

Minutes for meetings of the Senate

California State University Channel Islands Student Government

Tuesday January 19th, 2010 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, Alexander See, Jonathan Neira, Douglas Whitesell, Brandon Clark, Paul Southerland, Mackenzie Garcia, Christine Wamba, Elizabeth Bingham, Samuel Van Burskirk

b. Advisors present: Christine Thompson, Jamie Hoffman

3) Approval of the Agenda:

a. Pursuant to Section 2.3.2, paragraph (b) of the Bylaws, Senate determined that serious and compelling reasons existed, and an agenda item was added to include action to nominate and confirm a Student Government ASI Board Representative.

b. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

4) Approval of the Minutes

a. The minutes for November 17th were approved.

5) Public Forum

6) Special Presentations

7) Reports:

a. Advisor Christine Thompson:

i. ASI Meeting Changed to January 20, 2010.

ii. All information regarding the ASI meetings can be found on the ASI Website which is www.asi.csuci.edu.

iii. If you would like to receive up to date information regarding ASI Board meetings please email me. There is a section on the website where students can choose this option by emailing me. In both cases I will add you to the ASI Members of the Public Distribution List.

iv. Student union construction update: There have been some set backs which have prolonged the construction of the building. There is a construction meeting tomorrow in which we will have a better understanding of when the building is projected to open. We will also know if we can proceed as planned with the Grand Opening festivities.

v. Due to the pending construction, Student Government and Student Programming Board will work in the SEAL Center until the Student Union Building opens. Jaimie, Dr. Evans Taylor, and I will have keys to the room. IT will be setting up your workstations which will include computers, phones, and printing capabilities as soon as possible.

vi. ASI has hired 12 student union student assistants. Student Level II employees are: Blake Kibby, Brandon Dowling, Brandon Weber, Caitlin Shay, Diana Ballesteros, Ashley Filipek, Karina Cruz, and Sarah Mason. Supervisor Level III employees are Brandon Clark, Christina Cabral, Dulce Lopez, and Brandelyn Johnston

b. President Kevin Schallert

i. Executives will focus on Voter Registration, Lobbying and getting into the new Student Union.

- ii. CHESS conference is this semester.
 - iii. Rally at the capitol will be held this semester.
 - iv. Make sure everyone is engaging and empowering students. Those serving on committees should continue to serve and keep the Executive team up to date.
- c. Vice President Lauren Pollack
 - i. I would like everyone in Student Government to email their schedule, office hours, and what time they want to have their one on one meeting starting next week. The best day for the one on one meeting is Tuesday but I can work around anything. Please email me by the end of the week.
 - ii. Topic Tuesday will be every other Tuesday. Therefore we will wear the polos every other Tuesday. We are going to have topic questions and get ideas from students. We will have little giveaways with CI gear.
- d. Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal
 - i. Please email me your reports by 12 p.m. on Wednesdays. My email is: Jennifer.oneal278@csuci.edu
- e. Director of Finance Alisha Leal
 - i. We started out with an allocation of \$89,500 from ASI. So far, we've spent approximately \$23,000 (not including November & December salaries and CSSA registration costs). Budget summary will be emailed to Senate early next week.
 - ii. We've been successful in staying within budget. 2nd Quarter SG financial review will take place February 2nd with Dr. Taylor and Christine.
- f. Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch
 - i. CHESS will be April 23rd – 26th
 - ii. March 22nd is the March for Higher Education date for Sacramento.
 - iii. The Board of Trustees has two student Trustees. One of the Trustees decided to step down so the position is now vacant.
 - iv. AB656 was amended. Torrico came to meeting in December.
 - v. There was a hearing January 11th on revenue taxation committee and it passed. The Board of Trustees have not taken an official stance.
- g. Advisor Jamie Hoffman
 - i. Still in the process of Clubs and Orgs. Clubs need to resubmit their applications.
- h. Senator Elizabeth Bingham
 - i. My class schedule conflicts with the Block Party Meetings. If anyone is interested, please contact me.
- i. Senator Brandon Clark
 - i. Toured the New Student Union. Our office looks nice.
 - ii. Back to Basics is February 12th -13th. Sign up online or go to Student life in the Recreation Center.
 - iii. The Internship program sent out 50 emails and hasn't received any feedback. Any ideas on how to get this started would be really helpful.
- j. Senator Mackenzie Garcia
 - i. Nothing to report.
- k. Senator Jonathan Neira
 - i. Nothing to report.

l. Senator Alexander See

i. The Governor state of address looks good for CSU's.

m. Senator Paul Southerland

i. I received an email from Caroline Doll about the 28th this month. There is a meeting from 10:30 to 12:30. The agenda is not finalized.

n. Senator Christine Wamba

i. Chamber meeting this Thursday.

ii. Let students know about the Dolphin Discount Program.

o. Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. Nothing to report.

8) Report Questions:

Senator Mackenzie Garcia to Paul Southerland

Q: Where is the meeting at?

A: Lindero Hall room 1804

Senator Jonathan Neira to Senator Brandon Clark

Q: Can you email me about Back to Basics?

Senator Brandon Clark to Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

Q: Why did AB 656 change the percentages in funding for the CSU's, UC's and Community Colleges?

A: Funds were unequally split between the colleges and they felt it wasn't necessarily fair. CSU's rely on state funds.

9) Action Items

a. Director of Lobby Corps Appointment

i. Senator Douglas Whitesell moved.

ii. Senator Mackenzie Garcia seconds.

No discussion

iii. Voting for Anthony Bernardo for the Director of Lobby Corps passed.

b. Adopt FY 09-10 Budget

i. Senate must approve budget.

ii. Senator Jonathan Neira moved.

iii. Senator Alexander See seconds.

c. Approved Resolution 10-02

d. CSSA AB656 Resolution in Support of AB656

i. Senator Brandon Clark moved.

ii. Senator Alexander See seconds.

Discussion

Senator Alexander See

i. The problem with AB 656 that I have is that most of our oil in California comes from the Santa Barbara Channel and the oil infrastructure out there is getting old and outdated and it cannot be replaced because of restrictions on any new offshore oil developments. I believe that the platforms in the channel will be closed in ten years and our funding will dry up. The reason why this tax is successful in Texas and Alaska is that new offshore developments are allowed and provide a stable amount of revenue.

Senator Jonathan Neira

i. I don't approve of the word 'stable' in line 38. I do not think this is a stable source.

President Kevin Schallert

i. This isn't the only source there will ever be. We can move to strike that word out. The language is saying that this tax should not supplement the need from the general fund.

Senator Mackenzie Garcia

I. Are there any other ideas that have been thought up?

President Kevin Schallert

i. We have not talked about any other sources, but possible Prop 98.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

i. There is a competing bill for the oil and gas severance tax that would be put into the general fund.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. This is a Resolution in support of CSSA educating the CSU community about AB656.

President Kevin Schallert

i. For this sort of resolution, the Resolved are good if from all CSU's, but the clauses need to be made accurate. This is CSUCI Senates' word.

Senator Jonathan Neira

i. I want to strike out the word 'dedicated' and 'stable'.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. Is the Resolved okay?

Senator Alexander See

i. I'm abstaining because this bill has a major flaw.

Senator Brandon Clark

i. The bill is short-sided but it will help. Within that time, the state can pull out of decline and provide money in other ways.

President Kevin Schallert

i. I want to make sure everyone knows what the Resolution is stating. It just says we support CSSA supporting educating students and others about AB 656.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. If you do not like the Resolution, vote what you want to vote.

Amendments

- i. Senator Jonathan Neira moves to strike out 'stable' and 'dedicated' in line 38.
- ii. Elizabeth Bingham seconds
- iii. Unanimous consent

Friendly Amendment

- i. Strike out 'stable' in like 20.
- ii. Line 42 add 12.5% tax placed on oil and gas.

Approved by majority.

Abstentions by Alexander See and Christine Wamba.

e. ASI Board Representative

- i. Every first Thursday of the month from 8-9:30 a.m. we need an ASI board Representative. The next meeting is tomorrow and then the first Thursday of February.

Advisor Christine Thompson

- i. This semester is a hard semester due to spring semester budgets and allocations.

Nominees for ASI Board Representative:

1. Katelyn Rauch
2. Jonathan Neira
3. Douglas Whitesell

Reason for running for this position:

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch: I've been involved in Student Government for two years and I am interested in seeing how ASI works and I have ideas to contribute.

Senator Jonathan Neira: I have had the privilege of sitting on the board and I'm going to be here next year.

Senator Douglas Whitesell: I would be honored to serve the students in this capacity. I have ideas about longer term vision.

Discussion/Questions:

Senator Mackenzie Garcia

Q: Do you appoint someone new each year?

A: Yes.

Samuel Van Buskirk

Q: If you were over ridden by one of the faculty members how would you handle it?

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch: Communication. If I knew I had a different stance I would speak to them before the meeting or address it to the board.

Senator Jonathan Neira: Each circumstance is handled differently. My goal would be getting the point across and not offending anyone.

Senator Douglas Whitesell: Express what you think is right and what is right for the student. There must be room to compromise. When it's reached, it's a victory for everyone. Once it's solved you can work on the next problem.

President Kevin Schallert

- i. What are your one or two priorities for this semester?

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

- i. More representation for students on the board.

Senator Jonathan Neira

- i. Can not give a main topic.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

- i. Work on outreach and transparency in ASI.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

- i. Senate discusses and does roll call vote.

Discussion

Senator Douglas Whitesell requested unanimous consent for a 5 minute recess. Reconvene at 7:20 p.m.

President Kevin Schallert

- i. Recommendation: Douglas Whitesell for ASI student ASI Board Representative.
Senator Brandon Clark move to promote Douglas Whitesell to ASI Board Representative.
Senator Alexander See seconds.

Discussion

Senator Brandon Clark

- i. Doug has done well in the past and he will do great.
Senator Alexander See
- i. He is very professional and has done great work.

Douglas Whitesell is approved to be the ASI Board Representative.

10) Discussion Items

a. Budget: State, University & Internal

- i. \$60.6 million in enrollment growth
- ii. \$305 million in the proposed budget; last fiscal year had a one time cut of \$305 mil.
- iii. Proposed change to constitutional language saying prison should not receive more than 7% of the state fund. Education should receive no less than 10%.
- iv. President Kevin Schallert: Historically, what the governor proposes is normally what we get. We need to work even harder to make sure we keep that money to get fees reduced and to have more resources for the University. Make Higher Education more of a priority.

b. ASI Mission statement

- i. The Mission Statement is the same, but the Student Union Mission Statement had the bullet points changed to commas.
- ii. Everything in the Mission Statement is something we should strive for and become more familiar with.

c. Club Funding Changes

- i. New Club fund update. We need to figure out what the transition is. We no longer fund clubs as of the end of the transition period.
- ii. Club funding process committee; if you want to sit on it please email Kevin Schallert.
- iii. We need to encourage students in clubs to ask for money since we've only had two clubs ask so far. The money is for clubs and the students paid for it this semester.

11) Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

