

Minutes for meetings of the Senate

California State University Channel Islands Student Government

Tuesday October 20th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at The John Spoor Broome Library at One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012

1) Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

2) Attendance:

a. Members present: Kevin Schallert, Lauren Pollack, Jennifer O'Neal, Alisha Leal, Katelyn Rauch, Christine Wamba, Paul Southerland, Brandon Clark, Douglas Whitesell, Alexander See, Jennifer Mota, Jonathan Neira, MacKenzie Garcia, Elizabeth Bingham, Anthony Bernardo, Samuel Van Buskirk

b. Advisor present: Jaimie Hoffman

3) Approval of Agenda

a. Objection; not sure if we need to approve the Director of Lobby Corps. It also wasn't posted on a copy that was publicly available.

b. Suspend Lobby Corps under Action Items and moved to Discussion.

c. Agenda is approved.

4) Approval of the minutes

a. Motion to postpone definitely.

b. Motion approved.

c. Senator Brandon Clark abstained.

5) Public Forum

6) Special Presentations

a. Dr. Evans-Taylor talks about the ASI Budget Allocation Process for Clubs and Organizations.

i. Thank you for inviting me to your meeting tonight. This is important because it affects your organization. One of the things we are looking at is having the Clubs and Orgs budget fall under ASI instead of Student Government. It is a process that has been in the works for the past couple of years. Budgets are very important because it dictates what you can and cannot do. This budget has been broken and we need to fix it. It was given to Student Government broken and is nowhere near good. It needs to be a lot better. A number of people in ASI were working on it before me (Genevieve). I've had the opportunity with Doug and Kevin. How is this more efficient than Student Governments three step process? Well, the way we are currently doing it isn't an efficient use of Student

Governments time. We need a system that is more efficient. Students ask for allocations on a yearly basis. We want to make the budget better than it already was. It is nowhere near complete. This is a big priority for the students and I want to know what your concerns are. I would love to meet with all of you.

ii. Presents the ASI Budget Allocation Process for CSUCI Clubs and Orgs 2010/2011 Draft flowchart.

iii. Student Orgs are responsible to go to the workshop, then they are given two weeks to develop a budget, then work with professional staff, and we expect them to turn it in. We schedule a presentation where they go to the board and have them introduce their budget. It is a lengthy 3 month process. The Seal Center is not a necessary step to complete the budget process so they took that out. They can still use the Seal Center as a resource. We are going to make more corrections on this budget allocation to send to the board and vote on it. I encourage you to be present. Come forward with a precise clear argument and with a plan. We have a wonderful board that is willing to listen. Come up with a plan that is better or meets this.

Questions:

Senator Jennifer Mota

Q: The three month period for the year long budget, does it start at the beginning of the year?

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: It is going to be different this year because this process is beginning in October. The process starts in October and would be in account in July 1st of next year.

Senator Jennifer Mota

Q: What about the new clubs?

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: We are going to create a Special Appropriations Club. New clubd will be able to ask for a set amount of money and the idea is throughout following year, if Clubs & Orgs come to you, then they can get the allocated money.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

Q: My first question is about the composition of the committee. I think Student Government can maintain Internal Affairs and handles the Board Deliberations, Budget Requests and Budget Submissions.

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: You would need to establish a Budget Committee. I would prefer a member from ASI board and a student from the ASI board since it is ASI money. Prefer that it there is an ASI treasurer on the committee. That is because whenever we talk about money for ASI, the treasurer is present and the most knowledgeable on subject. I suggest the committee be separate from Senate. Senate can handle it to an extent. This is a timely process and Senators need to decide if this is what they want to handle.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. Since we have been in the process of writing the Bylaws we have decided to put a committee on finance and funding depending on IAC and Senates approval.

Q: For religious organizations, how many different interpretations on the first amendment have we received on this?

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: We need to do more research because we don't want to get entangled between our state institution and religion. 5.11 Speaker Fund does not fund religious organizations, but they have a Speaker Fund to balance it. Any organization can come to you and have a speaker come on campus. It says they will give them the funding.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

Q: When do you expect this to be enacted?

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: Soon because it is an 11 week process and we have holidays coming up. It will be implemented in the spring. In the future fall of October, requests begin July 1st 2010.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

Q: Is there an appeals contest?

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: Yes, 3.02 changed to vice chair to have on the committee.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

Q: I thought ASI would be in charge of budget allocation committee?

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: Sub committee of the ASI board. Big difference of opinion is committee makeup. Article II Doug is going to work on potential committee makeup. Next project is creating forms for special appropriations process. We need to figure out a way to catch new organizations.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

Q: Is there an ability to recall members of the BAC committee or ASI board?

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: No, not at this point. ASI Vice Chair is voted in, research to see if there is something. Make sure they meet eligibility GPA and disciplinary requirements.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. (Reclaims yielded time) this is my biggest concern, if I don't like the lack of appeal/ impeachment involved with this committee.

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

i. You appeal it.

Justice Samuel Van Buskirk

i. 3.02 scares me in that one person, the ASI Chair, has the entire appeal process in there hands.

Director of Finance Alisha Leal

Q: With recognized clubs, I know they have a 500 and 800 accounts. If the proposal went through would all funding allocated go to their 800 account and would the 500 account would go away?

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: They would still have the fundraising 500 account

President Kevin Schallert

Q: My first question is if this committee be under the Romero Act in title 5.

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: Nothing says its behind closed doors. This process is designed to be transparent so that students could attend. The intention is to be transparent.

President Kevin Schallert

Q: What are your thoughts on making the transformation a two year process rather than a one semester change?

Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor

A: This is the same amount of effort they would be putting forth. I think it would be a burden on student organizations.

7) Reports

Advisor Jaimie Hoffman

i. Nothing to report

President Kevin Schallert

i. CFA Town Hall meeting was a success. The next town hall will be on Tuesday, 27 October 2009 at 4:00 PM in M100.

ii. CSSA was last weekend. The agenda is available in the office and online for your review.

iii. Lobby Corps

iiii. University Processes and ensuring student representation

iv. APC meet on Monday. The academic plan is almost completed. New masters program in Coastal Sustainability is being talked about.

v. Academic Senate: meet today. Alex See was given proxy.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. The Ambassador program is taking off and will start giving tours as soon as early November. This program is so that prospective students are given a tour by someone who knows many of the different aspects of our campus and to make their CSUCI tour experience a great one

ii. All are welcome to join us for the CSSA conference in LA. Nov 13-15 2009. Please let me know if you would like to attend and we will try to figure out transportation for everyone.

iii. Family weekend was a successful event. All the events ran smoothly and there was a huge turnout.

Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal

- i. Attended the CSSA meeting in Fresno and had Lobby Corps training. Hopefully I will be able to bring these skills to our Student Government and we can look forward to lobbying in the future.
- ii. Attended the town hall meeting and started petitioning.
- iii. I will be petitioning against the CSU Budget Crisis in front of the library tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The petition, along with the Resolution will be sent to the California legislatures and local officials.

Director of Finance Alisha Leal

a. Club Funding:

- i. Treasurer workshops have been taking place for the last 3 weeks
- ii. 20 clubs and organizations attended the treasurer workshops, some of which included 'Registered' clubs.
 - 1. I still felt as though the attendees from the 'Registered' clubs received plentiful information on Student Government in general, and reasons why they cannot apply for ASI funding:
 - 2. Ex. (members pay dues, restrictive clause in membership)
- iii. Assessment: Surveys were collected and will be used to improve future Club/Organization Treasurer Workshops
- iv. The workshop is named Part 1 and includes information pertaining to clubs' 500 accounts & how to request funding from Student Government..
- v. I'm going to work with Christine on her Part 2 workshop, which will include how to acquire the allocated funds, whether it be from the clubs' 500 account or 800 account
- vi. One question I received at the workshop was one on travel reimbursements. Although I clearly stated to the attendees that reimbursements will only be made for those funds that were pre-approved, there were concerns about travel price fluctuations and how they would handle working with their Student Government approved budget if a travel expense turned out to be more than expected.
- vii. Detailed quote should be submitted along with budget
- x. Sport clubs that attended were also somewhat bummed that they are unable to request funding from Student Government. I explained to them that they receive funding through Campus Recreation.
- xi. Student Government ASI email will be checked frequently for club budget requests. At this point, we have not received a single request.
- xii. Informal evaluation sheet can be used by Senate to compare the 9 Dimensions of Development and University Mission to any plans that clubs and orgs are bringing forth on their budget requests. Senate can use this as a guide when deliberating on funding requests.

b. Current Budget Report:

- i. Budget after September expenses was emailed to each Senator.

- ii. I am available during my office hours to discuss any items listed on the budget
- iii. At this point, the most frequent expenses are arising from class 505, which includes our Conferences and Seminars, for example CSSA.
- iv. Kevin has asked that I work closely with Senate and Executives to find funding within our budget to put towards the Lobby Core which is beginning to form.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

- i. CSSA Lobby Corps training is on Friday. We want to bring it back to our campus.
- ii. My class is working on the Constitution and the bylaws of Lobby Corps. We are trying to come up with a new name for Lobby Corps.
- iii. Every campus holds a bake sale. The purpose is not making money. The money that is raised will be made into a giant check and will be presented to legislatures saying students of the CSU are trying to do their part in paying for higher education. This is so bad that students are holding a bake sale.

Senator Elizabeth Bingham

- i. Thank you everyone that attended the town hall meeting.

Senator Brandon Clark

- i. Nothing to report.

Senator MacKenzie Garcia

- i. International students. Antonio said that students last year hosted international students at their home and shared Thanksgiving dinner with them.
- ii. Oct. 28th Sexceptions at Anacapa commons at 8p.m.

Senator Jennifer Mota

- i. November 5th Gender Bender Ball in Malibu hall 100
- ii. November 17th, Native American Celebration
Story telling, Dream catcher workshop, Dancers, Singers and a Presentation.
- iii. Women's recognition luncheon planning starts next month. If anyone is interested in helping, contact Jen Chapman.

Senator Jonathan Neira

- i. CSSA approved me for the Health Advisory Committee.
- ii. Attended the town hall meeting In Anacapa.

Senator Alexander See

i. Academic Planning Committee: The Master Plan is pretty much set for the future program implementation. Unfortunately most programs have been pushed back due to budget difficulties. However I am pleased that most of the scheduled programs were not scrapped, as there were some mentions of possibly scrapping programs, so this is a victory for our campus. I have sent to all of Senate, the current Academic Master Plan.

ii. Academic Senate: An answer to a previously asked question as to why the bookstore was charging double for packet copies of text is that the bookstore uses Xanadu publishing, which charges the bookstore those rates. The bookstore is upset with Xanadu, so they are looking for another publisher. They apologize for the high prices.

iii. A question was asked whether our campus could switch to the use of 100% recycled paper. The answer was that we could not because of costs but we already use paper that is 30% recycled, as it is mandated.

iv. A question was raised at today's meeting whether the military should be allowed to recruit on campus. There was some objection to yesterday's recruiting drive by the Army as it is seen as a negative influence on campus.

v. Another question was raised about using hot air dryers in the bathrooms and washable plates and utensils in the cafeteria.

vi. Provost Neuman said that she will have the Senate Fiscal Policies Committee look for any unnecessary spending around campus.

vii. Beth Hartung met with the CSU Vice Chancellor Ben Quillian and discussed our budget situation. -He said there can be no transparency at the Chancellors Office because of collective bargaining agreements.

viii. Eleven campuses around the CSU are looking at program elimination, another twelve are looking at program consolidation.

ix. 4 campuses are considering votes of no confidence on their administrators.

x. \$400,000 was restored to the CSU, this was found as unused funds around the system.

xi. Also looking to change the hiring system because the CSU only goes on a hiring spree once every 15 years and people retire in between which leaves a shortage of faculty and staff.

- xii. Looking to get a faculty member on the Board of Trustees.
- xiv. Discussed a new policy to define what procedures need to be done for establishing centers and institutions on campus. It was sent back to committee for re wording.
- xv. Discussed the new on-line evaluations for instructors at the end of semester. There was debate on whether to compare data between departments or the entire school. This debate went on
- xvi. I also have been helping out clubs in my constituency. International Relations Club, Model United Nations, Political Action Club, and the Psychology Club.

Senator Paul Southerland

- i. Nothing to report.

Senator Christine Wamba

- i. Chamber meeting. We talked about a freshman welcome back.
- ii. I'm meeting with Christine Thompson to put discounts on the website.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

- (i) Met with Dr. Evans-Taylor this morning about club funding and other ASI policies.
 - a. I'm very interested in looking at ASI's policies and seeing how Student Government can work together with ASI and fix our budget process so that it addresses the Board's concerns.
 - b. I am working on a new Club Funding document to address those concerns. IAC will be taking this issue up. I'll also be putting together a presentation to the Board; if you're interested, please let me know.
 - c. I cannot stress enough: I want and need your input at IAC.
- (ii) Attended the SPB Talent Show and also went to an SPB General Board Meeting.
 - a. Thanks to Student Programming Board, as they put on a fantastic show at the Talent Show. Congratulations to Brandon Avery, senior in Computer Science, for winning the Show with his rendition of "Piano Man" by Billy Joel.
 - b. As a whole, I think we need to work better and closer with Programming Board as our fellow student leaders. SPB is a valuable organization in our campus community and in our organization.
- (iii) Internal Affairs Committee meeting at 3 PM, Thursday, October 22, 2009, Broome 1710 to consider the Bylaws. Come one, come all. We did not meet last week due to midterm course loads on the Committee, but we'll be back at it this week.

8) Report Questions

Senator Brandon Clark

Q: What is the Ambassador Program?

Vice President Lauren Pollack

A: For respected student leaders that give campus tours and it is being turned over to the Ambassador Program.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

Q: Can you explain more about what Dr. Coller said?

Senator Alexander See

A: I don't have a lot of details and I apologize.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

Q: What is the collective bargaining document about?

Senator Alexander See

A: It was just brought up at beginning of the meeting.

Director of Finance Alisha Leal

Q: Have we appropriated or allocated the budget for statewide affairs?

Vice President Lauren Pollack

A: The Statewide Affairs budget was cut last year.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

Q: Are we going to hold this bake sale as a campus? Have we looked into policies on a bake sale?

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

A: Yes. It has to be purchased. Other campuses are baking cookies.

Senator Paul Southerland

Q: What is Sexceptions?

Senator MacKenzie Garcia

A: No idea.

Advisor Jaimie Hoffman

i. I believe it is against health and regulations to bake the cookies and sell it. We just had health and regulations visit, it would be wise for our entity to uphold to the standards.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

Q: Can we have a yard sale?

Director of Lobby Corps Anthony Bernardo

i. Sexceptions is an open forum with an RA and you write a question on a wall and they answer it.

Senator Brandon Clark

i. What is the Gender Bender Ball?

Senator Jennifer Mota

A: Held by Spectrum. They hold this dance every year annually. Clothes are gender neutral.

9) Action Items

- a. ASI Representative Appointment, Chaired by President Kevin Schallert
Confirm Lauren Pollack as the ASI Board Representative. She has experience and institutional memory that will provide a solid foundation for Student Government on the board and she will vote with eye towards future. Best candidate and will represent students well at the ASI board. Additionally, Lauren has a wealth of political capital that will be useful for our students.
Jenny Mota – Move to approve Lauren as ASI representative
Christine Wamba- Second

Discussion

Senator Paul Southerland

i. I think because she was on it last year that gives her the experience

Senator Brandon Clark

She would be great at it.

Move into vote

Unanimous consent for a division as seen in a roll call:

Christine Wamba, Yes

Paul Southerland, Yes

Brandon Clark, Yes

Douglas Whitesell, Yes

Alexander See, Yes

Jennifer Mota, Yes

Jonathan Neira, Yes

MacKenzie Garcia, Yes

Elizabeth Bingham, Yes

Vice President Lauren Pollack appointed and confirmed to the ASI board

Lauren Pollack resumes chairman ship of the meeting

10) Discussion Items

a. CSSA overview

President Kevin Schallert

- i. With the Bake sale, Hayley Bracken is excited to work on this. Technically we are not having bake sale to sell things, we are taking donations for higher education. It's about PR and noise. Music will be in quad hopefully. Get media.

Senator Katelyn Rauch

- i. Rest of system wide committee members were appointed. Adopted CSSA reserve policies. CSSA has extra 40,000 dollars that will be allocated appropriately.

President Kevin Schallert

- i. Last week we learned that the CSU would receive an additional \$75 million dollars of federal money, of which \$50 million will be used to expand Spring 2010 course offerings.

President Kevin Schallert

- i. After conversations with our Sacramento leaders, it seems that Higher Education is not highest priority – prisons, water infrastructure and healthcare are the top three priorities. We have our work cut out for us. Current budget system sucks.

Senator Katelyn Rauch

- i. Our ASI is an auxiliary of university. Because of those decisions the Board of Trustees makes. No matter what position. The ASI and our

Student Government cannot take a different position. Our Student Government cannot say we don't support it, we say we do or don't say anything at all.

President Kevin Schallert

i. AB656 there will be resolutions passed around wanting each CSU to approve resolution in AB656. Legally we are still figuring this out. Have to praise this as a student, not as a member of ASI.

Senator Mackenzie Garcia

Q: How do you choose what schools you hold at CSSA?

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

A: Alternate Southern and Northern Campuses. Two days after CSSA meeting Board of Trustees, to save on costs. Campus put in bids on what month they want. It is political. Campus like Dominguez Hills and CSUCI bid on March they decided to go to Dominguez Hills instead of CSUCI.

Advisor Jaimie Hoffman

i. I would be happy to help advise. Some clubs legitimately do bake sales to make money and would compete with other clubs. Days certainly need to honor. Make a louder statement. I will provide any advice.

President Kevin Schallert

i. I will have Hayley contact you.

Director of Lobby Corps

i. After an extensive and retracted search process, I am excited to announce that candidate Anthony Bernardo will director our first lobby corps. He will be managing the organization of about 10 students lobbying and working closely with Kevin, Katelyn, and Nick to make sure our voices are heard.

ii. Anthony 3rd year at CSUCI. I have been in leadership positions on campus.

iii. Welcome Anthony

11) Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Calendar:

IAC Committee Thurs BRO 1710 bylaws 3pm

NOV 13-15 CSSA meeting Nov. 14th

Nov. 17th Native American Celebration

Nov. 5th Gender Bender Ball

Oct. 28th Sexceptions 8p.m. Anacapa Commons