

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 6:30 PM at California State University Channel Islands John
Spoor Broome Library, Student Town Hall, One University Drive, Camarillo, California,
93012

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

2) Attendance

- a. Executive and Judiciary members present: President Kevin Schallert, Vice President Lauren Pollack, Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal, Director of Finance Alisha Leal, Chief Justice Samuel Van Buskirk, Lobby Corps Director Anthony Bernardo
- b. Sens. Brandon Clark, MacKenzie Garcia, Paul Southerland, Christine Wamba and Douglas Whitesell, present.
- c. Advisors Christine Thompson and Jaimie Hoffman, present.
- d. A quorum was noted.

3) Approval of the Agenda

- a. Sen. Douglas Whitesell motions to amend the agenda and move 9A (*Club funds request for Biology Club*) before reports.
- b. The agenda as amended was approved by unanimous consent.

4) Approval of the Minutes

- a. Approval of the minutes for February 9th : Sen. Douglas Whitesell motions to approve, Sen. Brandon Clark seconds. The minutes for February 9th are approved by unanimous consent.
- b. Approval of the minute for February 16th : Sen. Paul Southerland motions to approve, Sen. Douglas Whitesell seconds. The minutes for February 9th are approved by the majority, Sen. Douglas Whitesell abstained.

5) Public Forum

- a. Dr. Adams
 - i. Senator See and Senator Neira requested this section be transcribed verbatim
 - ii. "I talked with Kevin oh, roughly a week or so ago and so I got issues. And my issue is that I have basically been informed that some stuff was going on and, to, to put it quite distinctly, something foul is in the air. And as a member of the faculty and the public I decided it was time for me to come to Student Government to talk to each and every one of you and make sure you understand exactly what has happened. I made the same statement to ASI already and it boils down to this. I feel that there is a threat to the way of life that has been established around here. This campus has been founded on a foundation of trust, and honor amongst the members of the community. It has always been a four-pronged way of doing things administration and staff, faculty, students and the local community. We've done that not because, not because, we want to be like everybody else but because we are not like everybody else, and the spirit of commitment that, um, has existed on this campus has been tremendous. Most of you are here because of that same spirit. And I go and I see some of the faces in this room I saw you from the

leadership academy you know the principles I'm talking about. The thing, the thing at issue here, is that, I don't know what's going on, but it stinks. It stinks like feces, loud and clear. Apparently, I saw the minutes, and there was some, what I would call a hidden agenda to try and to change the structure of ASI and change the way we do things—I don't know. I don't know what the agenda is, but the question, the first question that comes into my mind, is what have you guys built. What have you contributed? How have you contributed to upholding and, and the improvement of this campus for the masses, not for the few? And last...a week ago yesterday, we entertained a committee a site selection committee for a conference, a research conference for undergraduates on our campus. Yesterday I got a phone call and found out that we were selected. And to be completely honest with you I don't mind saying it – why should I give a damn? Why should I care? Why should I do anything, if the tide that I'm seeing and I'm hearing continues to come out? There is a big risk, and that risk is your legacy. Up until this point we've never had anything negative come out of Student Government and now all a sudden somebody wants to try and redo the way things have been all under the guise of just making sure we're following the rules. You know what, screw the rules. We're not like any other campus and we never intended to be like any other campus. And if that's what belonging to the CSSA is going to bring, that kind of strife and conflict and hostility to our campus, I don't want to have anything to do with it. I spent four hours Sunday, Sunday, working on some student's scholarship application. Other faculty have spent hours working on student stuff. Faculty have taken students all around the world literally on trips. Not because they had to but because they supported students. We put students at the center of the mission here. And now all of a sudden you have this ideal of restructuring things and just basically destroying stuff is ridiculous. Absolutely ridiculous. For what? And that's the thing that, you know what, you all have to take charge of basically censoring yourself, because, what, is happening right now is that you're destroying that. Because if I go to the faculty with the information that's been coming across my desk what do you think they're going to do? I'll be completely honest with you, you do realize faculty will rally to faculty. It's almost like you're trying to start a fight you can't win. And not because you can't be successful in restructuring stuff but because if you do so you destroy the very character of this institution, the very heart of it the soul of it. That committee I entertained. You know why...you know why they chose us in less than a week to host the conference? They could not believe the hospitality energy that came out of us. They met the President [Rush] in the morning they met the Dean at nine o'clock they met some faculty, they stopped in on an art class and you know what they were blown away by the spirit of this place. And you're in danger of destroying [it]. You have to think about the legacy that you leave behind. You have to think about the relationships that you destroy. I'm not here to try and to take over your Student Government but I am here to make sure that each and every one of you understands the implications of your behavior. And the decisions that you make because it is far reaching. Because once you

destroy it you can't get it back. And right now there's a hostile cloud over this campus and this shit got to stop. Excuse my French but there's no other word for it. It has to stop. If you need to make changes you need to do whatever you have to do you need to change it. 'Cause it's getting crazy and I guarantee you go to some other campuses and the strife that you see at other CSU campuses if you want to bring that here, keep going down the path you're going. [You're] thinking about serving a few students rather than all students. Directing your energy rather than nitpicking at rules or stuff like that. I can see if there was a cause, if somehow Student Government was under attack by administration or faculty or something like that then I understand it. But that hasn't happened. The message that I'm getting is that somebody is basically squabbling for power. I know the people in here who went through basics Back to Basics and I know you understand what the concepts of leadership mean. It's not about you. This is about them students that you supposed to represent. That's what it's about. It's about making sure that you know rather than just have a small cluster of students who are involved in the campus that you get more people involved. Don't destroy something that's really precious and really special, that's the pathway that you're on. That's the atmosphere that's out there and that's the tone that you have to change. So I don't know what exactly is going on but it has to change. And you know I've heard this change in rhetoric that you know it's going to be different, we're going in a different direction that sort of thing; dude. Them bridges have been burned. The trust isn't there. Things of, you know, integrity and honor people don't want to hear it, they want to see it. They want to see action. You know, so, the message I bring to you is I don't know what's going on, I don't know what's up with this but you've got to change it. Because you're about to destroy something very very precious. I know because I always have my hand in the pulse of this campus for the last six years I've been nothing—I've been doing nothing but dedicating myself to helping this campus. Just like a lot of other faculty. What do you think happens? We ain't going be here on Saturday. I didn't have to be in class early. I just could've went home and said you know what I don't give a damn and this campus will fall apart. We came here to build something special and you need to make it special. And protect it. When there's a reason, or a need to pull out the paper cuts then do it. Not beforehand. Any questions?"

6) Special Presentations

7) Action Items

- a. Club Funding Request
 - i. Aaron Satterlee: The funding request is for our annual trip to Santa Cruz, t-shirts and for the film screening of the movie Fresh.
 - ii. Vice President Lauren Pollack: What is the total cost?
 - iii. Aaron Satterlee: \$1,782. The price we have requested for club funding has always been consistent.
 - iv. Sen. Douglas Whitesell: Have you given any thought to club fundraising?

- v. Aaron Satterlee: Yes, last year we sold baked goods but the school policy does not allow selling baked goods anymore. We made about \$173 from the bake offs.
- vi. Sen. Douglas Whitesell motions to approve the full amount of \$1,782.
- vii. Sen. Paul Southerland seconds.
- viii. Sen. Brandon Clark: How many shirts and how expensive are they?
- ix. Aaron Satterlee: 30 t-shirts for \$300. We are hoping for more members in the future.
- x. Sen. Brandon Clark: Don't we have some supplies for the trip to Santa Cruz in the Recreation Center?
- xi. Aaron Satterlee: Yes, we are using some supplies from the Recreation Center for backpacking.
- xii. Advisor Jaimie Hoffman: Work on the logo for your t-shirts for approval. You can go through me for the approval. I want to encourage you to meet with Josh Wade to integrate with the Santa Cruz trip and possibly save money by working with you.
- xiii. Vote of approval for the full amount of \$1782 passes with unanimous consent.

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Reports

- a. Advisor Christine Thompson
 - i. Student Union Update: I officially have a set of keys for the Student Union building. The second floor will be opened and I will be downstairs in my office if you need me. Two weeks from now there will be an opening to the students as a soft opening.
- b. Advisor Jamie Hoffman
 - i. The Seal Center will be moving into the Student Union.
 - ii. There were 31 attendees to Back to Basics, the highest record in attendance.
 - iii. The Involvement Fair was this week and there were 18 Clubs & Orgs.
 - iv. Thursday there is a Presidential Luncheon with the Chamber of Commerce.
 - v. Friday Muhammad Yunus is coming to the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. Pick up t-shirts and tickets for Friday if you are going on the bus.
 - vi. The Block Party is this Friday night. There is a 30% to 60% chance of rain so it will be moved inside.
 - vii. College for a Day will be on our campus Saturday. If you are interested in volunteering, contact me.
- c. President Kevin Schallert
 - i. Sodexo will no longer be our food service provider, the University will take on the role and run it in tandem with running food service at the Student Union.
 - ii. I recommend that this group continues to meet at this location until the Student Union is open to all students.
 - iii. Two ASI policy suggestions, one on entity governing documents and one on budget variance have been drafted and will be up for discussion next week.

iv. I now want to touch a bit on the comments of the faculty member (Dr. Adams) who presented tonight. Frankly, he made some good points. However, it is important that you focus on always doing what you feel in your heart is right. Right for our students and right for our University. If, at any point, you fail to live up to that standard you are no longer serving our students in the way that they elected you to do. If following the law, for example, is what you think is the right thing to do—then work toward that goal and do not let anyone, including myself, deter you or intimidate you from that goal. It is, after all, why our student body elected you. On that specific subject, I continue to believe, in direct contradiction to Dr. Adams statements that following the laws of our community do matter and should matter in building this University.

v. I would like to now make myself accountable you as the student senate and to you as members of the student body. I have not always been perfect in this role—I am a student also and I continue to learn. I am the cause for much of the heat that student government is facing today. I have always acted to do what I have felt in my heart to be right and will continue to do so. That said, I would like to apologize. Over the last few months I fear that I have lost sight of the bigger picture. Although inexcusable, I think the reason for this is a feeling of apathy that I grew within me about my own inability to solve the challenging fiscal problems facing this University. I asked myself what I could do and decided that I could educate my self on what ASI is and work to ensure that ASI and Student Government is in full compliance with all Federal, State and University mandates. Although this IS important this task consumed too much of my time. I have spent less time than is acceptable on major student priorities such as: course offerings, athletics, food service and jobs on graduation.

vi. As a solution I would like to share my new time management guarantee. I will spend 50% of my time on CI projects. Meeting students and stakeholders, committees, town halls and major projects.

I will spend 20% of my time on student government management—an area that I truly need to improve

I will not spend more than 25% of my time on external projects. Anthony and Katelyn are perfectly capable of running that department.

The last 5% will be for special projects.

vii. Further, the executive will be working to create a culture of collaboration. There have never been any hidden agendas but internal communication problems have allowed for an environment that those who are critical can imagine otherwise.

viii. Cultural changes like this cannot happen overnight and cannot happen by rhetoric. We will show the students that we can do better.

viii. I encourage all of you to spend not less than 20% of your time in direct contact with your constituents.

ix. We all love this University. Not just us as student government but everyone from the faculty, to the staff, the administrators, our students and of course the outside community. I firmly believe that if we refine our focus

to look at the big picture we can all continue work together to build the best University possible.

x. As always, I am available to you to answer any questions and listen to any suggestions or criticism.

xi. Let's make these next four months the best four months ever.

xii. Lastly, I will not be running for reelection for the position of Student Government President. This will afford me the time and capitol to truly focus on the most important priorities for this University over the next four months.

Thank you for your time, I yield the floor back to the chair.

d. Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. I attended CSSA this last weekend.

ii. The Maximus Committee met and are thinking about changing the venue to the New Student Union.

iii. AOD meets tomorrow morning.

iv. I would like everyone to attend the Muhammad Yunus event.

v. If you need anything for the new office in the Student Union please let me know.

e. Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal

i. I would like to thank Sen. Douglas Whitesell for recording last weeks minutes in my absence.

f. Director of Finance Alisha Leal

i. USA Today's payment for the month of January amounted to \$535.22.

ii. The Bell Tower's main lobby and the vending room had the most distributed newspapers. The Student Life Lounge had the least distributed newspapers.

iii. I'm working with Kevin Schallert to create a manageable and effective budget for the year 2010 and 2011.

iv. The possible funding alternatives may come from Instruction Related Activities (IRA) for the Readership Program and Lobby Corps

v. ASI is going to fund Clubs & Orgs

g. Director of Lobby Corps Anthony Bernardo

i. I've been in communication with my associate director, Hayley. We are communicating with our two state legislators, Fran Pavley and Tom Brownley, who represent our university. I have not yet heard back from them.

ii. I've also been in contact with Olgalillia to see what events we can attend at the State Capitol.

iii. If you know of any events that you would like to see Lobby Corps attend just let me know and we'll work something out.

h. Senator Brandon Clark

- i. The last week I have sent out an email to all club and organization presidents. I have been in contact with numerous clubs, and encouraging them to request funding and to contact me.
- ii. Today was the club and organization fair. I am really disappointed that we did not have a table here and am disappointed the Senate was not informed about this. It would be have been a great opportunity for us to show our face on campus.
- iii. I have been meeting with club and organizations. Showing them the club funding request process. Today I walked around the club and organization fair and talked to each club and organization there letting them know I was their Senator to go to, and also to meet everyone. There are some awesome clubs. I have a list of all clubs and organizations on campus please let me know if you would like them.
- iv. I'm excited about the Connection Luncheon at the Spanish Hills Country Club on Thursday.
- v. The Block Party Committee met; there might be a chance of rain so we might move it into the Recreation Center. I will keep you all posted.
- vi. I have been meeting with individuals around campus getting input and opinions on how we as student government are looked at around campus. I am finding some interesting things out that can help us better ourselves and expand on what we are doing well on.
- vii. I am very excited about our move into the Students Union Building.
- viii. I will be attending the Yunus event.

i. Senator MacKenzie Garcia

- i. Last week on Thursday I met with Katherine Mann of IAAC and we discussed all the ideas I had for international projects to involve international students. Unfortunately, they do not respond to e-mails and communication is a problem. I'll be working with her to try to get a hold of the international students.
- ii. IAAC meeting in Sage Hall 2030 on Wednesday at 1:30 if anyone wants to come.

j. Senator Paul Southerland

- i. I would like to thank everyone for giving me their input and their constituencies' inputs on the Camarillo Regional Park.
- ii. I held a "land walk: on Friday. Thank you Sens. See for coming. This walk was successful in gaining understanding and consensus of ideas for this land.
- iii. The main views I am getting are conservation and preservation.

k. Senator Christine Wamba

- i. I met with Cindy Derrico to go over housing dates and Student Government updates. We are going to try and fin more times when we can all meet on bi-weekly bases.
- ii. The Chamber meeting was on February 18th this past Thursday and we talked about the CI Chamber Career Partnership, which will be presented at the CI Connection Luncheon this Thursday the 25th.
- iii. This Friday is the Block Party and I hope I see everyone there.

- I. Senator Douglas Whitesell
 - i. Thank you all for your prompt replies with your reports – prompt replies to reports makes the minutes process rather easy.
 - iv. The IT Policy and Planning Committee met on February 17, 2010.
 - v. AudibleMagic CopySense, or an equivalent product to deter and digital interdict copyright infringement, will be making a return to the campus network sooner rather than later, pursuant to the Higher Education Opportunity Act.
 - vi. Student e-mail may be migrating to Google Hosted Services starting as soon as this summer.
 - vii. The Committee is planning on formulating a five year strategic plan and a tentative schedule of meetings has been proposed. If there are any priorities that your students need, please let me know, and I will give that perspective to the Committee.
 - viii. Student Fee Advisory Committee met also on the 17th.
 - ix. Parking fines have gone up.
 - x. Computer Science temporarily suspended the assessment of lab fees.
 - xi. The Committee is shifting gears to non-IRA—namely, the remainder of its charge, which is to decide funding priorities.
 - xii. Lady Dolphins are playing USC tonight in volleyball at 7:30 – I encourage you all to come.

9) Report Questions

Chief Justice Samuel Van Buskirk

Q: Is there a speech club on campus?

Senator MacKenzie Garcia

A: Sergio Juarez spoke to Dr. Sawyer and they are trying to get one started again and have it implemented as a club.

President Kevin Schallert

Q: Doug, can you make sure to keep the Student Body intimately aware of what goes on with Auto Magic?

Senator Douglas Whitesell

A: Yes.

10) Discussion Items

a. Block Party Discussion

- i. Sen. Christine Wamba: There will be no t-shirts at the Block Party because of the budget issues. Instead we are going to hand paint and have our names written under our hand prints for Haiti.
- ii. The next Block Party is 80's themed
- iii. I will be also be working on Maximus.
- iv. Sen. Brandon Clark: Can we use the "I love CI" shirts, pens and mugs?
- v. Vice President Pollack: Yes.
- vi. Advisor Jaimie Hoffman: The Dolphin Mascot has been cleaned for the 80's Block Party. Creating awareness of Maximus at the Block Party would be a good idea.

b. CSSA Update

- i. On March 22nd at the capitol there will be a March for Higher Education. I will be working on campaign for that.
- ii. Some Resolutions that Director Rauch showed last week were approved.
- iii. March 4th resolution was totally restructured and CSSA is saying they support this day of action, but do not agree with violent protesting. This was passed before CSSA, however, we voted no on it.
- iv. San Francisco students are planning on taking over some buildings, CSSA does not support this.
- v. One Million More is a scholarship program that is being offered that everyone can apply for, if you need more information email Lauren.pollack@csuci.edu.
- vi. Director Bernardo: Can you clarify which Resolution was supported?
- vii. Vice President Lauren Pollack: We supported the resolution for March 1, 2010 however we did not support March 4, 2010 because of inconsistency.
- viii. Director Rauch will be going over the Grad Initiative next week.

11) Adjournment

- a. Seeing no further new business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:23 PM.

Approved by vote of the Senate, on this, the 2nd day of March, 2010.

Vice President.

Attest, that this is the true and correct copy, in witness thereof I have set my hand, this, the 2nd day of March, 2010.

Director of Operations.