

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

Tuesday, August 31st, 2010, at 7:00 PM at California State University Channel Islands
Student Union Conference Room, One University Drive, Camarillo, California, 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, Stephanie Jones
- b. Senate Present: Rebecca Cano, MacKenzie Garcia, Amanda Van Noy, Andre Ross, Daniel Brown, Diana Milan, Juan Carlos Villanueva, Demetric Willoughby
- c. Absent members:
 - i. A quorum was noted.
- d. Advisors present: Christine Thompson & Breana Christie
- e. Member of the Public: Douglas Whitesell, Christine Wamba, Anthony Bernardo, Robert Tabor

3) Approval of the Agenda:

- a. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

4) Approval of the Minutes:

- a. Amendments made to correct the spelling of Juan Carlos Villanueva and include Stephanie Jones as a member present. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

5) Public Forum: no members of the public addressed the Senate at this time.

6) Special Presentation: no special presentations were made.

7) Action Items:

- a. **Director of Lobby Corps Appointment:** President Neira appointed Anthony Bernardo as the Director of Lobby Corps. He urged the Senate to vote Mr. Bernardo into this position as he did an excellent job last year and has a number of goals for the year to come. President Neira gave the floor to Mr. Bernardo to address the Senate.
 - i. Mr. Bernardo: This is the second year that I will work as the Director of Lobby Corps. The job would include visiting state legislatures for higher education and developing a Lobby Corp team comprised of students. The main focus of this year would be getting students involved and trained in the program.
 - ii. Ms. Milan moved to approve Anthony Bernardo as Director of Lobby Corp, Mr. Villaneuva seconded.
 - iii. Discussion: Ms. Garcia asked what specific plans, if any, does Mr. Bernardo have for the program: Mr. Bernardo would like to train a group of students to lobby at local offices of legislature.
 - iv. Motion to approve Mr. Anthony Bernardo as the Director of Lobby Corps was approved by Senate by unanimous consent.

- b. ASI Budget Allocation Committee: President Neira provided the Senate with the opportunity to be on the ASI Budget Allocation Committee. He expressed that they need one more student to sit on the committee.
 - i. The contact to find out meeting times and locations is the ASI Budget Assistant, Elizabeth Quigley.
 - ii. Mr. Ross expressed that he would like to be added to the committee. Ms. Garcia would like to also be considered.

8) Discussion Items

- a. **CSSA Update:** President Neira provided a brief description of the California State Student Association or CSSA. All CSU Associated Student presidents along with their statewide representatives work together to communicate one consistent CSU student voice.
 - i. Madame Chair reported additional information of the July CSSA Meeting:
 - ii. CSSA and UCSA, the UC's student association, have a goal to register 60,000 students.
 - a. CSSA's goal is to register 30,000 students which means that each CSU campus needs to register 10% of their student population.
 - b. CI will have to register 386 students in order to reach this goal.
 - c. The voter registration drive must be completed by October 18, 2010 in order to be registered in time for elections.
 - iii. The accomplishments from CSSA last year include:
 - a. Student aid reform, sponsoring several bills, lobbying, all 23 CSU campuses represented, new website, Made in the CSU campaign.
 - iv. Chancellor Reed spoke and announced that there will not be furlough days for the 2010-2011 academic year.
 - v. More information about what is happening in the CSU can be found at blogs.calstate.edu, twitter, and facebook.
 - vi. CSSA created their policy agenda for this year which includes:
 - a. Improve shared governance.
 - b. Implement a program to engage in a federal legislation.
 - c. Conduct education and advocacy campaigns regarding higher education in California.
 - vii. Ms. Cano asked how Student Government would register students at CI? President Neira expressed that the Lobby Corp person and members of the Senate will be working together. Class raps and tabling are encouraged.
- b. **Pizza with the President:** President Neira indicated that on September 14th Student Government will host Pizza with the President. The event is in need of volunteers to aid in marketing such as fliers. Mr. Tabor indicated that he will assist with making basic fliers. Mr. Bernardo suggested that out of the box marketing ideas should be encouraged; for example, the use of empty

pizza boxes. Ms. Milan requested that we place marketing where other pizza is sold on campus. Mr. Ross suggested placing banners on University carts. Face to face interaction and word of mouth with students is encouraged. President Neira would like to have all marketing items in as soon as possible.

- i. Participation in this event is crucial. Ms. Jones will get decorations, napkins and tableware. Mr. Willoughby will MC the event. Senate will also submit questions that the general student may want to ask President Rush.
 - c. **CSSA at CI:** President Neira would like to get a list of the Senators' availability for the weekend of the CSSA event. Volunteerism is needed for Friday, September 17th; Saturday, September 18th and Sunday, September 19th. All Student Government is encouraged to attend the meetings.
 - i. Madame Chair provided a list of details that need to be completed: create nametags for all attendees, giveaway bags, need set-up and clean-up volunteers, guides throughout the day, check-in, signs for parking, projectors and computers for that day, managing registrations of other CSUs.
- 9) **Senate Appointment:** Motioned by Andre Ross to return to the agenda item "Senate Appointments", seconded, motion passed by unanimous consent.
- a. Mr. Brown moved to approve Morris Pippins as Senator, Mr. Willoughby seconds. Discussion: Mr. Pippins addressed the board and stated that he would like to serve as a Senator to represent the demographic that is not represented on the current Senate. As a nontraditional student he brings new perspectives, ideas, and care of students. His hope and desire is to reconnect the student body to the student government.
 - b. Ms. Milan would like to open the position to the entire campus. Since other Student Government positions were posted online, it is only fair that this position be made available to all students at CI. This act would promote transparency.
 - c. President Neira reminded the Senate that the process, per the bylaws, is that the President makes appointments to the Senate.
 - d. Ms. Cano also believes that the entire campus should be notified.
 - e. Mr. Brown expressed that Mr. Pippins is passionate about the position and should be given a chance.
 - f. Mr. Willoughby expressed that there are people that aren't here while Mr. Pippins is. Ms. Milan expressed that there are people that did want the position that aren't here.
 - g. Mr. Ross expressed that Mr. Pippins is a good candidate but still sees the need to be transparent.
 - h. Ms. Garcia sees the need to provide a reasonable timeline for students to apply.
 - i. Ms. Milan expressed that we should take time for fairness and that there are a lot of students out there that should receive the chance.

- j. Ms. Van Noy suggested that by posting the position online Student Government is communicating the common occurrences with the organization with the students at CI.
- k. Mr. Neira expressed that a lot of students wanted Mr. Pippins on the Board.
- l. Ms. Milan stated that many students wanted other students on the board as well.
- m. Mr. Douglas Whitesell, member of the public, communicated that the Board has three options for moving forward with the motion, call to questions, retract the motion, or table.
- n. Mr. Willoughby asked the Senate what they wanted to do.
- o. Mr. Villanueva called the motion to questions.
- p. Ms. Garcia moved for division of the Senate.
 - i. Ms. Garcia-aye, Ms. Cano- aye, Ms. Van Noy-Nay, Ms. Milan-Nay, Mr. Villanueva – aye, Mr. Brown-aye, Mr. Willoughby-Aye, Mr. Ross-Nay
- q. Mr. Ross moves for Student Government to send out an email to the CSU students for two weeks and place this item on the agenda in two weeks. Ms. Milan seconds. Discussion: Student Government has seventeen days, however, President Neira has recommended a candidate and therefore his timeline of the 30 days to appoint a Senator is fulfilled.
- r. Call to question: Mr. Villanueva- Nay. Motion passes.

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New Business

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Reports:

- a. Advisor Christine Thompson: Game room charges: anyone with a student ID will be charged \$1 per person per hour per game. If the patron does not have a student ID they will be charged \$2 per person per hour per game.
 - i. SPB Luau: Come support your fellow colleagues on Wednesday, September 1st at 5:30pm in the Student Union Tree house Courtyard.
 - ii. ASI Board: If members of this body are interested in attending the ASI board meetings, they occur every first Thursday of the month at 8:00am in the Student Union Conference Room. The Board will meet this Thursday, September 2nd.
 - iii. SB330:
 - a. An act, authored by State Senator Leland Yee and cosponsored by the CFA and the California Newspaper Publishers Association, amends Sections 72670, 72670.5, and 89901 of, and to add Section 92034 to, the Education Code, and to add Section 6254.30 to the Government Code, relating to public records.
 - b. Proponents of SB330 encourage the bill as it will bring greater transparency and accountability to the ways in which student fees and private donations are used at the CSU by placing auxiliaries under the scope of the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

- c. It promotes and assists trustees by engaging in activities which are essential and integral to the mission and purpose of the CSU.
- b. Advisor Breana Christie
 - i. Thanks the Senate for giving her the opportunity to attend and advise the group. She has learned a lot in the last few weeks and expects to continue to learn and develop in her role as Advisor. Career services moved to the first floor of the Bell Tower. The SEAL Center, under the direction of Jaimie Hoffman, developed a service called leadership consultations, which is a formal way for students to sign up to get involved and meet one on one with a leadership assistant.
- c. President Jonathan Neira:
 - i. Informed the Board that there is a new business called Well Balanced in the Town Center. They are having a welcome celebration on September 9th, leadership is encouraged to attend.
 - ii. The Student Union Bulletin Board is on its way.
 - iii. President Rush announced that the grand entry way is in its planning stages.
 - iv. Printing in library has changed, need to swipe your card in order to obtain print jobs.
 - v. Islands Café also changed its process for food services, it is now more like a buffet style of service.
 - vi. Student email has changed.
 - vii. The Cove Bookstore now has the option to rent books.
 - viii. The lights in bell tower have changed.
 - ix. CI was named one of the best places to work for.
- d. Vice President Elizabeth Bingham:
 - i. Hopes everyone has had a great first week of school so far.
 - ii. Thank you to Jonathan, MacKenzie, and Diana for helping at the Student Government table during the Welcome Back BBQ.
 - iii. Now that the school year has started it is time for all Senators to set up office hours. Senators should be working 5 hours per week. Please e-mail these office hours to Elizabeth.bingham@csuci.edu by the end of this week.
 - iv. Senators should set up a one on one meeting with me to talk about your constituency, assignment, and goals for the year. Please e-mail me to set up these meetings. They should last about 30 minutes.
 - v. The Ask Me Campaign was held this week. Thank you to all the Student Government members who volunteered for this event.
 - vi. Pizza with the President will be held on September 14, 2010 in the Student Union courtyard from 11:00am-12:30pm.

- vii. CI will be hosting CSSA on September 17-19, 2010.
- e. Senator Demetric Willoughby- nothing to report
- f. Senator Rebecca Cano- MECHA will be hosting an event on September 16 in Malibu Hall. Dolores Huerta will be the keynote speaker at the event.
- g. Senator Amanda Van Noy- nothing to report.
- h. Senator MacKenzie Garcia- nothing to report.
- i. Senator Andre Ross- Went to the Anacapa Commons and figured out the leadership hierarchy. Jeremy Booker is now overseeing that area. Will be talking to students in the International Relations Club.
- j. Senator Daniel Brown- nothing to report.
- k. Senator Diana Milan- The Business Club has been working on planning events, Movie Night September 30th. Will be sending out an email to all freshmen who signed up for the internship.
- l. Senator Juan Carlos Villanueva- nothing to report.

12) Report Questions

13) Adjournment:

- i. 8:23pm