



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 special meeting of the Student Government Senate will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at California State University Channel Islands, Student Union Coville Conference Room, located at One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012, to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1) Call to Order: 9:05 a.m.
- 2) Roll Call:
  - a. Senate members: Nicole Bernal, Kaylee Cheng, David Valero Armore, Jennifer Rios, Natasha Saxena, Andie Wyatt
  - b. Executive members: Brenda Amaya, Sara Ruiz, Alviana Johnson, Isaiah Ball
  - c. Public members: Andrew Doran, Ashley Cruz, Beatriz Espinoza, Maggie Domingo, Helen Alatorre.
- 3) Approval of Agenda:
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of agenda from March 4, 2020.
    - i. No Discussion
      - I. M/S/P (J. Rios/ N. Saxena) 6-0-0 Motion Passed
- 4) Approval of Minutes:
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2020.
    - i. No Discussion
      - II. M/S/P (N. Bernal/ A. Wyatt) 6-0-0 Motion Passed
- 5) Public Forum:
  - i. None
- 6) Reports: Legislative Reports
  - a. Senator of Commuters and Transportation (*A. Wyatt*)
    - i. Announced that there is now material to upload to the Commuter News. An article by PTDM Specialist Maggie Domingo has been submitted.
  - b. Senator of Sustainability and Technology (*N. Saxena*)
    - i. No report
  - c. Senator of Social Justice (*J. Rios*)
    - i. Will be drafting a letter of support for Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) efforts. Reported that this will be created as a response to the firing of many graduate assistants after living condition protests. Asks that if anyone has any interest in being a part of this letter reach out to senator Rios.
    - ii. Will be tabling on Wednesday for Bolivia at the SPB night market event. Announced that not many people have shown interest in helping during the event. Will send out a sign up

sheet again and hopes to get more student leaders out there to represent and get to know their constituents. Any questions please reach out to senator Rios.

- a. Senator of Student Engagement (*D. Valero*)
    - i. Attended a soccer meeting and practice. Would like to spread the word about this club to help increase attendance.
  - b. Senator of Academic Affairs (*N. Bernal*)
    - i. No report
  - d. Senator of Veterans and Non-Traditional Students (*K. Cheng*)
    - i. No report
- 7) Vice President's Report (*I. Ball*)
- i. Has been conducting 1-1 meetings with the senate.
  - ii. Announced that there will be an OpenCI celebration today at 2:00 p.m. at the Petit Salon. Some student government executive members will stand to introduce staff at the event. There will be a panel open for discussion, so vice president Ball encouraged all to attend.
  - iii. Has met with advisor Block-Weiss and concluded raising the senate spending budget from 300 to 600 dollars.
  - iv. Finally announced that a couple of student government members will be traveling to Sacramento for this years C.H.E.S.S meeting.
- 8) President's Report (*S. Ruiz*)
- i. Announced that the annual C.H.E.S.S meeting will be held this weekend. The focus this year is on the Fix Financial Aid campaign.
  - ii. Mentioned that there will be a luncheon for the state of university to discuss plans for the university for years to come.
  - iii. Mentioned that there will be more information coming regarding the ethnic studies requirement and that feedback was also asked from the faculty.
  - iv. Vice President Ball and President Ruiz have been working on next steps and how they will share feelings about this issue with the campus community.
  - v. Finally, attended the Arts and Sciences initiative meeting to discuss new visions for department. Shared that they were looking for student opinions.
- 9) Executive Report: (*A. Johnson, E. Neumeyer, B. Amaya*)
- a. Director Johnson:
    - i. Announced that the latest newspaper published by The CI View features an article about the student government lobby corps group.
    - ii. Director Johnson will not be attending the C.H.E.S.S meeting this year due to a conflicting prior engagement but is excited to hear reports.
    - iii. Finally, has been continued to advocate for the hot meals campaign.

- b. Director Amaya:
  - i. Asked that senate reports be sent in by noon on Thursday.

10) Judicial Report: None

11) Advisor Report (*A. Block-Weiss/H. Alatorre*)

- a. Advisor Alatorre
  - i. Addressed the senate and mentioned that spring break is near which means one week less to accomplish their goals as senators.
  - ii. Mentioned that next week will be a busy week for ASI. Mentioned that there is an ongoing search for an associate director. The process is currently in the hiring process. There will be interviews next week for the three finalists. Will be sending out appointment invites to have student involvement.
  - iii. Announced that the budget allocation process will continue. The committee has completed department requests for campus partners and deliberation for requests from student organizations will be next.
  - iv. Finally, announced that next Wednesday there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Premier America ATM on campus. Invites will be sent out soon.

12) Committee Report: None

13) Outstanding Business: None

- a. DISCUSSION ITEM: Senator Social (*J. Rios, A. Wyatt*)
  - i. Senator Rios and senator Wyatt continued the conversation from last week. The senate members were asked to make input about event details.
  - ii. Rios yielded time to President Ruiz who asked to keep in mind beverages and the budget and answered questions about how to provide beverage options.
  - iii. The senate discussed food options that could help bring an audience. Considered how many students would attend, which will be affected by the second phase of the central mall construction. The senate also discussed the best way to spend budget for promotional items. For additional ideas please reach out senator Rios or senator Wyatt.

14) New Business:

- a. DISCUSSION ITEM: Ethnic Studies Bill AB:1460/ Ethnic Studies Faculty Resolution (*I. Ball*)
  - i. Vice President Ball introduced the AB 1460 Bill written by assembly member Webber and the Ethnic Studies Faculty Resolution. Mentioned that if passed, this bill will have a quick turnaround and start to be implemented the following school year. The Ethnic Studies Faculty Resolution asks for more inclusive ethnic studies courses. Clarified that both bills are different.
  - ii. Vice President Ruiz opened the discussion for the senate to provide input.
  - iii. The senate took this time to discuss the differences between the AB 1460 Bill and the Ethnic Studies Faculty Resolution. Senator Rios would like to write a letter addressing the Ethnic Studies Faculty Resolution as the senator of social justice and have this be public to reach out and discuss with students at large. Senator Rios will continue to meet with

clubs to hold a discussion about both resolutions. The senate went back and forth discussing the way they will show support for either one of the bills.

- iv. President Ball ended the discussion for now and allocate time to other items on the agenda and will come back to this discussion later.

b. INFORMATION ITEM: Roberts Rules (*I. Ball*)

- i. Has sent out a cheat sheet to introduce Robert's Rules of Order. Asked the senate to open document so that everyone could follow along with the discussion. Vice President Ball went through the shared document describing the different motions and the language used in senate meetings.

c. INFORMATION ITEM: Internal Affairs Committee (*I. Ball*)

- i. Introduced the committee and its purpose. Handles internal issues such as bylaws and making changes to this. Mentioned that having an Internal Affairs Committee is important because it allows for change that could help Student Government be more productive in the future.

d. ACTION ITEM: Internal Affairs Committee Appointments (*I. Ball*)

- i. Vice President Ball asked the senate to consider nominations for themselves or for others in the senate to be appointed to this committee.
- ii. The senate took this time to ask clarifying questions such as the need for reappointment, who could be a part of this committee, and meeting times.
- iii. Senator Rios nominated Senator Bernal as she is equipped with the vocabulary insight needed to create a more coherent bylaw guideline. Senator Cheng self-nominated to be a part of the Internal Affairs Committee.
- iv. Senator Rios: I move to approve the appointments of Senator Bernal and Senator Cheng to the Internal Affairs Committee
- v. Senator Saxena: I second this motion.
- vi. No discussion

**III. M/S/P (J. Rios/ N. Saxena) 6-0-0 Motion Passed**

e. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Dolores Huerta (*S. Ruiz*)

- i. Vice President Ball asked the Senate pro temp senator Wells to take over the chair as he needed to step outside for a bit.
- ii. President Ruiz gave a brief description of Dolores Huerta and her work. Announced that Dolores Huerta will be coming to campus on March 18 for the Women's Recognition Event and later to an additional event held by SQE at 6 p.m. in the Grand Salon. Asked that if anyone is interested to please reach out for more details.

15) Closing Comments:

- a. Senator Rios encouraged all to attend the Bridge the Gap event being held at the Broome library all week and next week. Mentioned that volunteers are needed and to reach out for any additional questions.
- b. Vice President Ball will be sending out information received from Hiram Ramirez who works at the Multicultural Dream Center.
- c. Director Johnson mentioned that a group of High School students will be touring the campus on March 10. If anyone would like more information or is interested in participating, please reach out to Director Johnson.
- d. Senator Rios: I move to adjourn today's meeting.
- e. Senator Wyatt: I second.

**IV. M/S/P (Senator Rios/ A. Wyatt) 6-0-0 Motion Passed**

16) Adjournment: 10:26 a.m.

Next Student Government Senate meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Student Union Coville Conference Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brenda Amaya, Student Government Director of Operations.