Minutes for meetings of the Senate  
California State University Channel Islands Student Government

A meeting of the Senate was held on Tuesday August 25th, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at The John Spoor Broome Library at One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012 to consider and act upon the following:

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

2) Attendance
   a. Members present: Kevin Schallert, Lauren Pollack, Jennifer O’Neal, Katelyn Rauch, Nick de Roulhac, Taylor Jonason, Elizabeth Bingham, Jennifer Mota, Douglas Whitesell, Christine Wamba, Alexander See, Alisha Leal,
   b. Staff present: Christine Thompson, Jamie Hoffman

3) Approval of the minutes
   a. Minutes for July 17, 2009 were approved.

4) Public Forum
   a. Jane Sweetland
   b. Samuel Van Buskirk
   c. Mackenzie Garcia
   d. Owki John Paul

5) Special Presentations
   a. Dean of Enrollment Jane Sweetland
      i. Office is in Sage Hall and she is a resource for student leaders about who we are as CSUCI students and knows a lot about access, retention, and success.
      ii. This year there were 6,000 applicants for our campus and we could only enroll 500. Fees have gone up, education is less affordable and there is concern about retention.
      iii. It’s a draft, who we are retaining and who we are losing when it comes to success at this campus.
      iv. Retention Management Planning – students are first. There are four kinds of students: Successful persisters, successful leavers, failed persisters and failed leaves.
v. Everyone has a different story and from each student from each of these categories we can learn.

vi. We need to help keep those students that can’t stay for various reasons due to their stories. We need to live up to our promises to the students. Focus not on individual students but on fixing processes that create obstacles.

6) Reports

a. Co-Advisor-Christine Thompson

i. ASI is updating its website and would like for Student Government to update their as well. Please provide feedback on how to make the site more student friendly.

ii. We plan to host weekly or bi-weekly tours of the Student Union. Sign-ups will be on a first come first serve basis. I will provide you with additional information as soon as the plans have been ironed out.

iii. Everyone has been asked to evacuate the Hub this semester. So as you know, your new location is in the Bell Tower and please take note that the CI View and nautical yearbook are now located in Bell Tower Room 1885.

v. Relay for life is in October. If you are interested contact Christine.

b. Advisor-Jamie Hoffman

i. This year there were 38 volunteers for the Ask Me campaign, which is a record. They answered 925 questions and I’m very thankful for the volunteers.

ii. First block party, Red White and Block party on September 11th and it is a patriotic theme that will need student government support and there will be a memorial moment of silence.

iii. Clubs and Orgs has great club Presidents that are proactive and motivated.

iv. The Seal Center and New Student Center are getting cross trained so that it is easy to help students. They are trying to make these processes electronic if possible.
v. Eva Klein is the Student Manager of both the NSC and Seal Center and Michael Milligan is the Clubs and Orgs assistant.

vi. The Start a Club process is changing.

vii. Christine and I are rotating at the meetings because of the furloughs.

c. President Kevin Schallert

i. Thank you Dean Sweetland for all of your work over the summer. It is greatly appreciated.

ii. Introduced executive team, Chief of Staff Nick de Roulhac, Chief of Communications and Marketing Taylor Jonason, Director of Statewide affairs Katelyn Rauch. Open positions: Sustainability Officer, Director of Lobby Corps.

iii. Newspaper Campus readership program. Currently we are not using NY Times, open to suggestions on how we can best serve students.

iv. Moral appears to be low on campus. Student Government will act proactively to reach out to the students and attempt to redirect the frustration of our students into positive energy. We will do this with a student town hall meeting in the new student center on Tuesday at 1:30.

v. We will be starting Topic Tuesdays.

vi. Thank you Lauren, Doug and Katelyn for your hard work over the summer.

vii. Encourage senate to get started with assignments as soon as possible

viii. Sailing team will have an info session on Sept 3 at 1pm in sage 2030.

d. Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. Hope everyone has a great first day of school.

ii. Thanks to the volunteers that showed up for the Ask Me campaign.

iii. We are looking for somebody to be on the Block party committee.

iv. Student government leaders need to schedule one on ones with Lauren.

v. If anyone is interested in being trained to update the website for ASI contact Lauren.
vi. Trying to set up a paperless suggestion box.

e. Director of Operations Jennifer O’Neal
   i. Please e-mail me your reports before or after the meetings.
   ii. Planning on creating a petition about the Furloughs and Budget Crisis to send to California legislatures.

f. Director of Finance Alisha Leal
   i. Thank you Christine and Lauren for helping with the hub and the Bell Tower.
   ii. Strategic Budget Committee might not cease to exist.
   iii. I met with Bill Cordeir who is the Director of the MVS School of Bus. & Econ. I will be attending all BAC (Business Advisory Counsel) meetings this year. I encourage all senators to come forward with any concerns or recommendations they might have to enhance the MVS School according to our University’s mission. I will take any of their concerns directly to Dr. Cordeiro.

g. Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch
   i. Thank you for the Statewide Affairs position. I will cover external issues statewide and attend CSSA meetings with Kevin and Lobby core with Nick.
   ii. CSSA presentation
      1. Main purpose is to foster and communicate among the campus student associations. It legally recognizes student voice for CSU system on Statewide level for 450,000 students.
      2. All 22 CSU campuses should be back this year
      3. Chancellor Reed gives us $189, 255 per year for CSSA funding
         ii. The meetings are on a Friday through Sunday, once a month. Last month it was in San Jose and this month it is in San Diego. There is more information on www.csustudents.org.
   iv. In July, not a lot of decisions were made. It was important though because they met with both Executive and Vice Chancellors before the Board of Trustees meetings. There was a 22% fee increase and if you complete all the graduate
requirements, instead of sticking around for the second major, they can hand you a degree and tell you that you’re done.

v. Decisions made at the Board of Trustees meeting were in direct effect of the decisions that were made in Sacramento. This is where it starts.

vi. ACR82 is resolution called discrimination free zone. CSSA chose a supportive stance of the resolution.

vii. AB656 the oil and gas severance tax CSSA is exploring this bill as an alternative source of funding for the CSU.

h. Senate

i. Elizabeth Bingham
   a. Elizabeth attended Welcome to CI and also helped with the Ask Me Campaign and answered a lot of questions

ii. Jenny Mota
   a. No report

iii. Alexander See
   a. Discussion of Budget Situation with Local Representatives.

   During the past month, I have been in contact with representatives from both the offices of Senator Tony Strickland and Assemblyman Pedro Nava. I can tell you all of what they said but that would keep you here for hours so I’m going to paraphrase what was said. After giving long winded responses mostly pointing fingers at each other, both responses can be summed up in that they both said “the situation probably won’t improve in the next year and they will try their best to make it better.”

b. Participation in Events this Week.

   This past Sunday some my colleagues and I worked the Student Government table at the “Welcome to CI” event. It was really exciting to see so many new faces, to see the revealing of the new logos, and to get the new school year under way. Also Tuesday I worked the Ask Me booth and answered students question about campus.

iv. Christine Wamba
   a. I am going to start and get all the logos for the dolphin discounts we all ready have to put them on the web site that way students, facility and staff
know where they can go and get discounts in the community. I am hoping to have it done by the end of September if not sooner. Then I am going to research companies that will print out wallet card size that way students, facility and staff will be able to keep them with them and use them all the time, to get discounts around the community. I don't know how long that will take but when I know I will let you know.

vi. Douglas Whitesell

a. MyCI rollout (https://myci.csuci.edu/)
Single sign-on with Islands domain credentials
Passwords reset every 180 days
Students can now self-reset passwords
Thanks Kevin for testing.
One issue about accessing from dorms has been solved.
Otherwise flawless rollout: well done, ITS.
b. WPA2 Enterprise (cci_connect)
Posters are in every classroom detailing wireless network changes.
New system is fast, easy, and secure.
“Set it and forget it”: once set up, students should not have to alter their network settings.
c. Furloughs
We need to be more active in lobbying, and making sure that the Governor and Legislature recognize the importance of the California State University and higher education.
d. Air Conditioning in Bell Tower, 2nd floor west (preview of Bell Tower renovations)

7) Report Questions

i. Jenny to Kevin

a. Is the Tuesday Student Council on just furloughs?

Kevin
b. No, it is also on state budget cuts and facts about the situation and what we can do about it.

ii. Christine to Doug
   a. Does wireless internet work on old computers?

   Doug
   b. Ask help desk and I believe you need Windows Xp.

iii. Jenny to Katelyn
   a. What has CSSA accomplished?

   Katelyn
   b. We were able to get all 23 campuses back to CSSA meetings to govern 450,000 students.

v. Jennifer to Jaimie
   a. What do you recommend we do as student leaders about the furloughs and budget crisis?

   Jaimie
   b. Get a lot of information. Bus up to State Capitol and find out what the rest of the other campuses are doing.

   Dean Sweetland.
   c. The strongest weapon is facts on who this affects and how. Be careful about broad statements, Stand up and say it’s wrong. Done be reactionary, be proactive.

   Christine
d. Be positive and put positive energy into this.

Jaimie

e. These initiatives are part of what you do. Don’t sacrifice goals because of Furloughs and let them know the positive and excellent things that are going on with our campus.

8) Action Items

i. Senate appointments suspended to two weeks agenda. We want at least one Senator in Advisory Committee.

   a. Motioned passed to move Senate appointment to September 8th meeting.

ii. Review of Senate Bill 10-01

   a. Motioned passed to approve Senate Bill 10-01

9) Adjournment

   a. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.