



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, April 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom: <https://csuci.zoom.us/j/156026672> , Meeting ID: 156 026 672 to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1) Call to Order: 9:07 A.M.
- 2) Roll Call:
  - a. Senate members: David Valero Armore, Andie Wyatt, Jennifer Rios, Nicole Bernal, Natasha Saxena.
  - b. Executive members: Sara Ruiz, Isaiah Ball, Brenda Amaya, Liz Neumeyer, Alviana Johnson.
  - c. Public members: Helen Alatorre, Annie Block-Weiss, Ayleen Trejo, Maggie Domingo, Ashley Cruz, Sophie Nguyen.
- 3) Approval of Agenda:
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of agenda from April 8, 2020.
    - i. No discussion
      - I. M/S/P (J. Rios, A. Wyatt) 5-0-0 Motion Passed
- 4) Approval of Minutes:
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2020.
    - i. No discussion
      - II. M/S/P (N.Bernal / N. Saxena) 5-0-0 Motion Passed
  - b. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2020.
    - i. No Discussion
      - III. M/S/P (A. Wyatt/ N. Saxena) 5-0-0 Motion Passed
- 5) Public Forum:
  - i. Announced that there will be refunds for parking permits, totaling about \$48.75. The request process can be done through mail, email, or you can call for an in-person meeting. More information can be found on the COVID-19 facts website on the CI page. Additionally, there is still a bus route still operating. Bus route 99 is still available to those who need access to campus.
- 6) Reports: Legislative Reports
  - a. Senator of Commuters and Transportation (*A. Wyatt*)
    - i. Has been reevaluating her own senator position to go forward. Senator Wyatt would like to promote information through the student government Instagram account about commuter services. Announced that Commuter News material is now completed but is

waiting for approval to be put up on the student government website. Hopes that all help share material on their own social media accounts.

- b. Senator of Sustainability and Technology (*N. Saxena*)
    - i. Announced the ongoing Earth Day EcoChallenge, which Channel Islands has been a part of so far. Senator Saxena has Emailed all with information about the Earth Day EcoChallenge, which is an online global community in which individuals participate in sustainable challenges throughout the month of April.
    - ii. Also attended a webinar provided by CSUN's student government. Announced that they have been developing a marketplace application where students can sell and share things like furniture. Would like to implement something similar to benefit CI students.
  - c. Senator of Social Justice (*J. Rios*)
    - i. Has continued to draft a letter of support for COLA but has had to make changes as the situation keeps changing.
  - a. Senator of Student Engagement (*D. Valero*)
    - i. No report.
  - b. Senator of Academic Affairs (*N. Bernal*)
    - i. Has been attending academic senate meetings virtually. Attended a meeting yesterday, where a multitude of items were discussed, such as available CAPS drop in meetings. Added that flyers will be available online soon. Also announced that the library is sending computers to students who do not have access to one at home. Mentioned that the senate discussed the credit/no credit policy.
    - ii. Finally, the senate will be meeting on Thursday to work on finalizing the credit/no credit policy to allow students to have that option.
- 7) Vice President's Report (*I. Ball*)
- i. Has been meeting with the Academic executive faculty to discuss the ethnic studies resolution. Has been meeting with President Beck and Dr. Yao to discuss logistics about virtual instructions. Discussions like these have been taking place before the school transitioned to virtual instruction.
  - ii. Mentioned that there is an expectation for housing students to return to their homes. Also, housing would like to lower the student count still on campus to provide a safe place for those who cannot return home. More information will be sent out soon.
  - iii. Mentioned that regarding current COVID-19 circumstances, has been working on how to move forward as an organization. Has been communicating with team members and finding ways on how to continue engaging students.
- 8) President's Report (*S. Ruiz*)
- i. Has met with the senate executive team to discuss the ethnic resolution and the credit / no credit option and what this means for students. Mentioned that there is a petition going around across the CSU system about the credit/ no credit option and how this will affect student's G.P.A's.
  - ii. Mentioned that the SG executive team will be meeting today to discuss what the future of student government holds.

- iii. Announced that it is currently election season at CSUCI. Reminded all to vote on April 21 and 22. Asked all to follow the CI Student Union Instagram (@ci\_asi\_studentunion) as they will be providing information regarding elections.
- iv. Has been in contact with CSSA officials. Mentioned that there is current news that Chancellor White will be completing the term for the year. stayed for the rest of the year. Plans to write a letter to CSU presidents addressing the issues students are dealing with right now.
- v. Finally, mentioned how the commencement committee is working to find ways to celebrate graduating students during these challenging times.

9) Executive Report: *(A. Johnson, E. Neumeyer, B. Amaya)*

a. Director Johnson:

- i. Has been looking into what the director of external affairs position will look like for the rest of the year. Mentioned that the next CSSA meeting will be taking place next weekend. Will continue to investigate how all will look as far as advocating for students. Also, regarding the Lobby Corps, there are some ideas on how to proceed but the members need to meet to discuss soon. Would like to share policies with all to push forward.
- ii. Announced that the CI commencement committees and vocal committee have some ideas in the works but cannot share with the public yet. Also, announced that the student government executive team has been working on planning a way to celebrate graduating seniors.
- iii. Finally mentioned that President Ruiz and Vice President Ball had been preparing to represent at the senate level regarding open financial aid, but dates have been pushed back.

b. Chief Neumeyer:

- i. Announced that the Internal Affairs Committee has been planning to meet to change bylaws to best benefit students. Asked that if anyone has any suggestions to reach out to the internal affairs committee.
- ii. Has been in contact with interns and finding ways to schedule meetings. Has been working on figuring out the best way of communication between senators and interns.

c. Director Amaya:

- i. Announced that if anyone has information to share to students please send to Director Amaya to share on student government's social media.

10) Judicial Report: None

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

a. Advisor Block-Weiss:

- i. Announced that the April Issue of The CI View is now online at [civiewnews.com](http://civiewnews.com).
- ii. Announced that the elections campaign season has now began and voting will be April 21 at 8am to April 22 at 5pm through CISync. A social media raffle opportunity will ask

students to share a virtual" I Voted" sticker and tag @ci\_asi\_studentunion on Instagram (either a post or story)!

- iii. Also, the ASI paid positions are open until filled. Asked all to check out the ASI website for more information: asi.csuci.edu. The Student Government Executive positions will not conduct interviews until after the elections have concluded
- iv. Finally, a parking permits refund tutorial has been made on The CI View social media (both Instagram and TikTok).

b. Advisor Alatorre:

- i. Announced that if anyone has any needs to please reach out to advisors for support.
- ii. Announced that the Division of Student Affairs has been working on creating a one stop shop for student resources. Information will be sent out when it becomes available.
- iii. Finally, ASI will suspend all student organizations spending for the remainder of the semester that were tied to events. If there are inquiries, they will be looked at case by case.

12) Committee Report: None

13) Outstanding Business: None

New Business:

a. DISCUSSION ITEM: Check-in (I. Ball)

- i. Vice President Ball opened the discussion for senators and the public to discuss and check in with each other about current events.

b. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Covid-19 Updates (I. Ball)

- i. Announced that classes will continue as virtual instructions for the remainder of the semester and campus events have been suspended indefinitely. Will continue to attend meetings with Dr Yao and President Beck to continue to discuss how things will move on into the future. Shared that there is no set date as to when this will end. Also, all University functions have transferred online. Would like all to share all this new information online to keep all students engaged.
- ii. Senator Rios Yielded time to Advisor Alatorre, who suggested all to visit the Covid-19 FAQ page as reference.
- iii. Senator Saxena to Advisor Block-Weiss:
- iv. Clarified to visit the CSUCI website to provide more information about the May 29, 2020 withdrawal date.

c. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Credit No Credit (I. Ball/ S. Ruiz)

- i. Discussed the current petition to change classes to be pass/fail or credit/no credit as there is a difference. Shared that one option impacts the student greater, as it can negatively affect G.P.A. Shared that having the credit/ no credit option will allow students to make a decision that benefits them best. Also, would like to encourage future transcripts to include asterisks to show current circumstances in future reference. President Ruiz added that the petition already mentions a credit/ no credit option

available all semesters but wants more classes to opt for this option. President Ruiz would like to continue to find ways to best serve students, so they don't make rushed decisions regarding their academics. Mentioned that the next Academic Senate meeting will be held on April 14. Finally, regarding the May 29, 2020 withdrawal date, the senate has discussed possibly changing the date to May 15, 2020 to help alleviate stress for students and professors.

- d. DISCUSSION ITEM: CI's Earth Day EcoChallenge (N. Saxena)
  - i. Senator Saxena gave a brief overview of the Earth Day EcoChallenge. Asked the student government team to help create an Instagram post. The senate and executive members discussed the post's theme and how they would proceed about creating the post.
- e. DISCUSSION ITEM: Ethnic Studies Resolution (S. Ruiz/ I. Ball)
  - i. President Ruiz shared the inappropriate comments made by the staff from the resolution passed. Mentioned that concerns about student's mistrust of their professors came from these comments. Vice President Ball shared a copy of the Ethnic Studies resolution to help carry the conversation about how to proceed.
  - ii. Senator Rios shared the importance of withholding community standards and highlighting the diversity of studies offered on campus. Proposed that the senate write their own resolution as students.

14) Closing Comments:

- i. President Ruiz asked that the senate consider how to move on with the senator social as it could not take place before all campus activities were made virtual, if there is still interest.
- ii. Senator Bernal shared that CAPS had sent out campus wide email regarding virtual services.
- iii. Director Amaya asked the senate to send reports by tomorrow at noon, even if there was no actual report.

15) Adjournment: 10:58 A.M.

Next Student Government Senate meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom: <https://csuci.zoom.us/j/156026672> , Meeting ID: 156 026 672.

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