

## **Minutes for meetings of the Senate**

### **California State University Channel Islands Student Government**

Tuesday October 13th, 2009 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 present: Kevin Schallert, Lauren Pollack, Jennifer O'Neal, Alisha Leal, Katelyn Rauch, Alexander See, Jonathan Neira, MacKenzie Garcia, Christine Wamba, Paul Southerland, Douglas Whitesell
- b. Absent: Brandon Clark, Elizabeth Bingham, Jennifer Mota
- c. Advisor present: Christine Thompson

#### **3) Approval of Agenda**

- a. Without objection as moved by Chair.

#### **4) Approval of the minutes**

- d. Minutes for October 6<sup>th</sup> were approved.
  - 1. Moved Senator Douglas Whitesell
  - 2. Second Senator Jonathan Neira
- e. Friendly amendments added
- f. Approved without objection

#### **5) Public Forum**

#### **6) Special Presentations**

#### **7) Reports**

##### a. Advisor Christine Thompson

- i. Student Union Grand Opening Committee met last Thursday. We have a dynamic committee but are always looking for additional student input. The next meeting is this Thursday, October 15, at 8:30am in BTW 1188.
- ii. Student Union Mission Statement: The ASI Chair, ASI Co-Chair, Dr. Evans Taylor and I have diligently been working on the SUB Mission Statement. If you would like to be a part of this exciting process, the next meeting is on Friday from 9-10 in Dr. Evans Taylor's office.
- iii. Treasurer Workshop II: Alisha has been doing a great job representing Student Government in her role as the Director of Finance during the Treasurer Workshop.
  - I. I will be conducting the Treasurer Workshop II series that will take place on Friday, October 30 and Friday, November 20; here they will learn how to deposit and retrieve funds from ASI.

iv. Clubs and Orgs Budget Allocation Process: we are meeting to discuss the ASI Budget Allocations Committee for C/O procedures and process, if you would like to be involved in these meetings let me know and I can add you to the meeting request.

v. I am on the Search and Screen committee to hire a food services manager for the Union. I will keep you updated when the hiring is complete.

b. Advisor Jaimie Hoffman

i. Thanks for your attendance at the Block Party. It was another successful event!

ii. 39 clubs submitted applications and will be recognized/registered (after eligibility checks have been complete).

iii. 6 sports clubs have submitted applications and will be recognized/registered (after eligibility checks have been complete).

iv. The Involvement Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Broome Library Plaza from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

c. President Kevin Schallert

i. Sent the final committee list to Dr. Sawyer and the President's office for student placement. They need to pass through the judicial and they will have grade checks. We should have students placed with committees really soon. I can't give the official list yet because it's pending approval.

ii. The Academic Senate Executive Committee met today. We are currently working on a second major. The Student Policy Committee is creating drafts that read for Academic Senate saying we support what the University has done.

iii. Tomorrow at noon in front of the Broome Library, the California Faculty Association is discussing the budget. They are going to make a Youtube video and have soap box type speeches. We are encouraging people not to blame the administration. They are holding similar rallies at other campuses. We want to stay constructive and discuss what we can do to be a part of the solution.

iv. I met with Dr. Taylor and we are having an ASI spirit day on a Wednesday or Thursday.

v. The Club President Workshop discussed alcohol and hazing.

vi. CSSA is this weekend.

d. Vice President Lauren Pollack

i. Please e-mail me about setting up one on one meetings with me.

e. Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal

i. Attended the Block Party.

ii. Attending CSSA this weekend in Fresno.

- iii. Please read over the minutes before every meeting. Read your report.
- f. Director of Finance Alisha Leal
  - i. Nothing to report.
- g. Senator Mackenzie Garcia
  - i. I created a draft of what I'm doing for a project assignment.
  - ii. I spoke at Anacapa's floor meeting to my constituencies.
  - iii. I believe there is an Anacapa event on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- h. Senator Jonathan Neira
  - i. Nothing to report.
- i. Senator Alexander See
  - i. I attended the Academic Senate Executive Committee with Kevin. There is a CFA resolution on the table expressing opposition to the program cuts at CSU Dominguez Hills.
  - ii. I spoke with Beth Hartung about the future Criminal Justice program and she said it will probably have to be delayed.
  - iii. On Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Marie Calendars in Camarillo, assembly woman Audra Strickland will have a meeting with the public and will urge us to go to express our concerns about the CSU budget.
- j. Senator Paul Southerland
  - i. I met with a professor about the Biology program at CSUCI. We exchanged contact information.
  - ii. The Korean Generations Club set up a fundraiser so that students can take flyers to local clubs and bars. Hoping 10% of the bills can go to the club.
- k. Senator Christine Wamba
  - i. Block Party
    - a. Thank you for everyone who came and stayed to whole time
    - b. The next one is November 15<sup>th</sup>, save the date!
  - ii. Chamber Meeting
    - a. Is this Thursday the 15th at 8:00am
    - b. If anyone wants to go with me let me know!
- l. Senator Douglas Whitesell
  - i. Internal Affairs Committee met last week to consider Articles I through IV of the new Bylaws; see the report below.
  - ii. Met with Dr. Evans-Taylor and the Chief Justice to discuss procedures and the role of the Judicial Branch on Monday. Mr. Van Buskirk will be working with IAC to draft procedural rules for the Judiciary.
  - iii. Also met with Dr. Evans-Taylor individually to discuss all things Internal Affairs-related. The conversation touched on everything from rules of order to the

Bylaws to club funding. Dr. Evans-Taylor is receptive to concerns of Student Government regarding changing the people responsible for club funding decisions. In all, many of her concerns are very well founded. I have started revisiting our club funding rules, because I think that we need to have a solution to some of her concerns. Dr. Evans-Taylor is also very enthusiastic about our Bylaw efforts.

- iv. The Internal Affairs Committee commends Jen O'Neal for her efforts on SR10-01.
- v. IAC is meeting this Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 3 PM in BRO 1710 to continue work on Bylaw revisions. All are welcome.

***Report of the Internal Affairs Committee***, for Thursday, October 8, 2009.

- i. Considered all four articles of the proposed Bylaws.
  - a. Article I is reported out of Committee for discussion in Senate for the 13 October meeting. Passage is not yet recommended as a full Bylaw package is not ready.
  - b. The Chair estimates that the new bylaws will be ready for Senate's consideration by the end of October.
  - c. All of Part 2 of Article IV was stricken and a new format adopted for that Article as a whole:
    - i. Part 1, General Provisions and Authority
    - ii. Part 2, Chief Justice
    - iii. Part 3, Associate Justices
    - iv. Part 4, Offenses and Interpretation of Bylaws
    - v. Part 5, Rules of Procedure
  - d. In the current draft of the Bylaws, the Judiciary is primarily concerned with findings of fact. Impeachment and removal from office is reserved for Senate or for the voters (through recall).
  - e. Provisions for recall mentioned in item c above are being drafted. The President, Vice President and members of Senate can be recalled; those persons, plus the Executive Directors can be impeached as well.
- ii. Committee minutes as well as discussion items are available by e-mail on request.

m. Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch:

- i. 11 October the bills are being vetoed. CSSA finds bills of interest for CSSA every year.
- ii. There is a Town Hall tomorrow. Ventura County Star will attend. They are also making a Youtube video. We are expecting 300 to 400 people. Please come. Also, be careful about what you hear about the bills and the budget. There is a lot of misinformation going around. Know the facts and if you have any questions, contact me.

n. Senator Jenny Mota

i. Blue Ribbon Week: Monday, October 19, 2009 through Friday, October 24, 2009; MWGSC-BT 1804, EAC-BT 1541 & NSC-BT 1548. Pick up your blue ribbon and wear it all week in support of Disability Awareness. Blue ribbons will also be tied around campus trees to bring awareness to the week.

ii. Wheel Reality: Thursday, October 22, 2009, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., every half hour on the half hour; MWGSC-BT 8407. Wheel Reality is an experiential perspective event designed to educate and develop awareness of physical disability. Students will navigate CSUCI's Bell Tower in a wheel chair to recognize the true abilities and achievements of students with disabilities or impairments. Co-sponsored by Disability Resource Program, Health Center, Housing and Residential Education and Multicultural Programs.

## **8) Report questions**

Senator Alexander See

Q: The Audra Strickland coffee town hall meeting is at Marie Calendar's?

A: yes.

President Kevin Schallert

Q: The food service management search and screen, is there students on that?

Advisor Christine Thompson

A: Two students that I know of.

Question from the Senate

Q: Will the club funding changes help with the current ASI process?

Senator Douglas Whitesell

A: Yes, they will concern some of the reasons they don't want to grant us priority anymore.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

Q: We don't do reimbursements or need approval; they have to come to Senate right?

Advisor Christine Thompson

A: Yes, they have 800 funds that we don't oversee.

Senator Paul Southerland

Q: Where will Wheel Reality be held?

A: Bell Tower 1804

## **9) Action Items**

### **a. Resolution in Opposition to the CSU budget cuts**

1. Move to approve Douglas Whitesell
2. Second: Christine Wamba

i. The Resolution says we have faced budget reductions and that the California fees have affected students negatively. We take a strong stance of opposition and urge restoration in 2011. Katelyn Rauch and Jennifer O'Neal will distribute to officials.

### **Discussion**

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

Q: Are you sure the 280% higher is accurate?

Senator Douglas Whitesell

A: Not sure. We can do a pending fact check.

Senator Christine Wamba

Q: Who does the Resolution go to?

A: Jennifer O'Neal and Katelyn Rauch will distribute to the local elected officials. Run through fact check before they distribute.

i. Chair moves into voting Bloc to act on question pending fact check.

ii. Senator Douglass Whitesell moves for division with votes counted by roll call.

Senator Alexander See: yes

Senator Paul Southerland: yes

Senator Christine Wamba: yes

Senator MacKenzie Garcia: yes

Senator Jonathan Neira: yes

Senator Douglas Whitesell: yes

iii. Motion for the Resolution passes and is pending fact check.

### **Discussion Item**

#### **b. Article Bylaws:**

i. The Internal Affairs Committee is looking into Bylaws and what has been done.

Senator Katelyn Rauch

Q: When it says "students who pay ASI fees and New Student Union Fees" are those two separate fees?

Senator Douglas Whitesell

A: As of last year with the election, a lot of students have been paying New Student Union fees, not ASI fees.

President Kevin Schallert

i. With that in mind, I think there's an interesting question. If u pay ASI fees, than are you allowed to participate in Student Government? This should be brought up to ASI. I

believe that if you participate in our organization than you should be able to participate in other Student Government activities.

Advisor Christine Thompson

i. Other University ASI and Student Unions are completely separate. ASI is taking on a USU fee and this may be why Extended Ed pays Student Union fees to help pay for the extended services students provide.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. We need to basically fix one long sentence under Article II. We are meeting to consider all Articles of the Bylaws this Thursday. All are welcome.

Senator Alexander See

Q: Would you want us to separate the Student Union and ASI fees?

i. There is an IAC meeting Thursday at 3 p.m. in Broome Library 1710

**10) Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.**