea, but there are basic needs issues that haven’t been attacked yet. For her, mental health of the student body would be more important than someone who needs to study for the GRE. She believes that the issue should be placed behind the Counselor issue and mental health.

VP of University Affairs opened the discussion for hiring more counselors. Campusrec Rep said that they will have a meeting about the possibility of adding new counselors, and bring more information back at the next meeting. VP of University Affairs talked about how Dr Duval came in to the BSU to help them deal with grieving the loss of Angela Bukle. Freshman Rep talked about the long wait between appointments that he experienced in meeting a counselor. He said that he receives a lot of resources, but thinks that it is out of hand that the school is compensating for this with therapy animals and actual healing is not happening for some people. It also becomes an issue with residents. Corporate Secretary asked about the possibility of funding a counselor, Asst Exec Dir., Marketing & Communications said that AS cannot hire a state employee, but there are other ways AS can support it. She suggests the committee creates a resolution so there is research and development for the board to get behind this goal and objective. Corporate Secretary volunteered to work on the resolution.

VP of University Affairs decided to table the Masters Degree in Africana Studies to the next meeting. The Presidential Qualities Survey has been put out, and she will take the results to the President. The student center makeover is a work in progress, with Alejandro Rios, Asst Exec Dir., Facilities & Operations and Asst Exec Dir., Marketing & Communications. Asst Exec Dir., Marketing & Communications has spoken to the President about this along with discussing the retreat for the board, which will hopefully be brought to the next meeting.

b. Golden Gate Express Articles (Discussion Item)
The council will discuss updates and resolutions regarding the Golden Gate Express Article titled “White Supremacist on Campus” with insight into the safety of students.

VP of University Affairs said that she had called and left a voicemail for the reporter. She is concerned about his safety and his intent, but there has not been any hate crimes and speech on campus.

Motion to go out of the orders of the day to New Business Item b.

Moved by Corporate Secretary, seconded by LCA Rep.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

IX. New Business
a. Implementing Callisto Database (Discussion Item/Action Item) –

The council will hear about the Callisto database, and how to support the cause of bringing it to campus.

Sophomore Rep said that the president of the Planned Parenthood association is trying to bring this database to campus with the intent to identify assaulters. She read from the handout that she provided the members of the council, expressing that the percentage of cases reported are very low.
Freshman Rep left the room at 3:12pm.

Sophomore Rep said that the database makes it three times more likely for students to report their assault, and 6 times faster than usual. She also mentioned statistics from RAIN, that indicate the likeliness of sexual assault in different demographic groups. She emphasized the need for this database. VP of University Affairs asked if she can show us what the database is like, and Sophomore Rep said once schools sign up to be a part of this, the databases will be customized for the school. Planned Parenthood Generation Action needs the support to bring this action to campus, in hopes that the culture will change, possibly getting sexual assault kits in the Health Center. She also mentioned their efforts in the San Francisco Women’s Center to help women who are dealing with the effects of sexual assault. She said she can bring the president of Planned Parenthood Generation Action in to the next meeting, and VP of University Affairs asked her to invite her to the next meeting and tell her where the information from this database is sent. Sophomore Rep said reports submitted will be sent as a record to institutions to trigger an investigation, and this will reduce human error. It will be a record that the assault victims have reported their assault, even if they are not comfortable going straight to the police or Title IX.

b. Student Walkout Demands (Discussion/Action Item)

The council will discuss student demands and how to talk to student organizations going forward. VP of University Affairs has asked the BSU students involved to refine their requests, and intends to take on their requests as goals for University Affairs. Freshman Rep said that many of the students in the BSU are graduating, but one of his main concerns is the housing epidemic, and he hopes to create a skeleton for the forming of an AS housing network or resource. Corporate Secretary suggested sitting down with VP of External Affairs to see if they can make a resolution and bring it to the board. Freshman Rep said that he has had conversations with VP of External Affairs about this, and hopes to create a communication network for affordable housing and healthier, cheaper food options. He will be having a meeting the social orgs on Wednesday, because some of the demands are not tangible. VP of University Affairs said that she has mentioned the 50% BART discount, and providing Fastrak discounts for students that don’t use BART. Corporate Secretary mentioned that their requests for the school paying for students’ gas are unreasonable, but we can talk about improving public transportation. Freshman Rep mentioned the abuse of the food pantry, and talked about the lack of signage to inform the students about where things are. VP of University Affairs thinks it is important for students to know where to go to get food and other things they need.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:19pm
Moved by LCA Rep, seconded by Corporate Secretary.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

Approved by: Tachelle Hinton-Gabe

Respectfully submitted by: Natalie Ngue