

Minutes for meetings of the Senate
California State University Channel Islands Student Government
Tuesday February 2nd, 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: Kevin Schallert, Lauren Pollack, Jennifer O’Neal, Alisha Leal, Samuel Van Buskirk, Douglas Whitesell, Jonathan Neira, Paul Southerland, Alexander See, MacKenzie Garcia, Christine Wamba, Elizabeth Bingham
- b. Advisors: Both are furloughed.

3) Approval of Agenda:

- a. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

4) Approval of the Minutes:

- a. Correction to the minutes.
- b. Minutes approved as corrected.

5) Public Forum

6) Reports

Both advisors are furloughed tonight.

- a. Advisor Jaimie’s report
 - i. Please sign up for back to basics
 - ii. 22 clubs and orgs, 5 sport clubs, 2 ASI entities that have renewed their paperwork; 34/6/2 last semester. Please encourage any club members you know to submit their paperwork.
- b. Advisor Christine’s report
 - i. Grand Opening scheduled for March 16-18, 2010
 - ii. Application for vacant student at large for board sent via e-mail
 - iii. ASI elections tentatively scheduled mid April
 - iv. Declarations due 5 PM Wednesday, March 10th, 2010.
 - v. Feb ASI board meeting this Thursday
- c. Vice President Lauren Pollack
 - i. Senator Mota’s resignation letter was read into the record.
 - ii. A new senator will be selected starting tomorrow.
 - iii. We have thirty days to fill the vacancy.
 - iv. Maximus planning committee vacancy. Committee meets next Tuesday.

- v. Alcohol/Other Drug Committee met last week. Some members of the committee want to construct a policy for student leaders and alcohol.
- d. Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal
 - i. Nothing to report.
- e. Director of Finance Alisha Leal
 - i. We are significantly under budget.
- f. Senator Elizabeth Bingham
 - i. Attended the Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee. Alcohol awareness week is March 9th, 10th and 11th.
 - ii. Information sessions for RA are this week for anyone that wants to be an RA.
- f. Senator MacKenzie Garcia
 - i. I will be attending my first STEM Initiative committee this Thursday at 9 AM
 - ii. I will be attending the CIA meeting on Friday for my project assignment (this will help me get up to speed with International Programs on campus)
 - iii. I was informed that as a student in the Model UN course, we are automatically members of the International Relations Club. I will be joining this club and hopefully actively participating in it to further my progress with my project assignment
 - iv. I am meeting with Cathryn Mann on Monday to discuss the next steps in the ideas I have for my project assignment
 - v. I spoke with a few RA's who said that they thought it was a good idea to intertwine both my project and constituency. I am planning on meeting with them soon to come up with a program to be held in March or April
- g. Senator Jonathan Neira
 - i. Business club next Wednesday to raise money for Haiti.
 - ii. Chilies for Haiti.
- h. Senator Alexander See
 - i. Today I met with Senator Tony Strickland's chief of staff Chris Wangsaporn regarding local issues in Camarillo. The topic the budget situation with the CSU came up and at this time he seems supportive of Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal of reinstating some of the funding for the CSU however he has not taken an

official stance at this point. I want to stress that this had nothing really to do with student government and no money from CSUCI was spent on this event.

ii. I talked to clubs and professors in the social sciences about where things currently stand.

iii. I see around campus and in my classes that students seem to be more negative than usual. I know that some of this is about coming back from break but I there are a lot more complaints about our schools current situation so I encourage us to do what we can to stay positive.

i. Senator Paul Southerland

i. I attended the PARK committee kick off meeting on Thursday Jan 28th. We discussed the purpose and goals of the PARK committee. President Rush gave a speech on his hopes for the committee and his appreciation for our cause.

ii. The committee is charged with making recommendations of what to do to this newly acquired land called Camarillo Regional Park with respect to the universities mission of sustainability and community involvement.

iii. I plan on working with the Green Generations Club because they are a great asset to the students and they have a large following who are dedicated to land conservation and sustainability.

iv. I also encourage my fellow senators to advocate student involvement with recommendations to this land. Because this land (370 acres) is now property of CSUCI this land makes CSUCI the 4th largest CSU campus.

j. Senator Christine Wamba

i. Block Part meeting. Working out kinks of the block party. Sign in sheets for volunteering that weekend. We are having pizza, a DJ, and a band. February 26th.

k. Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. Electronic Voting

ASI, and AITS (Academic Information Technology Services) met this morning with VoteNet, Inc. to discuss the integration of the VoteNet service with the campus for electronic elections.

ii. The plan is to have electronic polling for this year's races, which should take place April 13-14, 2010.

iii. Several issues being worked on include accessibility, security, and verifiability of results.

l. ASI Board meets on Thursday at 8 AM to consider amendments to the ASI Election Code, and for other regular meeting purposes.

m. Student Fee Advisory Committee met and is in the process of making IRA funding recommendations.

n. IT Policy and Planning Committee meets tomorrow morning.

l. President Kevin Schallert

i. We have a lot of money. Encourage clubs to ask for it.

ii. Academic Senate voted to create the Institute for Business. It happened unanimously.

iii. Policy for grade forgiveness has been altered a little bit. You can only take 16 additional classes over for credit. It keeps CSU grades from being inflated.

iv. Mohamed Yunus has an event coming up. We need to go out into the community and get the flyers up. Still more tickets – ask Kevin

m. Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

i. Will be a State Student Representative tomorrow in Sacramento. Twenty student leaders across state will be going to the event.

7) Report Questions

Samuel Van Buskirk

Q: Explain the Chiles dinner next Wednesday?

Senator Jonathan Neira

A: 25 percent of all funds spent at Chiles go to the Red Cross. 9p.m. - Business Club Pizza Night is the same night at 5 o'clock.

8) Action Items

9) Discussion items

a. Statewide Affairs Update

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

i. Talked about the Governor's proposed budget. CSU isn't expected to get anything.

ii. Legislative update: AB656 is about to go to the floor of the assembly and by the time it passes the entire nuisance in the bill were completely wiped out. Bill has been watered down to get through all the committees.

iii. Senator Jeffrey Denim introduced the Student Protection Act. 10% fee caps or a 100 day waiting period on certain fees, students have 180 days until they have to pay. Technically bill just got introduced. CSU can fold in 180 days. 180 day is the concern. If we have a 10% fee cap, there would be layoffs and the CSU would have a hard time functioning on that type of budget.

Comments:

- i. President Kevin Schallert said we should ask how this affects the CSU. Are students getting hurt by this? How does this short of a time period affect them? This is to protect students. There are positive and negatives on both sides of this argument.
- ii. Senator Douglas Whitesell said he would like the notice but that we aren't agile enough to handle a period that long. We are entitled to some sort of notice. The state is so dependent on personal income tax that this is a bad idea.
- iii. Senator Alexander See said that 180 days is too long of a wait. This bill will protect the students and get a lot of support.
- iv. Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch said that this looks out for student interests but not the interests of the whole. Everybody is feeling the burden, but no group more than others.
- v. President Kevin Schallert said he will send out a copy so that everyone can make an educated decision.

Questions:

Director of Finance Alisha Leal

Q: What is the main concern with the 180 day notice?

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

A: Allows them 6 months to make sure they can afford it. We would run out of cash immediately if we had to wait 6 months.

Further comments:

vi. Miles Nevin - Objectively speaking as an advisor for CSSA, our legislature is dysfunctional. There are systemic issues in how we govern. Jeff Denim is trying to fix the problem by addressing the symptoms of the cause. We need to deal with the people in Sacramento. If our administration is required to give 180 days' notice and cap fees they are going to have to stop accepting students and laying off people. Take a step back and look at the structural views. Sound bites are not always the best result. Our admin is not

un-student friendly. We are recognized worldwide. Fix the problems in Sacramento. Should CSSA focus on a higher education bill? Anytime a bill is introduced we discuss it.

b. CSSA Overview

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

- i. Last CSSA meeting was easygoing. There was a presentation from California forward. We revised policies with the internal board. Proposed ideas at the last meeting. Talked about fee caps during this same committee. Passed a resolution saying we support where he's going with this budget and making higher education a better priority. CSSA is sponsoring a bill this year rewarding cal grants (not feasible with where we are as a state). Make apposition on an ongoing trustee member and having a search for a new trustee April 9th. Governor's office looks favorably on a diverse school. Nobody at CSUCI has been in the pool before.
- ii. Miles Nevin speaks on behalf of CSSA. He says that CSSA had a goal of being present on campuses this year and coming to ASI meetings. He talked about what CSSA is and why we have it as well as what CSSA is doing this year and what it is doing differently. The organization has a rich history but has been mismanaged before and has been talked about being dissolved. This year there are 23 campuses that are involved in CSSA.
- iii. Sarah is the director of the University of Affairs. Works at the office with the Chancellor and discusses the history of CSSA. She said it came together because there was an identified need to have a strong connection with the Chancellor. It gives 450,000 students access to talk about issues and get information. The Board of Trustees recognized the association as the official voice of the students. It has brought students regular contact with the Chancellor. There is an established office in Long Beach and Sacramento. CSSA helps campuses with Lobby Corps. The mission is to maintain access to an affordable education. The legal state represented voice is CSSA. Accountable to 23 CSUs and if you have any issues u want addressed go through student government CSSA representative.
- iv. Student Trustee search each year. Of 25 members, 2 are students and we are currently accepting applications. It is the most prestigious position in the system. Accountable to the people of CA and should be accountable to taxpayers. CSSA conducts the search, comes up with policies, advertising and marketing, makes sure the applicants meet requirements, then interviews, nominates 2 to 5. Must be a junior and have a 2.0 GPA

Questions:

President Kevin Schallert

Q: Do you know what percentage of the CSU is registered to vote?

Sarah

A: I don't personally know. Can get that answer and get back to you.

10) The meeting has been adjourned at 7:33 p.m.