

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

Tuesday September 1, 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, Katelyn Rauch, Samuel Van Buskirk, Elizabeth Bingham, Jennifer Mota, Jonathan Neira, Douglas Whitesell, Christine Wamba, Alexander See, Alisha Leal
  - b. Advisors present: Christine Thompson
- 3) Approval of the minutes
  - a. Minutes for August 25, 2009 were approved.
- 4) Public Forum
  - a. Deanne Ellison
  - b. Margot Hardin
- 5) Special Presentations
  - a. Deanne Ellison: Relay for Life
    - i. Last year Relay for Life raised over \$12,000. They are shooting for 50 team members, each raising \$100. Over a dozen people are on the Relay for Life committee and they are looking for more student support.
    - ii. Relay for Life is planning on having 50 team members and they will be having an event on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>. It will raise money for a great cause.
    - iii. Any donations for restaurant night or the bookstore would be greatly appreciated. The goal is to raise \$5,000 this year.
- 6) Reports
  - a. Co-Advisor-Christine Thompson
    - i. For information in regards the H1/M1 flu go to [flu.gov](http://flu.gov), then click CDD, and click Ventura County Public Health. This site will give you up to date information. You can even register for reverse 911, which is a system where 911 will call your phone automatically if there is a threat in our area.

ii. IT is on project to install loud speakers at Student Housing and around parking lots on campus. On 10-15-09 at 10:15 there will be a duck and cover drill, please be a good example and duck and cover.

iii. Student Government, you did an amazing job, hands down, the best town hall meeting that I've attended in years. A great turnout that included our Vice President of student affairs, Dean of students, Athletics director, ASI Executive Director, and the Director of Leadership Career, Health and Recreation. Great job!

b. President Kevin Schallert

i. The Dolphin Golf Classic for the athletics program was on August 31, 2009.

ii. Thank you to Katelyn Rauch and Alexander See for coming to the Student Town Hall meeting and helping out.

iii. There are more Student Town Hall meetings to come.

iv. Held a discussion with Senate executives about reducing committees from Academic Senate.

c. Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. Heads up that the GPA requirements for Clubs/Orgs might be changing in the near future from 2.5 overall to include 2.5 each semester.

ii. Attended the Block party committee and the Senate Advisory Committee.

iii. The Blood Drive was on campus August 31<sup>st</sup>.

v. Information on the University 392 New Zealand trip in Bell Tower 1471 at 7:00 tonight and noon on September 4th, the trip is worth 3 units.

d. Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal

i. Very pleased with how well the Student Town Hall meeting turned out.

ii. If anyone has any advice about starting up a petition or letter to write to the California legislatures about the budget crisis, please contact Jennifer.oneal278@dolphin.csuci.edu or sgasi@csuci.edu

d. Director of Finance Alisha Leal

- i. Met with Christine Thompson on 8/31/09. Working on creating a shadow budget to reflect this fiscal years SG expenditures, including club funding expenditure updates.
    - 1. Process of taking actual amounts from approved budget and bringing it onto a 'reader friendly' version to facilitate funding requests for this academic year.
    - 2. Better tracking – more informed budget decisions.
  - ii. SG requested \$98,700 for 09-10; however was allocated \$89,500 from the total ASI budget.
  - iii. Club Funding Procedure/ request form
  - iv. Working on altering/modifying the club/org. funding request form. Updated version to reflect a long term budget, encouraging clubs to plan ahead and request funds from Student Government at one given time.
    - 1. New procedure will allow more time in senate meetings to carry out our SG goals covered at our summer retreat.
      - 1. Community Involvement
      - 2. Campus Collaboration
      - 3. Sustainability Efforts
- e. Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch
- i. Met with the Chancellor and discussed the CSUs goal of having affordability, accessibility, and quality. Since the CSUs are in a budget crisis and affordability and accessibility are becoming more difficult, the CSUs are trying to keep quality. If you have a class that is cancelled due to furloughs, please send the syllabi to Katelyn Rauch. She will be taking a record of all the furloughed classes to CSSA.
  - ii. If anyone has a personal story about the budget cuts, the furloughs – an encounter with the budget crisis, please write about it and send it to the media.
  - iii. We are still planning higher education march in January or February.

- iv. CSUCI is starting its first lobby core in history and is looking for someone to fulfill the Lobby core Director position.
  - f. Senate
- i. Elizabeth Bingham
  - a. Block Party Committee is meeting on September, 11<sup>th</sup> in south quad and will need Student Government help.
- ii. Jennifer Mota
  - a. The Multicultural Student Center is having an event called Latina, Now and Then and it will be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> in Malibu Hall
- iii. Jonathan Neira
  - a. Attending a meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> for Health.
  - b. Contacted the Office of Leadership, Career and Health in order to meet with Ms. Gravelle and Dr. Pasternak for Health Advisory
- iv. Alexander See
  - a. Praising the turnout with the Student Town Hall Meeting
  - b. The International Relations club is trying to find money for the Las Vegas trip.
  - c. The psychology Club is attempting to go without Student Government money this year.
  - d. Commends Senator Douglas Whitesell for revising Senate Bill 10-01
- v. Christine Wamba
  - a. Attended the Blood Drive.
  - b. Letters were written to the Dolphin Discount Program.
  - c. Santa Cruz village is taking mail keys back by September 9th and to receive mail, just go to the front desk with an i.d.
- vi. Douglas Whitesell
  - a. Thursday at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Computer and Science meeting.
  - b. Students are asking why we don't get New York Times anymore.
  - c. 65% done with by laws

## 7) Report Questions

Jennifer Mota to Katelyn Rauch

Q: What is the e-mail to send the syllabi to?

A: [katelyn.rauch824@gmail.com](mailto:katelyn.rauch824@gmail.com)

Kevin Schallert to Katelyn Rauch

Q: Can you please explain lobby core more?

A: It is a student run lobby effort on a statewide level. There will be a group going in district offices and a group that writes letters to legislature or finds representatives to. Basically, it is so that there are more voices to advocate and lobby for student issues. There will be lobby core training in October. This is the first year, so we are setting standards for what we want for the following years.

Kevin Schallert to Samuel Van Buskirk

Q: Sam, our new Chief of Justice, can you please introduce yourself?

A: I am a junior and a Psychology major. My extracurricular activity is helping people whenever I can.

Alisha Leal to Katelyn Rauch

Q: Can I have more information on the march for higher education?

A: CSSA put together a march for higher education and the people marched from one location to the capitol.

## 8) Action Items

## 9) Discussion Items

### 1. Student Town Hall Recap

- i. Minutes from meeting will be posted soon.

- ii. Next meeting the goal is to converse more with students and not just give information.
- a. Jennifer Mota
  - i. I thought the meeting was effective. I agree with Kevin on the fact that people were excited and were able to get lots of information. I want to help with advertisement.
  - iii. It would be a great idea to set up different times and dates for a larger group.
- b. Lauren Pollack
  - i. I think the library would be a good place for a Town Hall meeting.
  - ii. Passing out flyers is a great way to advertise.
- c. Alisha Leal
  - i. Some teachers are avoiding the furlough problems as much as possible.
- d. Samuel Van Buskirk
  - i. Pay attention to where most of the population on campus hangs out and change up the locations and advertise.
- e. Katelyn Rauch
  - i. Maybe set up a dry erase board for advertisements.
  - ii. Food is a great idea for each meeting.
  - iii. Advertise on Facebook.
- f. Douglas Whitesell
  - i. Adds on Facebook are cheap and an efficient way to advertise.
- g. Jennifer Mota

i. In regards to the food, I think less food or simple food is a good idea for each meeting because it saves money.

ii. Bring up the events to constituencies.

## 2. Block Party

a. Purchased sustainable mugs.

b. If there are any ideas for Block Parties and what to have at the table contact Elizabeth Bingham

c. Fact sheets about the budget and CSSA are ideas for the Block Party table.

d. "Ask SG" box for student government so that students can send messages of concern.

e. Everyone should try to make it to the first Block Party meeting.

## 10) Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.