

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

Tuesday September 8th, 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, Jennifer O’Neal, Katelyn Rauch, Elizabeth Bingham, Jennifer Mota, Jonathan Neira, Christine Wamba, Alexander See, Alisha Leal
 - b. Advisors not present
- 3) Approval of the minutes
 - a. Minutes for September 1st, 2009 were approved.
- 4) Public Forum
 - a. Pradeep Srinivas
 - i. Mission statement discusses the importance of graduate students with multicultural and international perspectives and I recognized that we don’t have a Senator to represent this group.
 - b. Shaina Thygesen
 - c. Brandon Clark
 - d. Paul Southerland
 - e. Mackenzie Garcia
 - f. Samuel Van Buskirk

Kevin Schallert

- i. I think it would be a great idea to have a representative for the multicultural and international group. We should work on it immediately and we should have international or graduate representative. The issue is that of the ASI organization, the fees must be paid so it is something to look into.

Jennifer Mota to Pradeep Srinivas

- i. By attending these meetings are you imposing you want the position as senator?

Pradeep Srinivas

- i. It doesn't matter

Alisha Leal

- i. I think it would be great to have an international senator on the team because it would make us grow more and it's a good idea.

Katelyn Rauch

- i. Can u expand on this issue Kevin?

Kevin Schallert

- i. I know other schools have expanded in this area. I don't know if in our case, we're big enough to start the program, but making the grad program part of this organization is a good idea. Right now we have an international student club and the mandatory ASI fees allows for collective bargaining and association. One of our biggest pillars that we have is the international one. Your coming here is timely, our international program is getting bigger and if we look at it within the next couple months and year, it can be a great addition.

Katelyn Rauch

- i. How many students do we have in the multicultural and study abroad group?

Pradeep Srinvas

i. 24 students abroad and 16 international

5) Special Presentations

6) Reports

a. President Kevin Schallert

i. MS Ride, OCT 3-4 2009, if you are interested in riding or can donate contact Andrew Morris. Pick up a post card if you are interested.

ii. Parking in the gym parking lot. We are gearing up for the next phase of the infrastructure improvement process. The gym parking lot has been retrofitted for two way traffic as the road between the adjacent roads will be closed. Please be flexible and promote patience among your peers.

iii. USU time table: I have heard talk that the union is behind schedule. This is misinformation. We are on track to open to students in January. I took a tour of the building on Thursday and it is an exciting building.

iv. Swine Flu: 2000 Students at Washington State University have swine flu (H1N1). Most cases have been mild (2-4 days). I encourage the senator who chairs the Student Health Advisory Committee to work with the campus to educate you on the issue.

v. Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus is the author of creating a world without poverty. He will be coming to campus Feb 26th. Block it off your calendars. In other news, on his new social business cassette he mentions CSUCI as the one university in the world that gets “it”

- vi. 22 students from CSUCI science programs are in PHD and vocational programs such as MD, vet, dentist.
- vii. Smithsonian will be honoring the work of CSUCI on the brocarco oral history project. We are being honored with three other schools: Georgetown, brown and UT at El Paso.
- viii. Rumble.com good source of California news can also get on the CSU editorial list serve. If you are interested, let me know.
- ix. Town Hall, Oct 14th hosted by Center for Civic Engagement.
- x. CLU will be hosting a conference on organization. Oct 10th. There are a limited amount of free tickets for students.
- xi. CSUCI will host Campus Compact's annual conference. This is an affirmation to our schools commitment to civic engagement. Last year it was hosted at Georgetown
- xii. Mission statement: know it. Live it, love it.

b. Vice President Lauren Pollack

- i. This past week the Senate Advisory Committee met with different candidates for interviews and recommended them to the president.
- ii. The Block Party is this Friday and again if you need shirts then email me. I would like everyone to be there.
- iii. Please schedule our bi-weekly one on one meeting if you have not already.
- iv. I will be out of the office until next week but you can contact on my cell or through email.

c. Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal

- i. Keep report questions, questions. If you want to discuss an item, we can put it on the report under Discussion Items.

d. Director of Finance Alisha Leal

- i. Club Funding Policy copies will be placed in seal center this week.
- ii. I'm working on quality questions for clubs' requesting funds from S.G.
- iii. A great deal of questions will reflect the 3 C's for S.G. goals, dimensions of development and the University's mission. Senate will have these descriptions on their flash drives to refer to when clubs present at our meetings.
- iv. I'm in the process of coordinating a timeline with the seal center for the exact process submission dates & pick up of funding request forms.
- v. I'm working on a cover letter to attach to the request forms which will include months and event/program name. If clubs do not utilize the funds that were allocated to them on a given month, it will go back into the general S.G. club account for future requests. This attachment will encourage clubs' long term budget planning.
- vi. 1st Business Advisory Council meeting for the fall semester will take place this Thurs. 9/10/09 at 7:30am in the MVS center rm.
- vii. Some of the topics of discussion will include:
 - 1. Upcoming Speaker Event – Dr. Sung. (Economics)
 - 2. Strategic plan for the MVS School

e. Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

- i. Able to attend the meeting for lobby corps last week. Still looking for a director of lobby corps, contact Katelyn or Kevin.
 - ii. Working on CSSA agenda for CSSA meeting next week.
 - iii. Still finalizing documents for syllabuses. All other 23 campuses are also coming up with document to show how bad it really is. March for higher education will probably be on the third week in February. It will be on a Thursday or a Monday.
 - iv. Out of all the trustees, there's only one student trustee. We are trying to get him to come to a Student Town Hall meeting; there is a restriction on travel because of budget.
- f. Elizabeth Bingham
 - i. After last week's presentation for Relay for Life I decided to sign up and I sat at the table to collect donations.
 - ii. I met with the senate advisory committee and with Christine Moss.
- g. Jennifer Mota
 - i. Community engagement and service learning on what they are planning to do for month of September.
 - ii. On the 10th and the 14th United Way, a volunteer organization, is recruiting on campus.
 - iii. SPB for river haven project needs 25 volunteers to build tents. The tents being put up will be u-domes
 - iv. September 17th is Constitution Day. We are celebrating the day it was written.
 - v. Having a guest speaker on October 14th for town hall meeting.
 - vi. Citizenship week on campus coming up.

vii. Pack a backpack for Casa Pacifica for school supplies and take them over to there.

Great example for cause. Casa Pacifica tutoring in tie for river haven project.

h. Jonathan Neira

i. Business Club bowling social tomorrow from 9p.m. to 12p.m. in Camarillo. It's 8 dollars per person.

ii. For my assignment, I'm meeting on the 14th. I talked about setting up a bar social for a school ride.

i. Alexander See

i. Campus Compact Coalition is over

ii. For my assignment I met with Steve Lafay and they've decided on what majors will be coming.

iii. There is an Academic Planning meeting this Monday.

v. The minutes from last week's Student Town Hall meeting are available.

iv. Aids day is on September 1st

j. Christine Wamba

i. Attended a meeting last Wednesday with Julia Wilson of university advisement about the book.

ii. Try to promote it and have all the different groups and organizations come together and support it on February 26th.

iii. Car wash at home depot lot

7) Report Questions

Jennifer Mota to Christine Wamba

Q: What does ASI do at the block party?

A: We will have sustainable mugs and provide pictures with the dolphin mascot.

Alisha Leal to Christine Wamba

Q: When is car wash?

A: Sunday the 13th

Jonathan Neira to Christine Wamba

Q: What time is the block party?

A: 9 p.m.

Jonathan Neira to Kevin Schallert

Q: What is the book title?

A: Muhammad Yunus

Mackenzie Garcia to Elizabeth Bingham

Q: How do you sign up for Relay for Life?

A: There is a website for Relay for Life and they are trying to get 50 team members.

Katelyn Rauch to Alexander See

Q: When is the list updated?

A: Still updating.

8) Action Items

Senate appointments

i. Kevin Schallert

a. I want to thank the Senate for putting in extra time to come up with the best candidates for the positions. I interviewed 13 people and ended up with three really good candidates.

ii. Brandon Clark

a. I'm a junior, Communication Major and Political Science minor. I really want to give back to the community and I want to look at what the students' ideas are and bring those ideas into this setting to make this place a better community. My leadership background – debate team captain in which I won awards, I was the team captain for a club soccer team. I also worked for Apple for over a year and a half and now I'm deciding to focus on school. I was a mentor for their new hires. I learned that speaking, talking and communicating with individuals help create ideas that will work for them. I can explain complicated ideas to every type of individual and help them with what they need. I am passionate about helping this group out, thank you!

iii. Paul Southerland

a. I am a Business major and a junior here. Thank you for the consideration for this seat. I don't have a lot of experience, but I have some great role models and through their advice and my observation I believe I can really help this school out. I helped out with Relay for Life. I have also given ideas for United Way funding.

v. Mackenzie Garcia

a. I'm a sophomore at CSUCI and a Political Science, Communication major and a Global Studies minor. I have done a lot of volunteering; this summer I interned for a county supervisor and it was a really good experience to understand how the political system works. I want to get involved with the campus and I want to get involved in a role on what's going on here and get to know everyone and have good year of trying to make a difference.

vi. Kevin Schallert

b. Personally, I recommend all of them. These three candidates have been exemplary from the interviews and discussions I have had with them.

9) Questions for the Senate candidates

i. Samuel Van Buskirk

Q: What personality trait makes u most suited?

1. Paul Southerland: I am charismatic and love dealing with people

2. Mackenzie Garcia: I'm extremely punctual and responsible down to the minute. I tend to be right there and on time. I get work done

3. Brandon Clark: I am a passionate person when I'm interested in something and I like to get involved. I don't settle for anything less than that. I am ambitious and passionate.

ii. Jennifer Mota

Q: Is there any reason why you didn't run last year?

1. Mackenzie Garcia: I really wasn't aware of how student government works and was undeclared in a major and now that I know what I want to do I decided to get involved.

2. Paul Southerland: I had a sudden realization that I haven't helped out and I want to help out.

3. Brandon Clark: Working 40 hours a week and decided to get involved now. I went to Costa Rica for two weeks and it opened my mind to other people and I want to give back and expand that. I want to give back to the campus

iii. Alexander See

Q: How do you deal with conflicts?

1. Brandon Clark- While working at Apple, I dealt with a lot of people on a daily basis. I was able to diffuse any situation and turn a bad situation into positive one. I turn conflicts

into a collaborative effort and make it a key point. I am able to work on different problems.

2. Paul Southerland: Being a student alone deals with conflicts and deadlines. Working at FedEx we have to get hundreds of packages out by a certain deadline

3. Mackenzie Garcia: I have a lot of customer service experience and deal with conflict. Also, having a little brother and dealing with working things out with my brother and living with three girls I've never met before, it is a collaborative effort.

10) All three candidates were moved to approve by acclamation.

11) Judiciary Program

i. Kevin Schallert

a. Sam has been coming to the meetings recently. A Judiciary Program was put into student government three years ago and contained chief and chief justices. The problem after first year was that the seats were vacant for the following two years. There were some situations where this position could've helped student government last year. If clubs don't like a situation, or have internal conflicts, you can go to the judiciary. They are really important positions and program is made up of a Chief justice and two associate justices. Sam came an interviewed over summer. Sam is an exceptional candidate.

ii. Samuel Van Buskirk

a. Greetings! I am not a very quiet person. I state my opinion in a non-offensive way to get much information as possible in a fast manner. My history shows that I tend to take jobs where I can help people out. I'm currently a math teacher for the developmentally disabled adults. Being a Psychology major brings a different outlook

on the table. I am OCD and will do my job to the best of my ability. I will be working on general management, organization, and will be looking into interpretation according to the bylaws. I have an amazing speech background, a lot of first place trophies. I am not shy and I am willing to listen. I hope to be voted in.

12) Questions for the Judiciary candidate.

i. Katelyn Rauch

Q: How familiar are you with the Board of Trustee meeting in July?

A: I am a financial aid student so it became important to me very quickly.

ii. Katelyn Rauch

Q: How would you have voted for the budget crisis?

A: I would have had to vote over the entire issue. Furlough day I have a problem with. We are still going to school the same amount of time and getting information with the same amount of schedule. I would need to look over the situation more. We need to produce money later; Cal grants money. When I had financial aid money, they had money to buy all my books. I did mostly volunteer work and when I didn't have money to buy my books it was a problem. Some sort of accommodation would've been nice for people that don't have other financial situations to fall back on.

iii. Katelyn Rauch

Q: Would you have voted for everything to pass?

A: Yes, because of the understanding of the necessity of it. The reason why students are upset is because they don't know anything about it.

13) Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.