

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

Tuesday, March 16th, 2010, at 6:39 PM at California State University Channel Islands  
Student Union, Student Town Hall, One University Drive, Camarillo, California, 93012

**1) Call to Order at 6:39 p.m.**

**2) Attendance**

- a. Executive and Judiciary members present: Vice President Lauren Pollack, Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal, Director of Finance Alisha Leal
- b. Sens. MacKenzie Garcia, Paul Southerland, Christine Wamba, Elizabeth Bingham, Alexander See, and Douglas Whitesell, present.
- c. Absent members: President Kevin Schallert, Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch, Sens. Brandon Clark, and Jonathan Neira.
- d. A quorum was noted.

**3) Approval of the Agenda**

- a. Sen. Paul Southerland motions to approve the agenda.
- b. Sen. Andres Ross seconds.
- c. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**4) Approval of the Minutes**

- a. Approval of the minutes for March 9<sup>th</sup>: Sen. Alexander See motions to approve, Sens. Paul Southerland seconds. The minutes for February 9<sup>th</sup> are approved by unanimous consent.

**5) Public Forum**

- a. Dmitry Villoughby: I oppose the veto to the MECHA funding request. I want to know why it wasn't approved.
- b. Vice President Lauren Pollack: Last week the MECHA funding request was vetoed because the hospitality costs were so high. Since we are trying to save more money due to hard times, we are even cutting on spending at Student Government's Maximus event by serving less food. Since the amount of money spent on food was not agreed on, the President vetoed it.

**6) Special Presentations**

**7) Action Items**

- a. MECHA Club Funding Request
- b. Marisol Luna: I am the President of MECHA and our advisor, Jose Alamillo will be speaking on our behalf at this meeting.
- c. Jose Alamillo: As faculty advisor I worked on this MECHA proposal and with the new request submitted, hospitality is a big portion of the request because we think food is what makes Cinco de Mayo. We had reduced the amount from \$900 to \$500. The food is one of the biggest attractions at the event and should be central to the event. MECHA is trying to keep the cost low because of hard times. This event relates to diversity and international perspective. Do you have any questions?
- d. Sen. Douglas Whitesell motions the full amount.
- e. Sen. Alexander See seconds.
- f. Questions/Discussion:

Sen. Douglas Whitesell: For assessment item 8 of the event, was this data available last year?

Jose Alamillo: Yes, for Day of the Dead and Cinco de Mayo. We could provide surveys.

Marisol Luna: There are students here at this meeting to ask questions to if you need surveys.

Sen. Douglas Whitesell: I reserved five minutes of time for the remainder.

Sen. Alexander See: What is the \$25 for advertising for? Are you using an outside source?

Jose Alamillo: Yes.

Sen. Alexander See: There is free printing and advertising for clubs on this campus.

Jose Alamillo: Well, if there is free printing than we can use that.

Sen. Christine Wamba: We have lots of free paper also. You can make posters to advertise.

Sen. MacKenzie Garcia: \$425 was low for Day of the Dead.

Jose Alamillo: Where was the money low?

Dolce: I had to spend \$36 for painting for Day of the Dead and that's one aspect on how we didn't have enough money for this event. Marisol Luna was very cautious about how she spent the money. She was finding savings at Big Lots and Pick n' Save.

Sen. MacKenzie Garcia: What is the \$50 for decorations for?

Marisol Luna: Miscellaneous. We are bringing culture to the event and we need parking tickets.

Jose Alamillo: We are going to have coloring books for kids and we have family from University Glenn that is attending.

Sen. Elizabeth Bingham: Where is the location of the event?

Marisol Luna: The H building in Santa Cruz to attract more housing students. We want more people to attend.

Sen. Elizabeth Bingham: Have you thought about advertising in housing?

Marisol Luna: Yes, I have been meeting with Jen Chapman about advertisement.

Sen. Andre Ross: When you talk about the University Mission and the four pillars, how do you think this event contributes?

Jose Alamillo: This is a Mexican American event and is one of the largest celebrated holidays. This is going to bring a lot of diverse people together.

Dolce: This event can foster to 30% of the minorities in our community and they can relate to this event and feel more connected. Marisol and I have thought about inviting the people that work on the local farms and pick crops.

Victoria: This is an event by CLRA.

Dolce: This event goes back to college for a day. We are trying to target this group of people to come to our school. This is the kind of community that comes to our campus.

Vice President Lauren Pollack: Due to the Club Funding Policy, all of the funding comes from student fees. I want to encourage you to ask for money

from IRA because they reach out to community members as well. There's other ways to get funding, besides through Student Government. There are guidelines in the policy that we have to follow and we have to be careful what we spend money on.

Victoria: Is there a spread sheet on where the money goes?

Sen. Douglas Whitesell: The spread sheet is not online, but there should be a public record available.

Sen. Douglas Whitesell: Are there any prospects for co-sponsorship? Are you working with other clubs?

Dolce: Yes, Adelante Mujer.

Vice President Lauren Pollack: Is anyone working with the event?

Sen. Douglas Whitesell: This kind of information is a factor on how we make decisions.

Jose Alamillo: Is this kind of consideration done to all clubs?

Sen. Douglas Whitesell: No, we don't have that specific decision.

g. The MECHA club funding request was approved by unanimous vote.

h. Sen. Douglas Whitesell: On March 30<sup>th</sup>, I will be amending the bylaws of the club funding policy.

## **8) Reports**

### **a. Vice President Lauren Pollack**

- i. Nothing to report.

### **b. Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal**

- i. Nothing to report.

### **c. Director of Finance Alisha Leal**

- i. Great turnout at block party with promoting Maximus and gathering donations for Haiti Relief fund.
- ii. Scholarship committee undergoing evaluations. Very sustainable by using online database "Scholarship Tracker" to review applications. Evaluations to be complete by 3/26/10.
- iii. Senate Finance committee in charge of budgeting and budget auditing all class accounts. Made significant progress at Friday's meeting in creating next year's budget. In order to meet ASI's cost saving objectives, we will request less next year. Savings will arise from:
  - iv. Executive Board – promotional items, honoraria, office supplies
  - v. Conferences and Seminars – travel, reduce number of interns attending CHESS
    - o This year S.G. has done well in savings on travel expenses to conferences; saved 41% as of March 1, 2010.
  - vi. Leadership – three low-cost retreats rather than one big retreat; Includes summer transition, and Fall & Spring retreat
  - vii. Clubs and Orgs – ASI BAC committee to fund clubs next year

- viii. Events – Block party expenses, clothing for a cause, reduction in misc expenses
- ix. Meet ASI – minor hospitality only; ASI to collaborate in hosting this event in future years
- x. Co-Sponsorships – increased collaboration efforts, less costs
- xi. Readership Program – request to IRA to fund entire USA Today newspaper

**d. Senator Elizabeth Bingham**

- i. First I would like to thank all of the members of the public for attending our meeting. We appreciate your support and attendance at Student Government meetings.
- ii. I attended the 80's Block Party. Student Government had a great turnout and the activities were very successful.
- iii. Today I met with the Maximus Planning Committee and we decided what our invitations will look like.
- iv. On Monday I attended a meeting with Dean Jane Sweetland concerning the Campus Keys Compact. Our campus is building a program to work on getting K-12 students to college. The goals of the Campus Keys Compact are to get students ready, get in, and get through college. The name of the program at CSU Channel Islands will tentatively be called "Get Colleged."
- iii. I have contacted two students to participate in the CI Ambassador's College for a Day program. I will be taking them on a personal tour of the campus and they will be able to attend a class with me. By doing this program we are building interest about CSU Channel Islands and giving potential students a chance to have a one on one visit to find out everything they want to know about the campus.
- iv. I have been meeting with students in my constituency and finding out about any concerns that they have for the remainder of the year.

**e. Senator MacKenzie Garcia**

- i. Organized bags and set up for Block Party
- ii. Bought containers for Haiti donations
- iii. Received appointment letter to STEM committee from the Vice President
- iv. Attended STEM committee meeting on Wednesday, March 10, and appointed to sit in the "Student" subcommittee in which their goal is to "increase the number of majors and graduates in "high-demand" STEM fields"
- v. Attended and tabled at Block Party—extremely successful (all goodie bags gone within ½ hour, about \$20 in Haiti donations, 15+ Maximus nominations, and the bead making table was always busy)
- vi. Haiti fundraiser dates are going to be April 6-April 27. We will be putting containers in the Bell Tower, New Student Union, VPSA's office and Housing.

I will send out an email to everyone with all the logistics sometime this week.

- vii. Christine and I are hoping to table for the Student Union grand opening on Thursday. I will be unavailable, however if anyone is interested in volunteering for this (Haiti donations and Maximus nominations), please let me know.

**f. Senator Andre Ross**

- i. In the spirit of getting connected to both my constituency and becoming familiar with my assignments I have started outreach to the members of both.
- ii. I set up a meeting with Jen Chapman next Tuesday at noon to discuss the aims of the MWGSC and upcoming events.
- iii. Contacted Pillar Pacheco in the Center for Community Engagement and we plan to meet sometime after April 17th.
- iv. Currently contacting Adelante Mujer, the Spanish Club, MECHA and the Communications Club to set up meetings in the near future.
- v. Creating the CI College Democrats.

**g. Senator Alexander See**

- i. Today I attended Academic Senate. There were 3 resolutions that were all sent back to Senate Executive Committee. One had to do with the specifics of the tenure track for professors. Another had to do with the specifics on faculty evaluations and the third was on Advancement to Candidacy status is for Grad students.
- ii. I am currently in the process of finding the voter registration numbers on campus. I have to go through the Chancellors office to find out so it will take a while but I hope to have that for you when we get back from break.
- iii. College Night at the Getty Museum Is Wednesday April 7th. It is from 6:30-9:30. The Getty Museum is one of the finest art museums in the world. Our school was asked to assist this year and we were chosen over other distinguished institutions such as USC, UCLA, and Loyola Marymount. Admissions are free as well as free parking. I encourage everyone to attend and try to get your friends to go as well.

**h. Senator Paul Southerland**

- i. The Senate Finance Committee met to discuss and evaluate the Student Government's budget request for next year. We went over all applicable budget classes and made significant cuts where possible by comparing last semester's line item expenses.

ii. I also held the topic Tuesday today the 16<sup>th</sup> where I focused on the theme of "Made in the CSU. I was helped by Director Bernardo to inform students of the vital economic contributions CSU graduates have on our local state economy. The college for a day event was event was going on

where high school students were taking a tour of the CSU Channel Islands and they stopped by our topic Tuesday table. This time gave me an opportunity to reach out to perspective students of the CSU system and let them know how important their education is to their future and the future of our economy.

iii. I also attended the block party where I helped to make bracelets with Senators to pass out to students.

**i. Senator Christine Wamba**

- i. Had a meeting with Cindy Derrico and Sarah Mahon to keep each other updated on each other's entities. We talked about resolutions that RHA has made up.
- ii. Having the car serves on Sunday for when students come back from the weekend they will be safer.
- iii. Clearly mark matinees parking
- iv. Having a vending machine near housing full of scantrons, pens, pencils for if you are running late to class you don't have to go all the way to the book store.
- v. For opening day of the SUB SG will have a table to promote Maximus and Haiti. I will be there all day on Thursday to help with everything.
- vi. This Thursday is a CI connection meeting at 8:00am if anyone would like to join.
- vii. Thank you everyone who came to the block party!!

**j. Senator Douglas Whitesell**

- i. I attended the Block Party! Good job Block Party Committee and Residence Hall Association.
- ii. I spoke at a board meeting of the Oxnard Union High School District on Thursday in opposition to cuts in student support services. The District's board voted to eliminate student services and in particular counseling positions at the various schools in the district including my alma mater, Rio Mesa. These cuts will make it increasingly harder for disadvantaged students to attend college.
- ii. Student Fee Advisory Committee cancelled this morning for lack of a quorum.
- iii. IT Policy and Planning Committee meets tomorrow.
- iv. Gmail for Students task force met.
  - a. Open questions include forensics...this is a rather large issue, along with provisioning of accounts.
  - b. Many questions in Gmail depend on the results of the Identity Management Policy Working Group.
  - c. The incoming administration, whomever they may be is invited to be a part of the test group this summer. We are looking to build a nontechnical group rather than a technical group of about ten users.
- v. I am a member of the Senate Finance Committee. Senate Finance Committee met; I won't repeat the substance of their report. Suffice to say that Student Government and ASI as a whole face a dire budget situation. ASI faces a large

deficit due to a lack of enrollment growth: the building we are sitting in costs money to finance and operate, and we thought we would have 5,000 students at the time of the fee referendum. Again to reiterate: if you do not need to spend the money do not spend it.

- vi. ASI Elections applications are due tomorrow at 5PM at the Information Desk.
- vii. ASI meetings:
  - a. Board Regular Meeting: April 8, 2010
  - b. Board Audit Meeting: April 15, 2010
- viii. Internal Affairs continues to examine our documents for consistency and will participate highly in the transition process.
- ix. On April 5-6 1-3 or 3-5, CSU Channel Islands Campus Climate Focus Groups will meet in SUB Meeting Room B. Please RSVP to [kirsten.moss@csuci.edu](mailto:kirsten.moss@csuci.edu)

## **9) Report Questions**

## **10) Closing Comments**

- i. Director of Finance Alisha Leal: I wanted to thank MECHA for coming. I am required to show you budgets. I have the club funding report and all the class accounts that Student Government carries. We have quarterly budgets to let us know where we are.
- ii. Any registered person can get a copy of the minutes and records.
- iii. Vice President Lauren Pollack: After this year, the budgets will be submitted to the ASI board.

## **11) Adjournment**

- i. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.