



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS, INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public and to all members of the CSU Channel Islands Student Government that:

A regular meeting of the Student Government Senate will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. on <https://csuci.zoom.us/j/85362211572> to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1) Call to Order: 9:07am
- 2) Roll Call:
 - a. Executive Branch: Aurora Rugerio, Vaishnavi Ramprasad, Alegra Grace, Ayleen Trejo, Emily Quinonez
 - b. Senators: Jazmin Guajardo, Benji Mosco, Ilien Tolteca, Christian Franco, Aram Pogosian
 - c. Advisors: Annie Block-Weiss, Helen Alatorre
 - d. Members of the Public: Karly Ibrahim, Isabelle Mandon, Andrea Coppinger, Adam Clinton, Dr. Richard Yao, Roxane Beigel-Coryell, Chris Jetton
- 3) Approval of Agenda:
 - I. M/S/P (I. Tolteca/B. Mosco)
 - a. Discussion:
 - i. Senator Tolteca yielded time to Director Quinonez, who asked if Information Item H Feb. CSSA Updates could be made Time Certain due to their class schedule. Vice President Ramprasad shared that if necessary, they as Chair can move directly to that item, so a Time Certain is not necessary in this case.
 - II. M/S/P (I. Tolteca/B. Mosco) 5/0/0 Motion Passed
- 4) Approval of Minutes:
 - a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of minutes from February 16, 2022
 - III. M/S/P (I. Tolteca/C. Franco) 5/0/0 Motion Passed
- 5) Public Forum:
 - a. *I. Tolteca*: The Mutlicultural Dream Center will be hosting their Rainbow Retreat on March 4th from 9:00am-4:30pm where they will have educational activities to talk about queer identities.
- 6) Reports:
 - a. Legislative Reports:
 - i. Senator of Student Engagement (*J. Guajardo*)

1. Met with Russell Winans to share the feedback the Club Leader Canvas page received, and the finalized version will be sent to all club leaders by the end of the week. Clubs can now reserve classrooms for club meetings via CISync, and the Clubs and Orgs fair is February 23rd from 11:00am-2:00pm in Central Mall, where they will be introducing themselves to all clubs as the Senator of Student Engagement for the first hour.
- ii. Senator of Wellness and Recreation (*B. Mosco*)
 1. Attended a weekly WPE meeting on Monday to talk about their events for the semester and how Student Government can best support them, as well as talking about more weekly meetings. The Search Committee for Assistant Director of Basic Needs rescheduled their meeting. Senator Mosco also had their one-on-one with Vice President Ramprasad and attended their office hours.
- iii. Senator of Social Justice (*I. Tolteca*)
 1. Met with the QSA President to hear any questions they may have for President Yao, and met with President Rugerio and Director Quinonez for Lobby Corps Training.
- iv. Senator (*C. Franco*)
 1. Started sharing the packet for ASI elections in their classes with other students and will continue to do so at any events and other classes they may attend.
- v. Senator (*A. Pogosian*)
 1. Assisted in tabling during the MDC Black History Month Social last week, attended their office hours, and will continue to promote ASI elections.
- b. Executive Reports:
 - i. President's (*A. Rugerio*)
 1. President Rugerio worked at the MDC Black History Month Social, attended the Charting your Course Event where the University is looking student input on ways to expand what is offered and what the campus will look like in the future. They also met with the Budget Allocation and Spending Committee and will review campus partner presentations throughout the month, met with the Sustainability team to discuss future collaboration, and met with the Lobby Corps Team.
 - ii. Vice President's (*V. Ramprasad*)

1. Attended the MDC Black History Month social, worked on planning the agenda for the Senate meeting, worked with President Rugerio to designate emphases for the new Senators, and continued to plan and assist the Executive Team for the upcoming Student Government event on March 2 (more details later in the meeting).

iii. Chief of Staff (A. Trejo)

1. Continued to hold meeting with Interns, work on planning the scheduling for the semester, held meetings with potential new Interns. Chief of Staff Trejo also helped plan and work the MDC Black History Month Social as well as continue planning for the upcoming Student Government event.

iv. Director of External Affairs (E. Quinonez)

1. Attended the MDC Black History Month Social, Lobby Corps training, and is currently working with legislators' offices to schedule meetings with them for Lobby Corps.

v. Director of Operations (A. Grace)

1. Met with their intern to game plan the semester and how to best support one another. Senate is encouraged to email Director Grace (alegra.grace268@csuci.edu) regarding any ideas on what they want to see on the Student Government social media.

c. Judicial Reports:

i. Chief Justice (A. Rugerio)

1. No report.

d. Advisor Reports:

i. Advisor (A. Block-Weiss)

1. The CI View print edition went out on February 22nd which features an article on new clubs offered on campus as well as an interview with President Yao. The Student Programming Board Movie Under the Stars event is happening on February 23rd from 6:00pm-9:00pm in South Quad, and tomorrow is Student Press Freedom Day which is where student journalists share information on the importance on freedom of speech.

ii. Advisor (H. Alatorre)

1. The BASC is currently hearing from various campus departments who have submitted budget requests, and last week looked at allocations for student organizations. Premier America will be at Grad Fest and are also working the the Student Programming Board to host their Money Workshop on March 3rd from 10:30am-12:30pm in the Student Union's Meeting Room B. The Ad Hoc Ethnic Studies has continued their meetings and will next discuss Affinity Centers.

- e. Committee Reports:
 - i. None.
- 7) Outstanding Business:
- 8) New Business:
 - a. ACTION ITEM: Senator Emphasis: Senator of Academic Affairs (V. Ramprasad/ A. Rugerio)
 - i. Christian Franco
 - 1. Vice President Ramprasad explained that Senator Franco would be a good fit on both the Academic Senate as well as the Executive Academic Senate and is already showing initiative in their classes by sharing information regarding ASI Elections.
 - IV. I. Tolteca: I move to appoint Senator Franco to Senator of Academic Affairs.
 - V. A. Pogosian: Seconded.
 - VI. M/S/P (I. Tolteca/ A. Pogosian) 5/0/0 Motion Passed
 - b. ACTION ITEM: Senator Emphasis: Senator of Veterans and Nontraditional Students (V. Ramprasad/ A. Rugerio)
 - i. Aram Pogosian
 - 1. Vice President Ramprasad explained that Senator Pogosian has exhibited passion about the Veterans and Nontraditional students throughout their interviews and felt that alongside their passion would make them a good fit for the position.
 - VII. I. Tolteca: I motion to appoint Senator Pogosian of Senator of Veterans and Nontraditional Students.
 - VIII. C. Franco: I second.
 - IX. M/S/P (I. Tolteca/C. Franco) 5/0/0 Motion Passed
 - c. ACTION ITEM: Internal Affairs Committee Appointments (A. Rugerio)
 - i. Director of External Affairs- Emily Quiñonez
 - ii. Senator of Student Engagement- Jazmin Guajardo
 - X. I Tolteca: I motion to appoint Director Quinonez and Senator Guajardo to the Internal Affairs Committee
 - XI. C. Franco: Seconded.
 - XII. M/S/P (I. Tolteca/C. Franco) 5/0/0 Motion Passed
 - d. INFORMATION ITEM: Written Resignation of Senator of Housing and Residential Students (V. Ramprasad)
 - i. Elly Yang
 - e. ACTION ITEM: Cancel Senate Meeting on March 2, 2022 (V. Ramprasad)
 - i. B. Mosco: I move to cancel the next Senate meeting.
 - ii. I. Tolteca: I second.

XIII. M/S/P (B. Mosco/I. Tolteca) 4/0/1 Motion Passed

- f. DISCUSSION ITEM: Preparation for Be the Change: Civic Engagement Fair (V. Ramprasad/ A. Rugerio)
 - i. Vice President Ramprasad shared that the Executive Team has been planning their Be the Change Civic Engagement Fair which will be on March 2 from 11:00am-1:00pm in Central Mall, and will require setting up and cleaning up, which is why they requested the next Senate meeting to be cancelled. The event will provide students the chance to get to know local organizations and feel empowered to be civically engaged. President Rugerio also added that is important for students to be involved, and that being engaged with the community is something everyone can do. There will also be an Instagram Live on March 3 to allow students the platform to hear from prominent community members.
 - ii. Senator Tolteca yielded time to Chief of Staff Trejo who shared that they sent out a Signup Genius for Senate to fill out.
 - iii. Senator Tolteca yielded time to Advisor Block-Weiss who mentioned that they want all of Senate to be excited and represent Student Government during the event. Everyone who checks in will receive a wrist band and be able to get food from two food trucks and visit the vendors. The marketing will be shared as soon as it is finalized, and there will be a giveaway for those who attend and sign in for the Instagram Live. A list of which vendors are attending will be finalized by tomorrow.
- g. INFORMATION ITEM: AB 1746 The Cal Grant Reform Act (A. Rugerio)
 - i. President Rugerio gave details about AB 1746 The Cal Grant Reform Act and how it plans to remove all artificial barriers to the Cal Grant (such as age, time out of high school, and GPA). It also plans to provide an automatic growth factor, simplify the programs, and align state and federal policies. Senate is encouraged to take part in the CIVIC Challenge and create a video discussing their experience with the Cal Grant. Details on what they are looking for are in the President's Report Presentation on page 5.
- h. INFORMATION ITEM: Feb. CSSA Updates (E. Quiñonez/ A. Rugerio)
 - i. In the presentation provided, details regarding the California higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) were given (where they will empower students to advocate for accessible, affordable, and quality education), details on AB 1655 which would establish June 19th as a paid state holiday in response to President Biden signing the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, and a rundown of the Board of Directors meeting, where they approved suggestions from the Legislative Affairs Committee to make amendments to Title 5 (which would remove the requirement of SAT and ACT exams when applying to the CSU). It was also mentioned that the Vice President of Systemwide Affairs is looking for transfer student's experience (email Director Quinonez or President Rugerio if interested). Also mentioned was that the Written Comment system for CSSA meetings is now in effect and will be used to provide students who cannot attend the meetings to have their voices heard.

- i. DISCUSSION ITEM: Q&A with President Yao (A. Rugerio/ V. Ramprasad/ R. Yao) [Time Certain: 10:30 am]
 - i. President Yao attended Senate to discuss various topics and had a brief Q&A section; all points made and questions asked are summarized below.
 - ii. The impact of Chancellor Joe Castro resigning was mentioned and that the Board of Trustees is working promptly to find an interim Chancellor. In the meantime, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Steve Relyea will serve as acting chancellor.
 - iii. President Yao also spoke about Executive Director of Title IX and Inclusion Rebecca Lawrence leaving, and that the campus will work carefully to ensure any cases in the process will be handled accordingly as they search for a new Executive Director.
 - iv. The COVID-19 data was also mentioned, and that it is pointing the school in the right direction. On February 28th the state will make recommendations for mask wearing for K-12, which the campus will make note of as they plan how to proceed as a campus.
 - v. Senator Tolteca asked questions on behalf of the QSA President and sought information if any of the campus police officers have experience working with LGBTQ+ individuals or organizations either on or off campus. President Yao explained that they themselves don't know, but recommending reaching out to Interim Chief Drake Massey for that information.
 - 1. Lieutenant Jetton joined the meeting later on and readdressed Senator Tolteca's question and mentioned that the Police Department want to be as engaged as possible. They have officers who identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community, and continue to go through programs and crisis intervention training to better support the student population. They also shared that they encourage involvement with the QSA, and that Senator Tolteca should reach out.
 - vi. Senator Tolteca asked if President Yao has referenced any other schools and how they have been able to provide a platform for their queer students, to which it was shared that President Yao has don't mostly local consultation up to this point, but is open to collaborating to find the best way to support the LGBTQ+ population.
 - vii. Senator Tolteca asked if there was any possibility to expanding resources and program for DREAMERS and other undocumented students. President Yao shared that is it actively being worked on, and they are making sure to be in full compliance for their offerings. It was also shared that the campus is attempting to reach out to other schools in the system to gain their guidance, however there is no clear process, which is causing the campus to be progressing slower than anticipated.
 - viii. Senator Pogolian requested President Yao's input on how the addition of a new major and minor on campus would impact the current students and their academic progress. It was shared that while they do not know the specific details, it has been accounted for and specific questions should be asked to the Interim Director of Academic Advising Monica Rivas.
 - ix. Senator Pogolian asked about any plans to further promote the sports clubs on campus, and President Yao shared that he has looked into the resources necessary to create

NCAA and NCIA teams, but concluded it would not be feasible given the current student population. However, he shared that it is possible to scale up the club sports, and would be open to receive input.

- x. Senator Mosco asked President Yao on any plans for new food eateries on campus and in Town Center and if there was any Plan of Action. President Yao shared that their primary focus is to maximize the options they already have prior to expanding; also shared was that Executive Director of University Auxiliary Services John Lazarus is open to receiving student input.

Senator Pogosian left at 10:48am.

- xi. At this time, President Yao requested student input on the mask mandate as a campus. The points given and questions asked are summarized below.
- xii. President Rugerio shared that they are in favor in maintaining the mask mandate and expanding the offerings on campus so all students can have access to masks and feel safe.
- xiii. Senator Franco shared that they have received student input in frustration of continuing to need to wear masks when the mask mandates across the county have been dropped.
- xiv. Senator Tolteca yielded time to Director Grace who asked if there were any plans for two weeks virtual after Spring Break due to it's heavy travel time. President Yao shared that although they continue to monitor the case numbers, they currently do not have any plans to do a time of virtual instruction following Spring Break.
- xv. Vice President Ramprasad shared that when looked at from a wholistic perspective, the mask mandate does not hurt to continue to implement due to it's increased safety measures.
- xvi. Senator Tolteca asked for the possibility for the campus to provide more K95 masks, and President Yao said that they will work to provide more.
- xvii. Senator Franco shared the alternative perspective that while masks have proven to be safe, the numbers currently don't reflect a crucial need. They also shared that other students are frustrated at not being able to see faces, to which President Yao shared that no longer is it feasible to eradicate COVID-19, and is currently trying to figure how the campus can best handle it for the long run and mitigate risk.

9) Closing Comments:

10) Adjournment: 11:03am

Next Student Government Senate meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. on <https://csuci.zoom.us/j/85362211572>

Minutes respectfully submitted Alegra Grace, Student Government Director of Operations