

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

Tuesday, October 5, 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 7:01 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, Brandon Dowling, MacKenzie Garcia, Diana Milan, Andre Ross, Juan Carlos Villanueva, Demetric Willoughby
- c. Advisor present: Breana Christie

**3) Approval of the Agenda:**

- a. Ms. Milan moves to add a discussion of Commencement.
- b. Ms. Garcia seconds the motion.
- c. The agenda, as amended, is approved by unanimous consent.

**4) Approval of the Minutes:**

- a. Ms. Milan moves to approve the minutes.
- b. Mr. Ross seconds the motion.
- c. The minutes are approved by unanimous consent.

**5) Public Forum:**

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

**6) Special Presentations:**

- a. No special presentations were given to the Senate at this time.

**7) Action Items:**

- a. No action items were acted upon by the Senate at this time.

**8) Discussion Items:**

**a. Voter Registration:**

- i. President Neira: Whitney is leading the tabling. Please make sure you sign in on the paper while tabling, so we know when you are working. Some forms have not been filled out correctly. Make sure the student puts in their drivers' license or last four numbers of their Social Security number. I will pass around the ones that are incorrect, so if you know who they are, please find them and tell them they need to finish filling it out. Also, if you're confused about how to fill the forms out, please come talk to me. Otherwise, keep up the good work. We already have 240 registrations.
- ii. Ms. Bingham: I want to have us all tell what we are doing so far and will be doing for the rest of registration.
- iii. President Neira: I will continue tabling. Anthony, Whitney, and I attended a conference call to let us know what other universities have been doing. I'll be tabling and walking around the campus to find more students to register.
- iv. Ms. Wamba: I am announcing it in my classes, and on Thursday, I will be tabling.

- v. Ms. Milan: I announced it to my classes, went through the library, Student Union, and Bell Tower. I tabled six hours yesterday and will table more on Monday.
- vi. Mr. Dowling: I will be tabling and talking to my classes starting on Thursday.
- vii. Ms. Overton: I have gone to seven freshman classes and tabled all yesterday. There is a professor who wants someone to come to his class next Friday, so if someone can do that, please let me know.
- viii. Mr. Tabor: I have been going around campus and have gone to the cafeteria around lunchtime. I go to the Bell Tower, library, and Student Union during my Office Hours to get people registered.
- ix. Ms. Jones: I have been talking to my nursing cohort and the other two cohorts for nursing.
- x. Mr. Bernardo: We talked with UCSA and CSSA on the conference call. They have a voter registration tracker on the website. You can go to [www.csustudent.org](http://www.csustudent.org) to get the reports. Make sure you check the forms before you take it from the student. If we do not get the information we need, it's technically not a registered voter.
- xi. Ms. Cano: I have announced it to my classes and will be tabling on Thursday. Ms. Overton suggested I email the beginning Biology and science classes to go and present to them.
- xii. Mr. Willoughby: I will continue tabling and go to the sporting events.
- xiii. Mr. Villanueva: I have been going to the library, Recreation center, Santa Cruz Housing, Anacapa Housing, and other places.
- xiv. Mr. Ross: I tabled yesterday for five hours and will continue for 8-10 ours next week.
- xv. Ms. Garcia: I've announced in my classes and emailed housing about voter registration. Thursday, I'll be helping at a tabling event in Housing.
- xvi. Ms. Tumin: I went around to Housing and have been tabling.
- xvii. Ms. Bingham: I have been doing behind-the-scenes work scanning and recording. Now that we have Whitney to help us, I can table and announce to my classes.
- xviii. President Neira: Whitney could not make this meeting, unfortunately, but he is leading registration.
- xix. Ms. Bingham: Are there any questions or more discussion about reaching our goal?
- xx. Ms. Garcia yields time to Ms. Overton.
- xxi. Ms. Overton: When is the last day to fill out forms?
- xxii. Ms. Bingham: They need to be postmarked by October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- xxiii. Mr. Villanueva: The Block Party's on Friday. Let's get people registered there.
- xxiv. Ms. Bingham: Does anyone want to lead on tabling at the Block Party?
- xxv. Ms. Milan and Mr. Villanueva volunteer.
- xxvi. Ms. Milan yields time to Mr. Bernardo.

- xxvii. Mr. Bernardo: Maybe we can have registration forms and encourage people to fill them out while waiting for food.
- xxviii. Ms. Milan yields time to President Neira.
- xxix. President Neira: That's a great idea. Last year, there was a huge line of people waiting for food, so they can fill out forms.
- xxx. Ms. Milan: We can bring a clipboard and walk down the line, asking everyone.

**b. Commencement**

- i. Ms. Bingham: The Commencement Committee is asking Student Government to give feedback about possibly splitting commencement into two different ceremonies.
- ii. President Neira: Everyone can look over and read the letter. This is one possible idea. One major concern about commencement last year is that it is very long. Some people walked across the stage early and left. This is an idea of separating the ceremony so it will run smoother. We are looking for ideas from students.
- iii. Ms. Garcia: It's a good idea. At other campuses, they do individual commencements for majors. 5,000 people for one ceremony is a lot. How did they decide the majors for each ceremony?
- iv. President Neira: This is strictly a proposal. Each major has different vibes, different people.
- v. Ms. Milan: It is a great start, and maybe they should break it up even more. The smaller it is, the better.
- vi. Mr. Dowling: Last year was too long and there were too many people. But what if I am a double major? Do I choose which one I go to or do I go to both?
- vii. Ms. Overton: You have to pick one to walk with.
- viii. Mr. Dowling: We do need to cut down on time. Ms. Garcia, it looks like it is broken down by size of majors.
- ix. Ms. Bingham: Is there a solution for the double major issue?
- x. Mr. Dowling: Pick which the major you feel more connected with.
- xi. Ms. Garcia yields time to Ms. Overton.
- xii. Ms. Overton: This is a fabulous idea. If there ceremony does start at 9, you have to be there at 6:30 A.M. To break it down even more, I would suggest doing two separate undergraduate ceremonies and do a post baccalaureate/graduate ceremony separately the night before.
- xiii. Ms. Milan yields time to Mr. Tabor.
- xiv. Mr. Tabor: I think there should be as minimal time in between as possible if you want to see your friends graduate in the other ceremony. It is dividing people up based on their major which maybe will not be the best thing to do.
- xv. Mr. Ross: Maybe you could pick what ceremony to walk in.
- xvi. Mr. Ross yields time to Ms. Overton.
- xvii. Ms. Overton: When you get there at commencement, you fill out the form for whichever major you choose to walk with. Maybe they can bring up other things you are involved in.

- xviii. Mr. Ross: They should announce the double major.
- xix. Mr. Ross yields time to Mr. Bernardo.
- xx. Mr. Bernardo: Last year, they did say the double majors, but did not say the emphasis or minors.
- xxi. Ms. Bingham: If there is any specific feedback we want to give to the committee, that is what they are looking for now.
- xxii. Ms. Garcia: Maybe it would make it easier if it was on two separate days. They can focus entirely on the first one day, then the second on the next day.
- xxiii. Ms. Garcia yields time to President Neira.
- xxiv. President Neira: I discussed this with Dr. Sawyer. It is a volunteer experience for staff and faculty. I think they should be required to attend and paid to work on that day. Another idea is that we could have President Rush announce that everyone has graduated and then separate into small areas based on majors.
- xxv. Ms. Milan: I agree with Ms. Garcia about two days of commencement. It takes too long to say double majors.
- xxvi. Mr. Ross yields time to Ms. Jones.
- xxvii. Ms. Jones: I have invested a lot of time into school, so I want my double major read. I like the two day split as well. Is there any way they could put graduate and post baccalaureate on a separate day?
- xxviii. Mr. Dowling: I agree with Ms. Jones that I want my double major to be said. We have worked hard for that recognition. As for moving graduate and post baccalaureate, it would be best on another day.
- xxix. Mr. Ross: Volunteers would have to be there two days, so would you have them take two days off work?
- xxx. Mr. Ross yields time to Mr. Bernardo.
- xxxi. Mr. Bernardo: I would like President Rush to shake everyone's hand. That is what is unique about Channel Islands. We have a president who cares about the students.
- xxxii. Mr. Villanueva yields time to President Neira.
- xxxiii. President Neira: I would like to see who supports different ideas.
- xxxiv. Ms. Milan: Would the professors have to take the day off right before finals?
- xxxv. President Neira: It would be like a furlough day. Who would like them to be at commencement and take a day off? What about having it two days? Disability requirements would have to be taken into consideration. For example, there needs to be someone doing sign language at all times.
- xxxvi. Mr. Ross: If we split it over two days, could we have the graduate staff go to the graduate/post baccalaureate day?
- xxxvii. Ms. Milan: Some professors teach both graduate and undergraduate.
- xxxviii. Ms. Milan yields time to Ms. Jones.
- xxxix. Ms. Jones: Are the signed interpreters paid?
  - xl. President Neira: Yes.
  - xli. Ms. Garcia yields time to Mr. Tabor.

- xlii. Mr. Tabor: They are quite expensive and there is a specific time that they have to be rotated out.
- xliii. Ms. Jones: If they are getting paid, it might give them more incentive to work two days.
- xliv. Ms. Overton: I know in the post baccalaureate and graduate programs, they sometimes have their own ceremonies, and commencement is a bonus. That would be something to look into.
- xlvi. President Neira: I will take this all back and keep you updated. Talk to students about it. It is our commencement. The committee wants to make everyone happy.

## 9) New Business

### 10) Reports:

- a. Advisor Breana Christie:
  - i. The Career Fair is on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have 33 schools confirmed. Our target is 42. All local area colleges are being invited to participate.
  - ii. College for a Day is coming up. We have 45 CI students and staff volunteering. There are three more information sessions.
- b. President Jonathan Neira:
  - i. Well-Balance is having an open house. It's tomorrow from 3-8 P.M. It's located by the bookstore.
  - ii. The League of Women Voters provided us with voter information packets. They will be on the Student Government table by Bell Tower on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Invitations for the North Hall groundbreaking are in your mailboxes. It is tomorrow.
  - iv. There is a Lip Dub meeting on Thursday night. They want to involve every club and organization on campus.
- c. Vice President Elizabeth Bingham:
  - i. Agenda items should be submitted by Friday. Anything you want on the agenda, please send to Ms. Tumin. There are many issues facing the student body but Student Government cannot discuss them without putting them on our agenda. If you need any help with agenda items, I can help you.
  - ii. I have been working on the CSSA binder with all of this year's information. I also found information from 2007 and 2008 about hosting CSSA at CI. Compiling all of this information will help the future Student Governments plan CSSA. I am planning on creating a binder full of Student Government training information next.
  - iii. As a reminder to Senate, I am here to help you with any projects you are working on. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or set up a meeting. I encourage everyone to set up one-on-one meetings with me.
  - iv. Please be respectful of the Student Government office. Since this is our office, please take time to put things away and leave the office in working condition.
- d. Director of Operations, Alisha Tumin:

- i. Please send reports to me as soon as possible.
  - ii. If you want to change your office hours, email me your new hours. I will be putting up the Senator's office hours page in the next week.
- e. Director of Lobby Corps, Anthony Bernardo:
  - i. Had a conference call with UCSA and CSSA. We had an update on the voter registration initiative.
  - ii. Voter registration is going fantastically. We were one of the campuses closest to our goal. Thank you to Whitney, for his hard work.
  - iii. I attended Relay for Life and walked 20 miles. Thank you to those who were there.
- f. Senator Rebecca Cano:
  - i. I will be attending a meeting on Thursday to talk about service opportunities on campus.
  - ii. I attended a documentary on the Bracero Exhibition program. It was well-attended and very interesting.
- g. Senator Brandon Dowling:
  - i. I have begun to notify students of my new position.
  - ii. My cause that I will be working on will be to improve the Student Union Building. I will create a survey for the Student Union Building to find out exactly what students want.
  - iii. I spoke to Brian Miller, Chief of Staff of Congressman Elton Gallegly's District Office. Mr. Miller reaffirmed the Congressman's commitment to CI saying, "CI is our friend. We look forward to working together in the future."
- h. Senator MacKenzie Garcia: Nothing to report.
- i. Senator Diana Milan:
  - i. We had the ASI Budget Allocation Committee where we allocated funds to all of the clubs.
  - ii. I have received all of the applications for the freshman internship program. I will be setting up interview times for the following week.
- j. Senator Andre Ross:
  - i. I also attended the ASI Budget Allocation Committee meeting. There was a 72% cut. We need to have some sort of priority system, so the clubs that are serving the campus better will have the funds to do that.
  - ii. The ASI meeting this Thursday at 8 A.M. will approve that budget.
- k. Senator Juan Carlos Villanueva:
  - i. The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- l. Senator Demetric Willoughby:
  - i. I attended the USU meeting which was held last week.
  - ii. The Dolphin Intramural League has begun with basketball and football.
  - iii. Tomorrow morning, I'll be co-hosting a college tour with Apple Valley High School.

**11) Report Questions:**

- a. Mr. Dowling: Will the proposed budget amount be available to students?
- b. Mr. Ross: I believe they are public.

- c. Ms. Milan: By law, they must be made public. Christine Thompson would know where to find it.
- d. Ms. Overton: Has Rootbeer Pong been approved?
- e. President Neira: Yes, it has been approved.
- f. Ms. Overton: Do you have a list of clubs and organizations which have a problem with the funds? Please direct them to me, so I can help them with fundraisers.
- g. Mr. Ross: For the most part, they are talking to Ms. Thompson. I'll get you some names, though.
- h. Ms. Milan: Business Club is unhappy.
- i. Ms. Overton: I spoke to Elizabeth Quigley about how it is allocated. They received a spreadsheet about how much each club and organization asked for and what they were given. Clubs and organizations that did not apply for receiving funds can contact Ms. Thompson.

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**Adjournment:**

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting: Ms. Milan
- b. Second: Mr. Ross
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.