CALL TO ORDER
A. S. President, Tiffany Zaich, called the Special Meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. in the Northridge Center of the University Student Union.

Voting members present: The following voting members were present at the start of the Special Meeting: T. Alexanian, S. Alexanian, O. Block, P. Castro, G. Danis, F. Duarte, J. Ghotra, H. Jayasinghe, C. Jermany, J. Khabushani, V. Leal, K. Masmela, M. Ramirez, H. Vacaflor, C. Vidaure, and T. Yahiayan.

Voting members late: I. Frawley and J. Perez de Leon

Voting member absent: J. Barbar

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
MSC (Yahiayan/Duarte) (16-0-0, passed) to approve the agenda for July 7, 2014, as presented.

OPEN FORUM
• Student, AS Recycling Services – supporting the construction of the AS Sustainability Center.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

David Crandall, AS General Manager
RE: Sustainability Center

He presented a history of the recycling program which began in 1990 in a campus-Associated Students partnership. Since then, CSUN efforts have included:

- Energy and water conservation
- Drought-resistant plants
- Fuel cell and rain forest
- Solar panel in parking lots
- Green waste recycling
- LED lighting
- Composting
- Organic gardening
- E-waste

Campus/A.S. Sustainability have also included:
- Institute and Green Core Team
- Academic minor and multiple sustainability-related internships
President Harrison’s approval of the climate commitment pledge and the campus’ first Sustainability Plan

A.S. developments since the have focused on:

- **Education:**
  - Programs such as: Earth Fair, America Recycles Day, Recyclemania
  - Green event guidelines for campus
  - Sustainable Office Program
  - Career-related student employment, “lab” work and internship opportunities.
  - Formation of Matasphere themed living community

- **Transportation**
  - Sale of Transit passes
  - $100,000 student subsidies for public transportation
  - Ridelinks
  - ZipCar
  - Matador Bike Shop

- **Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery (special events collections)**
  - Commencement and Honors Convocation
  - President’s Picnic
  - Big Show
  - Construction-related recycling

- **Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery (reduction and reuse)**
  - Green books
  - FloWater and water refill stations
  - More than 100,000 reusable bags and beverage containers and recycled content supplies for students
  - Matador Exchange

He mentioned that AS Recycling program has recycled nearly 4,000 tons of materials since its inception from more than 200 locations throughout the campus. And yet, we are limited in the kinds and amounts we recycle by our limited yard space and so we have not historically been able to collect recyclables, from inside campus academic buildings.

The working conditions for the collections staff are harsh; they are hot when it’s hot out, and cold when it’s cold out, and wet when it rains.

**Feasibility Study**

There was a need to expand the kinds and amounts of materials collected and to improve working conditions. In 2009, A.S. Board of Directors commissioned a Feasibility Study. A.S. board approved recommendations of Study and established its initial financial commitment over time. The site of the Sustainability Center was very important. Several locations on campus were considered. The Feasibility Study recommendations are:

- **Hub of campus sustainability efforts**
- **Increase diverted material by 50%**
- **Home to AS sustainability and recycling and operations offices and break area for recycling staff**
- **Home of Institute of Sustainability offices and work areas**
- **Meeting and seminar rooms for meetings and educational programs and projects**
The building will be approximately 3,500 square feet and the yard 4,000 square feet.
- Will comply to LEED Platinum standards.
- Larger, weather-sheltered yard to improve working conditions and to increase amounts and kinds of recyclables, especially given new effort at classroom building collections.
- And the building and yard themselves will serve as instructional tools to teach sustainable principles related to design, construction and operations.

Financial Outlook

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Questions from the senators were satisfactorily answered by Mr. Crandall. In order to start and complete the Sustainability Center, he requested the senate to approve the plan for financing the design, construction, and operation of the CSUN/AS Sustainability Center.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Action items

1. Approval of the plan for financing the design, construction and operation of the CSUN AS Sustainability Center.

   MSC (Yahiyan/Duarte) (17-0-1), passed) to approve the AS Future Reserve balance as of July 1, 2014 at $3,225,000; for July 1, 2015 at $3,685,000, and for July 1, 2016 at $3,795,000; and to designate the Future Reserve for exclusive use through June 20, 2017 for the costs associated with the design, construction, and operation of the AS Sustainability Center.


   MSC (Jayasinghe/S. Alexanian) (18-0-0, passed) to accept the 2013-2014 Annual Report of the Associated Students Strategic Plan, as presented.

3. Enter into Committee of the Whole

   MSC (T. Alexanian/Vacaflor) (unanimous) to enter into Committee of the Whole.

   a. Amendment of the 2014-2015 Standing Rules
MSC (Vidaure/Jayasinghe) (unanimous) to amend the Standing Rules for 2014-2015 to add sub section I, under Section III, to read:

“I. Senators are required to put in five (5) A.S. office hours in addition to senate meetings”.

4. Exit out of Committee of the Whole
MSC (Vidaure/Perez de Leon) (unanimous) to exit out of the Committee of the Whole.

a. Approval of the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole
MSC (Khabushani/Ramirez) (18-0-0, passed) to approve the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

ADJOURNMENT
The Special Meeting was adjourned (S. Alexanian/Duarte) unanimously at 11:41 a.m.

The following members were present at the conclusion of the Special Meeting: T. Alexanian, S. Alexanian, O. Block, P. Castro, G. Danis, F. Duarte, I. Frawley, J. Ghotra, H. Jayasinghe, C. Jermany, J. Khabushani, V. Leal, K. Masmela, J. Perez de Leon, M. Ramirez, H. Vacaflor, C. Vidaure, and T. Yahiayan.
The regular meeting reconvened at 11:42 a.m. A quorum was present

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. The following voting members were present at the conclusion of the meeting: The following members were present at the conclusion of the Special Meeting: T. Alexanian, S. Alexanian, O. Block, P. Castro, G. Danis, F. Duarte, I. Frawley, J. Ghotra, H. Jayasinghe, C. Jermany, J. Khabushani, V. Leal, K. Masmela, J. Perez de Leon, M. Ramirez, H. Vacaflor, C. Vidaure, and T. Yahiayan.

Prepared by: Brenda Lacy, Government Secretary

Approved by:

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Tiffany Zaich
President, 2014-2015