

## **Minutes for meetings of the Senate**

### **California State University Channel Islands Student Government**

Tuesday, November 11th, 2009 at 6:31 p.m. at The John Spoor Broome Library at One  
University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012

#### **1) Call to order at 6:31 p.m.**

#### **2) Attendance:**

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

#### **3) Approval of the Agenda**

- a. Agenda is approved

#### **4) Approval of the minutes for November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- a. Senator Alexander See moved to approve the minutes.
- b. Second, Senator Jonathan Neira
- c. Senator Brandon Clark abstained
- d. Minutes were approved

#### **5) Public Forum**

#### **6) Special Presentations**

#### **7) Reports**

- a. Advisor Christine Thompson
  - i. Last week the ASI Board met and discussed various items such as the Election Code, Student Union Guidelines, ASI Bylaws, ASI and USU Mission Statement. The ASI as well as the Student Government Club Funding policies was reviewed; I would like to commend Senator Doug Whitesell on his excellent presentation to the board, I think this body would be proud of his representation. The items previously discussed will be on the December ASI Board meeting agenda, if you would like to review any or all of the documents, please email me.

ii. We are seeking applications from excellent students to work at the new Student Union. I have posted two positions on the Dolphin Career Link on the CSUCI website. One is a student assistant Level II position and another is a Level III position. Please get the word out to your fellow student.

iii. The Director of Commercial Service at CSUCI is managing the food service for the Student Union; he is looking for some feedback regarding beverage preferences. Please provide me with your preference.

b. President Kevin Schallert

i. The ASI board meeting proposed two bylaw amendments as opposed to the bylaws by task force. One that put Extended Ed student on the ASI board one that would allow a student driven process to get rid of ASI members if necessary. I am currently in favor of those ideas.

c. Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. Maximus planning committee this Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the S.E.A.L. Center

ii. Next week Senator Jennifer Mota and I will put up trees for Casa Pacifica Christmas. The gift drop off will be in our office.

iv. CSSA is this weekend in LA (CSULA)

v. Block Party is this Friday and I hope to see you all there

d. Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal

i. No report

e. Director of Finance Alisha Leal

i. CSSA Expenses: We've budgeted for \$630 for travel at each CSSA Conference; this includes funding for meal expenses and hotel stays. Our registration fees are budgeted for separately from travel expenses.

ii. From July- September we went over \$68 in our travel budget for conferences, however, on more positive note, if we consider the total budget (which includes our registration fees) in that particular quarter (\$5138) we've only spent \$4927 which means we've saved \$211 total.

iii. I'll continue to monitor our expenses in an attempt to stay as close as possible to the monthly amounts that ASI has allocated to SG.

iv. An updated budget following October's expenditures was emailed to Senate last Friday. Please see me if you have any questions on where we stand with our finances.

v. Business Advisory Council: BAC will meet this Thursday in the MVS Center.

BAC consists of private and public sector leaders who advise and support the MVS School of Business and Economics. As the undergrad representative of this group, I will be attending and providing updates with all of you on any updates with the School. Should any of your constituencies have any issues or concerns with the School, I would be more than happy to be a resource to them.

vi. Committees: I was appointed to both the IRA and Scholarship Committees and look forward to representing and serving the student body in both these areas.

F. Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

i. Working on Lobby Corp with Kevin Schallert.

ii. Working with the CSSA staff about policies pertaining to CSUCI.

iii. After the meeting I will go over the agenda for the CSSA meeting this weekend.

G. Senator Elizabeth Bingham

i. Block Party this Friday and it is budget friendly.

ii. Continuing to talk to people in my constituency.

H. Senator Brandon Clark

i. Working on the Internship Program. I'm sending out emails tomorrow.

ii. If you get applications in the office for internships, put in my mail box.

iii. If you want to help with the process, contact me.

I. Senator Jennifer Mota

i. Attended the Community Access Retention and Success Committee meeting. We talked about the 2 year plan and the 5 year plan for the committee.

ii. CSUCI wants to replicate the demographics of the county.

iii. Some of the focus in the next few years is on STEM.

J. Senator Jonathan Neira

i. The Health Advisory Committee is on December 2nd at 10a.m. room TBA.

ii. Set up a meeting with Dr. Pasternak and Ms. Gravelle, along with set appointment times with the students in the committee.

K. Senator Alexander See

- i. Attended Academic Senate Today. Question was raised as to how our campus can be more sustainable with installing air dryers in restrooms and the answer was that our bathrooms do not have adequate electricity supply to support them.
- ii. Question was raised as to if the cafeteria could use reusable plates and utensils and the answer is that the cafeteria does have a dishwasher that can accommodate washing all the utensils that are used everyday.
- iii. Question was raised as to if military recruiters could be banned from campus and the answer is that our school would lose federal funding if we banned recruiters from our campus.
- iv. A Resolution was passed at the state wide academic senate to have March 2<sup>nd</sup> as a “Day without the CSU”. This encourages campus presidents to close campus on these days or for instructors to furlough all of their classes on this day.
- v. New GE policy was discussed where it will be based on a rubric of what was accomplished in classes taken rather than a list of required classes. There will be a wine and cheese event with faculty to discuss this.
- vi. The Academic Master Plan will have some friendly amendments to clean it up and will be brought up at next months’ senate meeting.
- vii. A resolution was passed which defines what institutions and centers are on campus. This is the first official definition of what is and what is not a campus institution or center.
- viii. I am looking into Judicial Affairs and whether punishment handed out for non-major violations fits the university mission. If, right now for example, somebody was caught with a small amount of marijuana they would be kicked out of clubs and not be allowed to take part in student government. Some feel that this is the wrong way to look at it because it will only encourage those people to continue their behavior because they cannot take part in campus organizations and will disconnect them from their campus.
- ix. Attended ASI Board Meeting and would like to commend Senator Whitesell for his presentation.

L. Senator Paul Southerland

i. Appointed to the park committee. The orientation meeting is tonight.

M. Senator Christine Wamba

i. Nothing to report.

N. Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. Last week I attended the ASI meeting.

ii. The board did not take action on the proposed club rules because they aren't completed.

### **8) Report Questions**

Advisor Christine Thompson

Q: Why are you trying to put Extend Ed on the ASI board?

President Kevin Schallert

A: Even though it appears unlikely that they will pay fees, I believe that an extra perspective on board would provide valuable insight.

Advisor Christine Thompson

i. Extended Ed students do pay 100% of fees

President Kevin Schallert

A: Yes, but there perspective would be beneficial.

### **9) Discussion Item**

a. ASI Mission Statement

i. Senator Douglas Whitesell moved to table.

ii. Second, Senator Alexander See

iii. Discuss the providing of facility into the ASI mission statement. Student Government weighs in on the ASI mission statement.

b. Student Government Bylaws

i. Article III and Article IV changes. Discuss these changes before we enact them.

President Kevin Schallert

i. Article I on what Student Government is; I recommend we strike that because it's not true that we are an auxiliary organization.

Senator Christine Wamba

Q: Why can students only do two years of Senate?

Senator Douglas Whitesell

A: In California, we like term limits.

Senator Brandon Clark

Q: Do other campuses have the same thing?

Senator Douglas Whitesell

A: No.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. Personally, I don't think there should be a limit because if they are elected by the students, that's their choice.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

i. Yes, but it encourages you to push yourself.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. We change our mission statement and our strategic goals every year.

ii. There is a much higher bar for changing amendments. This is not a process to be taken lightly.

Senator Jonathan Neira

Q: When was the last time our mission statement was changed?

Advisor Christine Thompson

A: Every year.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. Regardless of how hard it is to change a mission statement, it's amended every year.

Do you care if it's taken out?

ii. Questions about Chief Justice of Parliamentarian. Chief justice objectively rules on that?

President Kevin Schallert

i. Parliamentarians make decisions right on the spot. My question is what's your knowledge of Robert's Rule of Order?

Vice President Lauren Pollack

Q: If they don't know parliamentary procedure then what happens?

Senator Brandon Clark

i. I don't agree with this idea. I think each Senator should have an idea of what Robert's rules are.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. As bylaws say, I'm responsible for the role of parliamentarian. I agree we should all be well rehearsed in Roberts Rules. I just want to see if parliamentarian is something you want to take out or something you want for Chief Justice.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

i. A lot of ASIs have a parliamentarian. However, they are normally not Chief Justice.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. I wrote it and want to keep it the way it was written.

Senator Brandon Clark

i. Either way, I think we need more training on Senators.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

Q: Are we voting or in discussion?

Senator Elizabeth Bingham

i. My feelings are neutral.

Senator Jonathan Neira

i. Leave as is.

Senator Christine Wamba

i. Leave it

Senator Paul Southerland

i. I agree.

Senator Alexander See

i. Leave it.

President Kevin Schallert

i. Keep in mind it will be another threshold trying to find a Chief Justice that will know Robert's Rules.

**c. Executive Budget**

i. President Kevin Schaller read his statement in regards to the Student Government budget. Over summer, President Kevin Schallert and Lauren Pollack worked full time, including in the month of July. They worked to make sure the goals of Student Government were met. This is not uncommon and has historically happened for CSUCI students. Unfortunately, with the budgeting problems, this year they were not meant to work in July although, they received compensation. They are going to push around the money from different pits to fulfill the \$3000 hole. Also discussed the Fresno trip the money that was spent on a Friday, which was originally meant to be spent on Saturday.

Director of Finance Alisha Leal

i. I know you said we didn't budget for July, but we did. We just didn't budget enough to cover the cost. We only budgeted \$6,070, but for 3 months altogether we spent \$9, 300. We over budgeted 3000. For July, we went over \$500.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. New bylaws reflect who authorizes funds. What do we do now?

President Kevin Schallert

A: Shift funds around and work less over winter break.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. More of an accounting thing in Fresno. We did not lose any money, we just spent it before we were supposed to.

**d. CSSSA AB656 resolution**

Resolution created by CSSA in support of AB 656. We are not officially saying we support them, but we are saying we support CSSA in support of AB 656. We are not underneath ASI. There is a gap between what we need for the future and what we provide right now and it is getting bigger. Negative impacts are that the Board of Trustees won't take an official stance because oil infraction will be declining and they could take out state funding.

Senator Alexander See

i. Proponents say they can't raise gas prices. This could be a false promise.

Vice President Lauren Pollack



i. It seems like there's more negative than positive.

Senator Katelyn Rauch

i. We aren't against money. We need to be careful what we ask for. A lot of organizations have already signed onto the bill.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. This is a band aid to stop the bleeding. Right now we need the funding for the CSUs though.

Chief Justice Samuel Van Buskirk

i. Since this is supporting CSSA, I find it hard to support them to support a bill that is remarkably broken.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. I feel that it is better to wait to see if they amend the bill before supporting it.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

i. We can let CSSA know that we have questions about the bill.

Senator Brandon Clark

i. This bill seems so shaky and I can't support something where I don't know what's going to happen.

Public member Andrea

It should be looked at in the context that we are in a recession, budget cuts are hopefully not permanent. There are political ramifications for what ifs. Amend something once it gets out the door rather than wait for it. If it needs to be fixed down the road then it can be.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

If I was to support this than I feel like I would be supporting something unsure. I want something to be supported that doesn't need to be amended. If you want AB 656 amended, my suggestion is to wait to pass the resolution.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

i. I can send out a synopsis of the bill. You have to read between the lines, know the stuff it's not saying.

Chief Justice Samuel Van Buskirk

i. When you go up to CSSA this weekend, bring our concerns. We want to see some sort

of amendment done before a completed resource goes away.

**10) Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**