

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

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at California State University Channel Islands  
Student Union Conference Room, One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012

**1) Call to Order at 7:00 P.M.**

**2) Attendance:**

- a. Executive and Judiciary members present: President Jonathan Neira, Vice President Elizabeth Bingham, Alisha Tumin, Anthony Bernardo, Stephanie Jones, Christine Wamba
- b. Senate present: Rebecca Cano, MacKenzie Garcia, Diana Milan, Andre Ross, Juan Carlos Villanueva
- c. Advisor present: Christine Thompson

**3) Approval of the Agenda:**

- a. Mr. Ross moves to add a report for the Chief Justice in the Cabinet Presentations. Ms. Milan seconds.
- b. The agenda, as amended, is approved by unanimous consent.

**4) Approval of the Minutes:**

- a. Ms. Garcia moves to change the wording under the Block Party discussion, section iv, to "We will wait to discuss it until after the Senate is able to brainstorm." Ms. Milan seconds.
- b. The minutes, as amended, are approved by unanimous consent.

**5) Public Forum:**

- a. No members of the public addressed the Senate at this time.

**6) Special Presentations:**

**a. Cabinet Presentations**

- i. Communication Officer: Ms. Bingham reads Adrienne Cleverly's report.
  1. The Student Government facebook page has been updated and is being monitored regularly.
  2. Connections on facebook have been made with various clubs and organizations, so we are in contact with them.
  3. An article on CSSA will be appearing soon in the CI View and/or The Wavelength. Still need to contact Nick Restor about it. Thank you to those who I have interviewed for this article.
  4. An upcoming goal is working with Alice Overton to increase communication about other clubs and organizations' events through mediums dictated by each club and organization.
- ii. Technology Officer: Robert Tabor
  1. The office is in working order.
  2. IT will be working on the upstairs copier.
  3. Starting on the Student Government webpage in the next week. Any suggestions on what the Senate would like to see should discuss with Mr. Tabor. There are certain limitations as to what can be displayed online.
- iii. Club and Organization Outreach Officer: Alice Overton

1. Has established weekly meetings with Dr. Hoffman. Have already met twice and three more meetings have been scheduled.
  2. Have met with Dr. Sawyer regarding starting an advisory council. This will make guidelines and recommendations to the university on the needs of clubs and organizations. Once a meeting has been scheduled with Mr. Peña, and those documents are approved, we can begin having the council meetings.
  3. Attended the Sports Club's transportation meeting to introduce myself.
  4. Ms. Cano: That council is about clubs and organizations on campus?
  5. Ms. Overton: Yes. They are all the clubs which go through Student Leadership. There were 47 clubs and organizations to turn in applications last Friday. Approval of clubs and organizations will continue today and tomorrow.
- iv. Community Engagement Officer: Spencer Keaster
1. Met with Dr. Sawyer regarding "Donuts with Doc" and he is interested in participating. Need to email Amy to confirm a date. Also need to contact Dave from Food Services to get a quote on the donuts.
  2. Interested in doing tie-dye "I Heart CI" shirts at the November Block Party.
  3. Still working on the survey, but hopes to have it up soon. Once the results are in, a list of ideas for possible traditions and events will be brought to the Senate.
  4. Ms. Overton: Do you have an advisor to help you with the survey?
  5. Mr. Keaster: Yes, Dr. Hoffman is helping me create it.
- v. Chief Justice: Stephanie Jones
1. Pizza with the President was extremely successful with the largest student population in attendance. With the exception of the lack of food to feed all of the students who came, the event ran smoothly. Appreciated the SWOT exercise at the Senate meeting following the event as it helped identify areas for improvement and aspects that should be implemented again. Is interested in hosting another Pizza with the President event in the spring.
  2. Upcoming events:
    - a. Flu Shot Clinics:
      - i. Mission Lounge in Bell Tower on Oct. 19 from 1:30-3:30 P.M., Oct. 20 from 9:30-11:30 A.M., Oct. 27 from 9:30-11:30 A.M., and Oct. 28 from 1:30-3:30 P.M.

- ii. Shots will be given by nursing students and professionals.
- iii. Please help get the word out about availability to all students.
- b. Operation Gratitude:
  - i. Will be in the South Quad on Nov. 11 from 10:00-3:00 P.M.
  - ii. Will be hosted by Gamma Beta Phi.
  - iii. It may end up being an event throughout the week.
  - iv. The details are still tentative.

## 7) Action Items:

### a. Senator Appointment:

- i. President Neira: We have a new senator in the midst. I've worked with Brandon Dowling for a long time and have a lot of respect for him. He would be a great asset to Student Government.
- ii. Mr. Dowling: I'd like to be appointed to the open Senator position. I have a great interest in Student Government, because I want to ensure the students have a voice and that their remarks are heard and responded to. I want to help Student Government grow and develop, as well as gain real life experience for myself.
- iii. Ms. Bingham asks for a motion to open for questions for Mr. Dowling.
  - 1. Ms. Milan motions to open for questions. Ms. Garcia seconds.
  - 2. No questions are asked.
- iv. Ms. Bingham moves to open for discussion.
- v. Ms. Milan: I endorse Mr. Dowling one hundred percent. He has real-life experience in politics. There is no one better for this job.
- vi. Ms. Garcia: I second those sentiments.
- vii. Ms. Bingham: Anymore discussion? We'll move into a vote.
- viii. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

## 8) Discussion Items:

### a. Marketing strategies:

- i. Ms. Bingham: Ms. Cleverly was discussing about maybe marketing to specific constituencies to target majors or groups who might want to be in Senate.
- ii. Ms. Garcia yields time to Ms. Overton.
- iii. Ms. Overton: One of the constituency seats is in Education. I'm marketing to my credentialing program to see if anyone's interested.
- iv. Ms. Garcia yields time to Mr. Tabor.
- v. Mr. Tabor: Will we be able to send another one of the Career Link emails with the Senate position information?
- vi. Ms. Thompson: Yes.
- vii. Ms. Bingham: We still have two spots open.
- viii. Mr. Ross: We can put it on our facebook statuses or message people about the open position. Try to get people interested. Ask friends.
- ix. Mr. Villanueva: We can pass fliers out at the Block Party.

- x. Ms. Cano: We can have a pamphlet about it which we can email to our classes through Blackboard.
- xi. Ms. Milan: Blackboard is only supposed to be used for educational purposes.
- xii. Mr. Villanueva yields time to Mr. Keaster.
- xiii. Mr. Keaster: Advertise yourself as a Senator. Write it on your facebook, so they can ask what it entails and you can give them details on the position. If they see you on campus, they can come ask you what it is about.
- xiv. Mr. Villanueva yields time to President Neira.
- xv. President Neira: These are great ideas. We hope to get the applications in this next week. To apply, go to the Dolphin Career Links where there is an application. They will also need to submit a cover letter. After the applicant is checked, I will set up a meeting with them. There are a few people who are in the process now, so please get the other names within the next week.

**b. Voter Registration:**

- i. President Neira: We have gotten many people registered through tabling. Let's set up days and times when we can have the table out. Maybe do your office hours outside of the office. Get out, wear your shirt, represent CI pride, and work at the table. I hope to get everyone signed up, so we can have the table out all day.
- ii. Ms. Cano: Where will the table be located?
- iii. President Neira: The most traffic would be outside South Quad by the trees. Another place might be outside the library.
- iv. Ms. Milan: We should table in both locations. I have gotten a few people registered standing across from the reference desk in the library.
- v. Mr. Ross: I will be attending floor meetings in Anacapa to get students to register and answer their questions. Floor meetings will happen again two weeks from now. If anyone can do it this week from 7-10 P.M., please contact me.
- vi. Ms. Garcia yields time to Ms. Overton: Over the weekend, I emailed professors who teach Freshman classes to ask for permission to stop by and talk about voting. I'll be in about 7 classes over the next week.
- vii. Ms. Garcia: I emailed Laura Dolan and Jeremy Booker about going door-to-door in Santa Cruz and Anacapa Villages.
- viii. Ms. Milan yields time to President Neira.
- ix. President Neira: Part of doing this is knowing how to have the forms filled out. I will pass some forms out. They are color-coordinated.
- x. Ms. Cano: What is absentee voting?
- xi. President Neira: The state will send the ballots to the address the registrant writes, so they get the ballot a couple weeks before voting takes place and send it in the mail versus going to a polling place.
- xii. Ms. Milan yields time to Mr. Bernardo.

- xiii. Mr. Bernardo: Easy Voter Guides have been ordered. These have information on the candidates and propositions. I received the confirmation they were mailed out.
- xiv. Ms. Milan yields time to President Neira.
- xv. President Neira: We ordered 450 English and 100 Spanish booklets. They were free. We will have our table out with the stacks of booklets, so students can take those.
- xvi. Ms. Cano: What if the student does not know if they are registered?
- xvii. President Neira: Ask if they have voted. If they do not know if they are registered, they can register again.
- xviii. Ms. Garcia yields time to Ms. Overton.
- xix. Ms. Overton: I will pick up the General Election Voter Pamphlet that gets mailed out and put it in the office, so it is more accessible.

**c. Block Party**

- i. Ms. Wamba: The Block Party is Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> and the theme is Nightmare on Ventura Street. SPB has changed the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" to be on the same night from 8-10 P.M. in the gym, so when that is over, the Block Party will be on Ventura Street from 9-midnight. It will be like a carnival. RHE is doing a haunted house in the Anacapa Commons. A student will D.J. Student Government will do a costume contest, have a table for voter registration and also let people know about the two open Senate seats. Prizes for the costume contest will be gift cards for first and second places and a goody bag for third place. There will also be In-N-Out.
- ii. Ms. Garcia yields time to Mr. Keaster.
- iii. Mr. Keaster: To recap, there is In-N-Out, haunted house, possibly a dump tank, drawing on mini pumpkins, costume contest, and music from a student D.J. There will be a different vibe to this block party.
- iv. Ms. Wamba: We will also try to have clubs come out to promote their organization.
- v. Mr. Villanueva: SPB said the food would be Carl's Jr.
- vi. Ms. Milan: Gift cards are not allowed. In the meeting I was in yesterday, we were told that no gift cards can be given out, because it's like cash.
- vii. Ms. Cano: Are we judging the costume contest?
- viii. Ms. Wamba: Yes. Student Government is judging.
- ix. Ms. Milan: What else do we need to do besides advertising?
- x. Ms. Wamba: Think of prizes for the costume contest, someone to be the dolphin for the evening, and to come out that night and show your support.
- xi. Mr. Villanueva yields time to President Neira.
- xii. President Neira: For marketing, I think we should advertise on the whiteboards in classrooms again. Also, SPB should use the A-Frames and put signs in front of housing.

- xiii. Ms. Milan: Maybe instead of writing on whiteboards, we put little plastic pumpkins on the walls with streamers and the information about the event. It's something different.
- xiv. Ms. Wamba: Student Government only has a budget of \$75 for the block party.
- xv. Mr. Villanueva yields time to President Neira.
- xvi. President Neira: I think we should revamp marketing, but do not attach anything to the walls. Maybe we can get different color balloons to tape to the whiteboard.
- xvii. Ms. Garcia yields time to Ms. Jones.
- xviii. Ms. Jones: We do not want to get backlash from faculty. Can we participate in the costume contest?
- xix. Ms. Wamba: Yes.
- xx. Mr. Ross yields time to Mr. Keaster.
- xxi. Mr. Keaster: We can put the information on the Student Union T.V.s.

## 9) New Business

### 10) Reports:

- a. Advisor Christine Thompson:
  - i. New things in the Student Union:
    1. New copier/printer for upstairs hopefully by the end of the month. If you need to print, send it to the Student Union staff or to me.
    2. Monday Night Football will be beginning in the Student Union.
    3. Michelle Miller is the new Marketing Assistant.
    4. Air conditioning is now in the Student Union.
    5. There is now digital signage. If you want to advertise anything, please email me.
    6. There is music in the building. If you get any feedback from students, please let me know.
    7. We are trying to get bands to play during the day at least once a week. We will pay for students to perform for at least an hour.
    8. Bulletin boards came in today. The one next to the game room is for the community. All others will have the events for the week and fliers.
  - ii. College For A Day is Oct. 5-7 if you're interested in volunteering.
  - iii. Major Fair is Oct. 13. Professors will be at booths for every major. There will be presentations, food, and music.
  - iv. Family Weekend is Oct. 15-17.
- b. President Jonathan Neira:
  - i. Please try to help at College For A Day.
  - ii. I'm compiling an assessment and evaluation of Pizza with the President and CSSA. Please send me everything you have regarding those events.
  - iii. Get applications for the two open Senate positions.
  - iv. We will be ordering new nametags with the new CSUCI logo.

- c. Vice President Elizabeth Bingham:
  - i. Please send me what you're working on, what you've accomplished, and your goals for the year based off our last one-on-ones.
  - ii. The next round of one-on-ones will start next week or the week after.
  - iii. Anything you have regarding CSSA, please send to me. I'm putting together a binder on that.
  - iv. We have 154 scanned registrations, so keep up the good work.
  - v. I'm working on a housing event with Shayna Smith on dehydration, so she would like some Student Government waterbottles.
- d. Director of Operations, Alisha Tumin: Nothing to report.
- e. Director of Lobby Corps, Anthony Bernardo:
  - i. Thanks for your efforts with voter registration. I will send updates every Monday and Wednesday. Do not hold the cards, because we have to scan and mail them within two days. Please remember to update the folder to get credit.
  - ii. Update from CSSA: The campus that registers the most student voters from 9/27-0/29 will win a prize.
  - iii. We have 154 logged voter registration cards. That's 33% in 2 weeks.
  - iv. Relay for Life is this weekend from 10 A.M. to 10 A.M. If you are interested in walking, email me at [Anthony.bernardo@csuci.edu](mailto:Anthony.bernardo@csuci.edu).
- f. Senator Rebecca Cano: Nothing to report.
- g. Senator MacKenzie Garcia:
  - i. I've gathered 12 new voters and am working to get more signed up.
  - ii. I emailed Laura Dolan and Jeremy Booker regarding going door-to-door and speaking at floor meetings to register students.
  - iii. I'll be visiting the CSUCI Art Gallery in Napa Hall next week and another art museum in Oxnard to get a feel for the art at CSUCI as well as in our community.
  - iv. I will be meeting with Jack Reilly, Art Department chair, next Wednesday at 4 P.M.
  - v. I will be auditioning for a play at CSUCI to experience the theatrical aspects of the Arts.
  - vi. I emailed Pamela Abbott from Finance and Administration to get ideas of what CSUCI is doing to be sustainable.
  - vii. I met with Christine to discuss the Block Party on Oct. 8.
- h. Senator Diana Milan:
  - i. The Budget Allocation Committee will be deciding the budget for the clubs on Thursday.
- i. Senator Andre Ross:
  - i. If you could send me your availability at night for two weeks from now, we can work on voter registration in housing. My email is [andre.ross005@myci.csuci.edu](mailto:andre.ross005@myci.csuci.edu).
- j. Senator Juan Carlos Villanueva:
  - i. I've been attending SPB meetings, and I gained my voter rights.
- k. Senator Brandon Dowling: Nothing to report.

**11)Report Questions:**

- l. Ms. Milan: Someone has complained about the volume of the music in the Student Union and that it is only Top 40. He wanted some jazz music.
- m. Mr. Villanueva yields time to Mr. Tabor.
- n. Mr. Tabor: Maybe a rotation of the music could be done?
- o. Ms. Thompson: It's Sirius satellite radio, so it's one station or the other.
- p. Mr. Dowling: I work at the Student Union, so there are a few ways of going about it. We try to honor their requests, but it's difficult and you will never appease everyone. We try to have a broad variety.
- q. Ms. Thompson: We take requests based on first-come, first-served.
- r. Ms. Bingham: We can put it on the agenda and talk to students about it.
- s. Ms. Garcia yields time to Mr. Keaster.
- t. Mr. Keaster: For the students playing at the Student Union, is there an audition process?
- u. Ms. Thompson: Have them email me and we can get in touch for a demo.

**12)Adjournment**

- v. Motion to adjourn the meeting: Ms. Garcia
- w. Second: Ms. Milan
- x. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.