

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

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

Tuesday, November 17th, 2009 at 6:31 p.m. at The John Spoor Broome Library at One  
University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012

#### **1) Call to order at 6:31 p.m.**

#### **2) Attendance:**

- a. Members present: Kevin Schallert, Lauren Pollack, Jennifer O'Neal, Alisha Leal, Katelyn Rauch, Jennifer Mota, Brandon Clark, Mackenzie Garcia, Elizabeth Bingham, Christine Wamba, Paul Southerland, Alexander See, Jonathan Neira, Douglas Whitesell Anthony Bernardo
- b. Advisor present: Jamie Hoffman

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

- a. Minutes for November 10<sup>th</sup> were approved. Last three lines under New Business were struck out of the minutes by unanimous consent.
  - i. Jonathan Neira motioned to approve minutes.
  - ii. Seconded Alexander See

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

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

#### **7) Reports**

- a. Vice President Lauren Pollack
  - i. Put up Christmas trees around campus. There is one in the admissions office, Bell Tower, and in the library.
  - ii. Maximus planning committee met this week. Maximus date is April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Student Union is hiring two different assistants. If you want to apply send your resume to Christine Thompson.
  - iv. Health centers are now exempt from the furloughs.
- b. Advisor Jamie Hoffman
  - i. Effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a spring member update form for clubs to be active by next semester. It will need to be turned in by December 18<sup>th</sup> to check eligibility.
- c. President Kevin Schallert

- i. ASI Honor Stole. There is a difference between the membership and honor stole.
  - ii. General Education changes mixer 4:30-6:00 tomorrow.
  - iii. Policy on grade forgiveness up for review on Academic Senate. The policy will make it harder to get bad grades forgiven and will reduce grade inflation.
- d. Director of Operations Jennifer O'Neal
- i. Attended the Block Party and thought it was a successful event.
  - ii. First Food Committee meeting tomorrow with Cindy Derrico.
  - iii. Attended a Parliamentary lesson in Ventura on Robert's Rules of Order. If anyone is interested in attending as a guest please let me know. They have really great lessons and I learned a lot just in my first lesson.
  - iv. Organizing another table to petition in support of the Student Government Resolution opposing budget cuts.
  - v. Please send me your weekly reports by Wednesday at noon.
- e. Director of Finance Alisha Leal
- i. Costs for Readership Program (October) – Total \$1486.73
    - a. Two most demanding locations for the newspapers include Bell Tower main lobby and Bell Tower vending room (1150 newspapers at each of these locations).
    - b. Least demanding location for newspapers includes Student Life – Bell Tower Lounge (using up only 400 newspapers).
  - ii. Business Advisory Council Update:
    - c. MVS School of Business & Economics is undergoing their periodic review (yesterday and today) Occurs every 5 years. Meetings with students, alumni, faculty and staff in search for a professor to conduct a “market research” course. Working on creating closer ties with alumni through mixer events. Surveys are currently being distributed to alumni to gain better idea on their expectations
    - d. SETE (Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness) Concerns that the new online evaluations will not be as effective as in class evaluations. Are students going to participate?
    - e. This Friday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, MVS Business School is partnering with faculty from California Lutheran University; presentations on current academic programs
  - iii. Dolphin Discount Program

i. \$400 within current budget

1. Last year's budget was \$650, however cuts were made for printing and advertising

ii. Will attend Chamber of Commerce meeting this Thursday with Christine

1. Will facilitate the program's financial aspects

iv. Treasurer workshops for Clubs and Orgs

a. 20 attendees counted at these workshops, all of which are confirmed as either recognized or registered on SEAL Center's Club/Org roster

f. Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

i. Still working on Lobby Corps.

ii. CSSA agenda items. The Board of Trustees passed 2010 support budget request. There is no fee increase coming mid-year. Board of Trustees met, the support budget is asking the Legislature to fund us as much as last year and restore the money that is lost to get the CSUs where they should be financially.

iii. Furloughs are only supposed to be a one-year deal. We won't know anything about upcoming Furloughs until January. Stimulus money was \$77.5 million to CSU. We are seeing a fee increase for next semester. Legislatures are taking away 10%, 1/3 of all money is set aside for financial aid.

iv. The CSU Board of Trustees meeting is tomorrow.

g. Senator Elizabeth Bingham

i. Met with everyone for the Maximus committee.

ii. I am meeting with the Academic and Admission Appeals Committee on December 2nd

iii. Thanks to those who worked on the Block party. Next Block Party will be held in February.

h. Brandon Clark

i. Nothing to report.

i. Senator Mackenzie Garcia

i. Attended Block Party and helped set-up.

ii. Emailed Antonio a draft of ideas for spring semester programs for Project Assignment

j. Senator Jennifer Mota

i. I attended the block party and thought we were successful with tabling. We handed out different giveaways.

k. Senator Jonathan Neira

i. Attended the block party

ii. Attended CSSA. I recommend all Senators to take a trip to CSSA if possible.

l. Senator Alexander See

i. I spoke with Dean Pena regarding the question about whether punishments are proper for the school mission. Some students question that the punishment pushes them away from the campus community. Dean Pena responded saying the punishments are positive and make students self reflect what they did as far as themselves and their campus community. And if they are caught they were representing their club and make their club look bad.

ii. The new on-line class evaluations are up and running and are available through your CI Learn.

iii. I will attend tomorrow's wine and cheese event on the new GE requirements.

iv. Jeff Gorell who is running for the 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District is interested in coming out to our campus and hold a Q and A regarding the budget and possible solutions some time next semester.

m. Senator Paul Southerland

i. Attended the student housing meteor shower event.

ii. Contacted the park committee chair member.

iii. Talking to constituents.

n. Senator Christine Wamba

i. Thanks for helping at the Block Party.

ii. Maximus committee meeting is Thursday, December 3 at 2 PM.

iii. Chamber meeting Thursday, November 19 at 8 a.m.

o. Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. I received my committee appointment letters on Saturday. I eagerly look forward to serving the student body.

ii. The Bylaws are done; I hope to enact them today. Internal Affairs Committee will then transition into refining our rules of order and internal processes.

- iii. I attended CSSA at CSU Los Angeles this weekend with the Vice President and Sen. Neira. This experience was very valuable; I learned a great deal about CSSA's role and the services that they have available to us and it were a great opportunity to network with my fellow student leaders.
- iv. I hope you all have a wonderful Mandatory Fun Week—the three instructional furlough days next week—and Thanksgiving Recess.

## **8) Report Questions**

President Kevin Schallert

Q: Have you contacted civic engagement for having Q&A?

Senator Alexander See

A: Yes.

Senator Paul Southerland

Q: When is the wine and cheese event?

Senator Alexander See

A: Tomorrow at the Town Hall center.

Senator Paul Southerland

Q: Could there be mid-year cuts to the CSU?

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

A: We probably won't know anything until January of the new school year.

Q: What time is the Chamber meeting?

Senator Christine Wamba

A: 8 a.m.

Senator Alexander See

Q: When do you need the club & org paperwork turned in?

Advisor Jamie Hoffman

A: Have all the way up until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of December to provide club & org info.

## **9) Action Items**

### **a. Resolution Supporting AB 656**

Senator Brandon Clark motioned

Seconded Senator Douglas Whitesell

*Discussion*

Senator Alexander See

- i. I think this resolution should wait until the Legislatures amend AB 656.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

- i. At CSSA we brought up that we weren't comfortable approving AB 656. CSSA says they support AB 656 with amendments.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

- i. It does not say we support as amended. It says we support as is. I am bringing this to Chancellor Reed on Monday. Even if it's amended, you can't make a bad bill better.

Senator Douglas Whitesell motioned to postpone and table to next meeting.

Seconded Alexander See

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

Q: Why postpone it?

Senator Douglas Whitesell

A: I'm not prepared to offer a decision on it at this time.

This action item was postponed until December 1, 2009.

**b.ASI Mission statement**

- i. Action item is to add the word "operating facilities".

*Discussion*

President Kevin Schallert

Q: Is it ideal to add those three words? Is operating facilities part of ASI or the way they achieve their mission? As members of ASI see if ASI is doing what you want it to do.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

Q: Who operates the Student Union?

President Kevin Schallert

A: ASI.

Director of Finance Alisha Leal

- i. I think that is the strategy of the mission statement, but the phrase is not needed.

Vice President Lauren Pollack

- i. We don't need an operational facility to serve our students so therefore we do not need to add in the word facilitates into our mission statement.

Advisor Jamie Hoffman

i. I recommend Dennis Maraca for more knowledge on the creation of the mission statement. It would provide good feedback to take the ASI board.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. The Sponsors of the bylaws are Alexander See, Paul Southerland and I. After consultation with Senate colleagues, as well as members of our exec team, I am going to make friendly amendments to the following sections of the Bylaws tonight before passage:

1.1.2 (iii)

2.1.2 (a) (vii)

2.1.2 (b) (i)

2.1.6 (b)

2.2.2 striking paragraph (b)

2.2.5 (c)

2.2.6 (a) after the list, inserting language to clarify the purpose for information collected.

2.3.2 (b) striking the words "suspend the rules" and inserting "...amend the agenda" and the two items (i-ii) thereafter

3.1.2 Section title amended to include "...by impeachment".

Article 3, Part 1, Section 3 is added - Recall of executive officers

3.2.1 (a)

3.2.2 (b) (iv)

Part 6 is added to Article 3 commencing with Section 1 and extending to Section 2.

These changes are largely structure, flow, and consistency across the document. Part 6 of Article III details that students appointed to campus committees are ex-officio members of SG and may be asked to come to Senate to update Senate on the proceedings of that committee. The striking of paragraph (b) of 2.2.2 removes Senatorial term limits.

*Discussion*

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

- i. Ask to table this. I haven't had time to read over everything.

Senator Christine Wamba

- i. Ask to table as well.

President Kevin Schallert

- i. I've looked at the changes and they aren't that substantially different. This is the last regularly scheduled meeting of the year and I'd really like action to be taken on it.

Advisor Jamie Hoffman

- i. This is a significant change in foundational documents. People might want to view this out of the scope of this room. If you need time, suggest it.

Senator Douglas Whitesell

- i. Changes that have been made were made in consultation with IAC. We also now have a better understanding of what we do as Student Government.

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

Q: Why is the recall amount for an officer of Student Government five percent?

Senator Douglas Whitesell

A: That's a small amount. I'm content to have it be larger. 5% is the amount required for a recall on old bylaws.

President Kevin Schallert

- i. To impeach a member we should make it so that 15% of student population has to sign a petition. Let's change 5% to 15% under Section 2.2.6, paragraph (a).

Senator Douglas Whitesell

That is a friendly amendment; without objection.

Advisor Jamie Hoffman

Q: What do other CSU's do?

President Kevin Schallert

A: Reflects that the current student body president is the current ASI president. Also states that there is presidential oversight when appointing students to campus committees. Senate can ask people about the decision, but they will not have authority to say a person can't run.



Senator Douglas Whitesell

i. I cannot find the campus procedure on how committee appointments are done.

Senator Douglas Whitesell requests unanimous consent to recess for five minutes at 7:52 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 PM.

Senator Douglas Whitesell requests unanimous consent for the vote to be by roll call, and the yeas and nays be recorded. No objection.-

Roll call vote for approval of bylaws

Roll call:

Yes to approve bylaws as amended.

Elizabeth Bingham: yes

Christine Wamba: yes

Paul Southerland: yes

Alexander See: yes

Brandon Clark: yes

Jonathan Neira: yes

Douglas Whitesell: yes

Jennifer Mota: yes

Mackenzie Garcia: yes

i. Bylaw Amendments were approved unanimously. See enclosure A, Senate Bill 10-02, and Enclosure B, Student Government Bylaws (as adopted).

### **c. CSSA Overview**

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

i. CSSA supports a resolution in direct lending to make it easier for students. 15 campuses are already doing this and the next 8 are on their way.

ii. Student fee proposal: fees at CSU's are broken into 5 categories. There are fees enacted for programs, and students have said no and University administrators still enacted it. It would make it so that things would be enacted by the student vote.

iii. The Federal DREAM Act is for students, not U.S. citizens, still apply and attain federal aid. The Multicultural Caucus supports the Federal DREAM Act.

iv. Lobby Corps on each campus are coming together. Only 2 campuses have not done anything.

- v. The money made for the Statewide Day of Action will be cut into a big check.
- vi. “Made in the CSU” Competition. CSSA is looking to do an advocacy piece for in-district lobbying. The piece focuses on why California is made in the CSU. Competition submissions are due by December CSSA meeting in San Francisco. The winner gets a \$500 scholarship.
- vii. CSSA still does not have a non-voting Board of Trustee member.

Senator Jennifer Mota

Q: How much did the CSU raise overall?

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

A: I don't know.

Senator Mackenzie Garcia

Q: When is the December CSSA?

Director of Statewide Affairs Katelyn Rauch

A: December 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco.

Senator Alexander See

i. There is a bill in the House of Representatives and the first step is removing all private student loans. Banks argument is that it is pro student choice; CSSA argues that banks are making a lot of money. A lot of student loans are backed by taxpayers and the overwhelming majority that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Federal government.

Advisor Jamie Hoffman

Q: They are allocating funding to campuses for administering loans?

Senator Katelyn Rauch

A: Yes there would be funding. This needs to be an action item because it is time sensitive.

**10) Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.**