Minutes for the meeting of the Student Government Senate
California State University Channel Islands
Tuesday, March 2, 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
   b. Sens. Brandon Clark, Elizabeth Bingham, Jonathan Neira, Alexander See, Paul
      Southerland, Christine Wamba and Douglas Whitesell, present.
   c. Advisor Christine Thompson present.
   d. A quorum was noted.
3) Approval of the Agenda
   a. Sen. Paul Southerland motions to amend the agenda and add an action item
      about moving the location of Senate meetings. Sen. Douglas Whitesell
      seconds.
   b. Sen. Douglas Whitesell motions to amend the agenda and have a discussion
      on audible magic after special presentations and before the Senate reports.
      This motion was approved by unanimous consent.
   c. Sen. Douglas Whitesell motions emergency action item to confirm a Senator
      appointee Andre Ross. This motion was approved by unanimous consent.
   d. The agenda as amended was approved by unanimous consent.
4) Approval of the Minutes
   a. Approval of the minutes for February 23rd: Sen. Douglas Whitesell motions to
      approve, Sens. Paul Southerland seconds. The minutes for February 23rd are
      approved by unanimous consent.
5) Public Forum
6) Special Presentations
   a. The Chief of Information Officer Michael Berman gave a presentation to
      Student Government Senate about copyright compliance.
      i. Chief of Information Officer Michael Berman: Our campus receives
         copyright violation notices about once a day. When there is a notice about
         a copyright issue there are certain laws that a campus must comply with.
         Our school must comply with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and
         there is a new law that is coming into action in July 1st called the Higher
         Education Opportunity Act. It is our campus’s responsibility to respond to
         this issue and to take action on the people who contribute to copyright
         violations. CSUCI needs to follow these laws in order to continue to
         receive state funds and we need to come up with a way to deter people
         from copyright infringement. We need to make sure we let students know
         what’s going on with this issue and let them know they have a voice in
         what we should do.
ii. Sen. Douglas Whitesell: This is a federal law that we need to comply with. Audible Magic has been sitting on our CI network and a small percentage of students were aware of this. There is a statement in our catalog that briefly discusses copyright infringement. My biggest concern is whether or not Audible Magic can detect intrusion and whether or not this device sends any private information out.

iii. Chief of Information Officer Michael Berman: My understanding of Audible Magic is that it does not send any information out.

iv. Sen. Douglas Whitesell: If students were to get in trouble for this copyright infringement and were unaware of this issue, they would be unhappy.

v. Chief of Information Officer Michael Berman: There have been lawsuits in the past dealing with students and copyright infringement on campuses.

vi. Sen. Brandon Clark: What are some different options for students on dealing with copyright infringement? If Senate has different options than they can ask students about them and see what the general consensus is on what students want.

vii. Chief of Information Officer Michael Berman: I can put a few options together and present them to you.

viii. Sen. Jonathan Neira: What date do we need compliance?

ix. Chief of Information Officer Michael Berman: We have been out of compliance since the campus opened. The new law takes effect July 1st and I would like our campus to be doing more about this issue than we are right now. We need more than just a statement in the catalog; we need to create a collaborative process to get everyone informed.

x. Sen. Elizabeth Bingham: Can you notify the students about the copyright infringement changes that will be made?

xi. Chief of Information Officer Michael Berman: Yes, I would definitely communicate with this student body and email/notify all the students about any changes that have been made on this issue. We should be diligent about informing students.

xii. Vice President Lauren Pollack: I think that communication is a great idea so that students can be informed and not be blindsided about the issue.

xiii. Chief of Information Officer Michael Berman: I am always available to you if you need any information.

xiv. President Kevin Schallert: I want to make sure that the judicial handles this situation well. The appropriate violations for these offenses should be discussed.

xv. Chief of Information Officer Michael Berman: It’s only an issue if someone repeatedly violates the copyright law.

xvi. Sen. Douglas Whitesell: In the context of fair use, do you think it will get better?

xvii. Chief of Information Officer Michael Berman: I think it will become worse before it gets better. The library faces these issues often and we are trying to create reasonable resources online so that students will not have to pay so much for everything.
Sen. Douglas Whitesell: Thank you for coming and making sure students are represented on this issue.

7) Reports
   a. Advisor Christine Thompson
      i. If there is anything that needs to be added to the Student Government office, let me know.
      ii. There is still construction going on in the New Student Union Building. I am planning on coinciding with the food service in the Student Union Building for the opening on March 10th.
      iii. The ASI board meeting has been moved to March 11th at 8 am in the Student Union Building conference room.
   b. President Kevin Schallert
      i. The Yunus event was wonderful and engaging. I would like to thank, on behalf of the CSUCI student body, the student representatives from all over the CSUs that came to share this experience with us. Also, equally as important, I would like to thank Marti De La O for arranging their tickets and for all her hard work to make this wonderful event a reality.
      ii. I am working closely with Paul, John and Alisha to prepare a fiscally prudent budget that fulfills our mandate effectively.
      iii. Lastly, we are listening. For all of the members of the public and members of this organization that have shared their ideas for improvement we are moving forward with them.
      iv. On a final note, I am very proud to work with each one of you. The time you put into our University shows your passion to make this a better place. It is commendable and valued deeply by me and by those who you represent: the students.
   c. Vice President Lauren Pollack
      i. Maximus Committee met today and we went over the invitation and the awards. We also sent out the electronic nomination form so please forward those on. Also, Maximus is an annual Student Government event and it is important that you let your constituencies know what it is about. The class raps are to advertise Maximus and I urge you to please take some time to do this.
      ii. Commencement Committee met today and I was informed that in order to walk at the actual ceremony you must have first filled out the application for graduation and then you need to make a reservation, which is what reserves your spot in the actual ceremony. This will be due by April 30, 2010 and will be online by the end of the week. At Gradfest Alumni & Friends will be selling Dolphin Packs for $65 which includes a T-shirt with your name on it, a $10 discount for cap & gown, and also your membership fee to be a part of Alumni & Friends.
      iii. I would like to begin by saying thank you to Dr. Adams, who attended our senate meeting on February, 23. What I have heard being said in this meeting is that we wanted to start a discussion and Dr. Adams started dialogue for this conversation. However, I would like to clarify and state in the minutes that not all of student government was aware of the
internal frivolities. There are a number of members of student government who had no prior knowledge of what has been happening. That being said, I urge members of the senate to form an opinion regarding the statements of both our president and member of the public, Dr. Adams. To seek information you can talk to President Schallert or me. It is dire that you become informed with all business in Student Government as we have made campus headlines that do not glorify our organization. I advise all members of Student Government to move forward and discontinue efforts in regards to this issue. If one of our goals as an organization is to be transparent, we need to comply with this in all aspects of business, which means striking gossip, negativity, and misguided efforts. We have three more months left; start thinking of how you want to end our term.

d. Director of Finance Alisha Leal
i. Message from Joanne Coville (VPSA) The end agreement with Sodexo is May 14, 2010. The UG Corporation will oversee all food operations.
ii. Promotion and Advertising of Maximus: We need to have class wraps by all of Student Government. The nomination boxes are at several locations around campus. There is an article about Maximus in the CI view. There are going to be poster boards with pictures that will go up around the Union building.
iii. Budget: Reimbursement & check request forms are on the ASI website for Clubs & Orgs use. Senators who are unsure of how to use funds for their events/programs can meet with me.

e. Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch
i. I apologize for my absence last week, I was presenting on CSSA at CSU East Bay's ASI Board meeting.
ii. No update on AB656, SB917, or SB1761
iii. March 4th statewide day of action
iv. The direct message behind this day is unclear. There is protesting, including a classroom walk-out, which we do not condone because we believe it is counterproductive to the message we are advocating for about having cut classes due to budget cuts. We do not think walking out of classes to protest for more classes is productive.
v. We do not condone any illegal activities at these protests around the state. There has already been about 100 graffiti taggings at CSU East Bay about the protest on March 4th.
vi. Be careful where the message is directed at; it should not be directed at any campus official or system wide administrator. The message should be directed to the legislators at the capital.
vii. For those of you in the room who are members of the public, welcome. There have been few times that we have had as many students at large here, but this is why we are here. We are here for you. I am the Director of Statewide Affairs; I serve as your external and legislative person. I am also the Chief of Staff to CSSA, which is the association that represents all of the CSU students. I believe in Channel Islands as an institution and the
students it serves. I love the values that this University encompasses. I love that we have been taught to come to the table with evidence and backing to a claim, to be respectful, to work with each other to resolve a problem or conflict, and to not unjustly place blame. I love that we, as elected student leaders, all get along and respect each other, and yet, can disagree. There is no group think in this room, which is essential to the success of this deliberative body and to successfully and accurately represent the entire diverse student body population. I believe this body has the greatest intentions and ambitions in serving the students in the way that each of us deems most appropriate. The successes and progress made this year have been more than significant. I am very proud to be a member of Student Government and to be working with all of you.

f. Senator Elizabeth Bingham
   i. I attended both Muhammad Yunus events last Friday. I am glad to see the California Institute of Social Business getting started.
   ii. I volunteered at last week’s Block Party. Thank you to everyone who showed up to represent Student Government.
   iii. I attended the Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee meeting. We discussed the purpose of the committee and the current alcohol and drug policies at CI. Alcohol Awareness week begins next week.
   iv. Next Wednesday there will be a Mock tail event in the new Student Center from 2 to 5pm.
   v. Applications for the Island View Orientation are now online. For more information check the CI website. I highly recommend the orientation leader experience.
   vi. On March 8th through the 10th there will be a CI Olympics event I’m hosting. It will be a multicultural celebration with a variety of events.

Senator Brandon Clark

h. Tuesday, March 9th, Channel Islands Animal Advocates will be hosting an informational meeting from 12:00-1:00pm upstairs in the commons area of Aliso Hall. We will be talking about ways to join and get involved as well as events we hope to host this semester and next. If you are unable to attend but are still interested let me know and we can meet another time or I can email you information. Feel free to contact Tess Karbum with any questions or concerns. I hope to see you all there!
   ii. Meetings with Lots of Club Presidents
   iii. Went to CI Connection Luncheon, it was great! Learning President Rush speak, He is very optimistic, and encouraging. I am grateful I go to this school.
   iv. John and I have decided for our Student Government event we will be hosting an event at housing for a Q and A. We want to be able answer questions for students, provide food. If we are unable to answer questions for students than we will take them down and contact them at a later time. This will get a chance to really reach out and see what students want, and what they want changed. It will allow meet student government.
v. I spoke with Mr. Reed, Director of Athletics about meeting with him at a point in time after or before meetings so I can still be a part of that committee.

vi. For the Copyright issues, we might want to make a resolution on this specific issue...

vii. Working for the Student Union Building I am putting together cool events, and tournament. Please let me know if there is something you want to see there and I will see if I can make it happen. Examples: Billiards Tournament, Karaoke night, etc.

i. Senator Jonathan Neira

i. I’d like to first start off apologizing for my absence the past week, I was on a little family vacation.

ii. Last Thursday I chaired the Student Health Advisory Committee, we discussed promotion of the health center and counseling services, finding out the schools long term goals for the location of the new health center, and promotion and attendance of alcohol awareness March 9 - 11.

iii. Today I set up topic Tuesday with some fellow students who sit on the SHAC; we tabled to promote the Health center and provided Counseling, Health services and Insurance pamphlets and fliers. We had a board where students had the opportunity to ask questions to SG and the Health Center, we received a lot of positive feedback, along with general questions, about ”Where the health center is?” and ”What is being offered”. We had to leave the table vacant for an hour to go to class and in that time, students wrote down some very good questions, that I hoped all students knew but is evident that it is not the case. They asked several questions that basically asked ”Why are we paying more, for less education?” iv. I would like to inform more students about why fees have increased and what they can do.

v. I’ve been talking and meeting with Alisha to go over our budget.

vi. I attended and helped set up, table and take down our booth at the block party. I think we had a great turn out for the change of location, and I’m proud that we raised money for Haiti.

i. Senator Alexander See

i. I apologize for missing last week’s meeting as I had a midterm for an online class.

ii. This week I have been helping clubs in my constituency coordinate events. Particularly the International Relations Club and the College Republican Chapter. The Psychology club meeting was cancelled today. All have some neat events coming up and I will keep you posted.

iii. Regarding Thursday’s Day of Action, I’ve noticed that some professors are offering extra credit to attend the rally at Northridge, while other professors are offering extra credit to attend class. It is interesting that there is a divide among the faculty. In my personal opinion, professors should not offer extra credit as I see as a form of bribery and students
should make their own decisions on whether they want to participate in the protests.

j. Senator Christine Wamba
   i. Thank you everyone who attended the Block Party. We ended up raising $110.0 for Haiti.
   ii. The next Block Party is March 12, 2010.

k. Senator Douglas Whitesell
   i. Yunus Event. Thank you all for coming. The Muhammad Yunus Campus Reading Celebration event was fantastic. We don’t get to see Nobel peace prize winners and laureates every day. I sincerely hope that Professor Yunus’s vision of a world without poverty by 2030 can be achieved. Thank you to Kristen Moss-Frye, Tania García and everyone from the University who made that event possible.
   ii. I’ve been in communication with the President of Residence Hall Association. I believe that our two organizations should work together; to that end, I hope to review resolutions that their organization have passed.
   iii. Two of my three classes are furloughed this Thursday. Be purposeful in your actions. Seek to start dialogue and properly assign responsibility for our collective predicament as students, faculty, staff and administration: The people who are responsible for our State’s fiscal quagmire are the State’s legislators and elected officials.
   iv. Gmail for Students Kickoff – we’re going to Google Apps for students! These meetings will be happening every week—this project involves a lot of effort in a short amount of time.
   v. We are having many issues, including:
   II. Forensics,
   III. Policies and procedures, and marketing to students,
   IV. Testing – we’ll need testers over the summer,
   V. Backups – it’s in the Google Cloud™,
   VI. Data migration – current plan not to migrate from OWA to Gmail.
      Migrate your own data if you care to do so.
   VII. Interruption of services (minimal concern)
   VIII. Provisioning accounts and integration with single sign on
   IX. Mobile devices
   vi. Costs: zero to CI except labor for now – it will be free so long as Google makes it free.
      a. myci.csuci.edu <- students
      b. alumni.csuci.edu <- alum
   vii. IT Policy and Planning Committee meets tomorrow. Again, please tell me what your students would like to see in IT. We will be starting the strategic planning process tomorrow, please let me know what’s good and bad about technology and services here by tomorrow morning. This is a chance to set a long-term plan for our University’s information technology and systems strategy. IT is fundamental to getting work done in our University and it touches every person on this campus.
viii. It’s fantastic to be moved into the Student Union. The building represents the culmination of four years of effort for multiple generations of student leaders.

ix. I have spent much time reflecting on what Dr. Adams said in our last meeting – what I believe is as follows.

x. The contributions of this body and of the individuals that make up this body are significant. Individually, we have, at this table, members who have founded and participated in student clubs, worked at and planned block parties and other campus events, served their residents as Resident Assistants, made difficult decisions on the ASI Board, worked for the University in various capacities in service to their fellow students, competed athletically and brought glory to the University, performed groundbreaking research in multiple fields, represented students in statewide office—the list of individual contributions is simply too long to deliver tonight. Organizationally, we are critical to shared governance. In these trying fiscal times Student Government has ensured that students are represented in all decisions made that will affect us, the students. We also have representatives on the Board of Directors of Associated Students and at the California State Student Association. We are engaged in lobbying our local and State legislators to improve the condition of our campus and the California State University—both in our immediate circumstances and in the future. We have represented and will continue to represent our students and the University as a whole as called for in our mission statement. Suffice to say that the members of this body and this organization have contributed and will continue to contribute to the University community, and have served their constituents with great honor and dedication.

xi. None of us would be here--none of us would have run for election or done these other things--if we did not passionately and fundamentally believe in what we do at this University. All of us in this room and those serving on campus committees would not do the things that we do if we did not care passionately for this place and want to see it continue to be successful. If we did not agree with what we do here we would not strive, as we do, to improve this place for the students we serve. This is true for our group and it is true for me. It is true for anyone who is active, engaged and involved in our University. All of us are here because of our spirit of commitment to this campus and community.

xii. We are here because, first, we wish to serve you, and second, because you, the students, found us to be qualified, and continue to find us qualified, to be their advocates and representatives. To quote Edmund Burke, an English political theorist: “Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment.” To be chosen to serve in such a capacity is a high honor and is not taken lightly. This is, fundamentally
our mission, and our mandate. If ever those we represent find us unqualified or find our actions contrary to their interest, our constituents may and will express their views at the ballot box by recalling us—but they have not done so. They have chosen us to serve them. To be elected to this office, to be able to serve our student body, is amongst the highest honors and pleasures I have had at this University. Without equivocation and without exception, each and every member of this body and the members of the Executive and Judicial branches are equally honored and privileged.

xiii. Our sole organizational goal remains the same—to make sure that our students are placed at the center of our educational experience—and to make sure that their voice is heard in campus shared governance. The point of this goal is simple: to build and preserve a fantastic place to receive an education.

8) Report Questions:
President Kevin Schallert: Is the Alumni for the Commencement Council a lifetime membership?
Vice President Lauren Pollack: Yes.
President Kevin Schallert: If I wanted to go to the Statewide Day of Action who do I contact?
Director Rauch: You can email John Yudelson. There’s a sponsor bus taking students to Northridge.
Director Rauch: In response to the budget cuts and students not knowing why; we’ve had so many meetings and town halls so how do you reach every single student? Should we continue holding town halls? I am open to suggestions.
Sen. Jonathan Neira: I think we should put a board or wall in the central area of the school that allows students to write down there questions and Student Government can put up answers that can be readily available in a permanent location.

9) Action Items
 a. Spanish Club Request
   ii. Discussion:
       Sen. Douglas Whitesell: Do you have options for reducing funding?
       Nelva Centeno: Sodexo said the price they gave us was actually a discount.
   iii. The full amount of $2,400.00 was approved for the Spanish Club by unanimous consent.
 b. MVS Business Club Request
   i. Diana Milan: We have some corrections to make to our request. We are asking for $505.00, not $535.00.
   iii. Vice President Lauren Pollack: Is this event open to the entire campus?
iv. Diana Milan: Yes.

v. Sen. Douglas Whitesell: What are your plans for fiscal sustainability?

vi. Diana Milan: We already had one fundraiser and we raised $84.00.

vii. $505.00 was approved for the Business Club by unanimous consent.

c. MECHA Request


ii. Sen. Jonathan Neira: What are you doing with printing and advertising?

iii. Marisol Luna: We are collaborating with Jen Chapman.

iv. Vice President Lauren Pollack: Clubs and Orgs offers free printing.

v. Sen. Douglas Whitesell motions to remove the amount to $25.00 less because of the free printing. Sen. Elizabeth Bingham seconds, Unanimous consent.

vi. Sen. Jonathan Neira: It's only $25.00 to cover t-shirts?

vii. Marisol Luna: Yes and we are going to have a raffle for them.

viii. Sen. Brandon Clark: That is a great price for t-shirts.

ix. Director Leal: You wanted to add $900.00 for hospitality?

x. Marisol Luna: The event will be held in the North Quad and we are expecting more people and we don't want to run out of food. Last year 150 people attended and this year we are working on more advertising.

xi. Hospitality costs for the MECHA request increased $900.00.

xii. Sen. Paul Southerland: Can you explain the setup for OPC?

xiii. Yes, the setup is for lighting, tables and chairs.

xiv. Vice President Lauren Pollack: The MECHA budget request will be $1,250.00 plus an additional $900.00. Does Senate approve?

xv. Roll Call Vote:

   Sen. Alexander See: Yes.
   Sen. Brandon Clark: Yes.
   Sen. Elizabeth Bingham: No.
   Sen. Christine Wamba: Yes.

Total: Yes = 5, No= 2.

xvi. The $900 has been added to the MECHA budget request for a total of $2,150.00.

xvi. President Kevin Schallert: There were two no votes. I would like a discussion as to why there were no votes and yes votes.

xvii. Sen. Douglas Whitesell: Suspend the rules. I voted no because this is 30% of our budget on food. We are facing limited resources. I request Unanimous consent to rule out.

xix. Sen. Jonathan Neira: I think we should change the total cost from $2,150.00 to $2,100.00 because of fundraising.

xx. Votes: 6 Yes. 1 Oppose.

d. Senator Appointee Andre Ross
   i. Andre Ross: I want to be involved on campus and make an imprint in the state of students. The opportunity came around sooner than I expected and I'm not here for the title or resume, I'm here to make a difference and I'd like to do it.
   iii. Sen. Douglas Whitesell: What is your major?
   v. Sen. Brandon Clark: I attended Back to Basics with Andre Ross and he showed amazing leadership skills.
   vii. Andre Ross: I like debating and having discussions to work things out on an intellectual level.
   viii. Sen. Elizabeth Bingham: What do you want to accomplish in Student Government from now until the end of the semester?
   ix. Andre Ross: I’m still figuring this out. I need to find out how to better get involved as a student and look into it.
   x. Andre Ross was appointed as a Senator by unanimous consent.

10) Discussion Item
   a. ASI Budget Severance and Governing Documents Policy
      i. President Kevin Schallert: This is a draft of a policy that adds credibility to the Bylaws by giving ASI a voice in the substantial changes we make. We want changing bylaws to be a process that has to go through IAC, the President, the Senate, and the ASI board. ASI doesn’t want to micromanage Student Government. They have always had formal oversight and now we are putting it on paper.
      ii. Sen. Jonathan Neira: I like this idea because of the checks and balances.
      iii. Sen. Paul Southerland: I like the checks and balances and that there can’t be any radical changes to the bylaws with this.
      v. Sen. Christine Wamba: ASI has good experience and opinions. I like this.
      vi. Sen. Elizabeth Bingham: I think this policy will be helpful in the future.
      ix. Sen. Jonathan Neira: Are there any concerns with this document?
      x. President Kevin Schallert: This document makes budgets less flexible.
      xi. Sen. Douglas Whitesell: That is untrue. There is less flexibility to the executive and spending money will be harder.
xii. President Kevin Schallert: This will give us some flexibility and will force us to pay attention to the way we budget. This might make some entities work harder.

xiii. Sen. Jonathan Neira: How long does it take to make this change?

xiv. President Kevin Schallert: Change can happen as fast as the first ASI meeting.

xv. Sen. Douglas Whitesell: I like this policy. We do this as a standard already, but it will be nice to have this on paper. I like the accountability.

xvi. Sen. Andre Ross: So if you go over the 15% spending limit you get in trouble?

xvii. President Kevin Schallert: The 15% is a guideline. A smaller percentage number would have a harder time being approved by all the entities.

xviii. Director Leal: Does this mean that Student Government goes to ASI to spend over the 15%?

xix. President Kevin Schallert: Yes.

xx. Sen. Jonathan Neira: Have we spent more than the 15% before?

xxi. Director Leal: Yes for conferences. For the food, we took out of travel for the hospitality.

xxii. Advisor Christine Thompson: The ASI board budgets by the total to see where we are at by account. It doesn’t matter to the board what account you take money out from. I think this policy will spark healthy controversy on the ASI board. A lot of members of ASI feel that they don’t have time to micromanage Student Governments budget, so they won’t be focusing on the accounts, just the total amount of money.

xxiii. Director Leal: Student Governments budget is divided into eight different accounts.

xxiv. Advisor Christine Thompson: There will be a different budgeting process next year. This will be healthy to get started.

11) Adjournment

i. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.