

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

Tuesday, October 19, 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, Christine Wamba, Stephanie Jones
- b. Senate members present: Brandon Dowling, MacKenzie Garcia, Andre Ross, Juan Carlos Villanueva, Demetric Willoughby
- c. Advisor present: Christine Thompson

3) Approval of the Agenda:

- a. Motion to approve by Mr. Villanueva. Second by Mr. Ross. Discussion: Ms. Garcia moves to table Discussion Item A to next meeting. Second: Mr. Dowling. Agenda, as amended, is approved by unanimous consent.

4) Approval of the Minutes:

- a. Motion to approve by Ms. Garcia. Second by Mr. Ross. 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 made to the Senate at this time.

7) Action Items:

a. Senator Appointments:

- i. President Neira: After careful consideration, Ms. Bingham and I reviewed applications, resumes, cover letters, and interviewed many candidates. We selected two candidates for the positions open. They will introduce themselves to the Senate.
- ii. Katrina Newcomb: I am a senior at CI and a Political Science major. I want to join Student Government as a senator because I truly am proud to be a student here. I have come to know many people, and I'd be able to express many students' ideas. I want to listen to the students. I would be a good candidate because I believe in growth and it is Student Government's job to present this growth and help it in the process.
- iii. Ms. Bingham asks for questions directed towards and discussion about Ms. Newcomb. There are no questions and Ms. Newcomb leaves the room to allow Senate to discuss.
- iv. Mr. Villanueva: She sounds like a good candidate.
- v. Ms. Garcia: Mr. Dowling and I work with Ms. Newcomb. She's a really hard worker and very intelligent. She'd be a great asset to our team.
- vi. Mr. Dowling: We are doing research with her, and she's a very strong person. She definitely has a passion for the school. If she didn't want

to be a part of Student Government, she wouldn't be here. The energy and passion she will bring to it will be good for us.

- vii. Ms. Jones: What would be her constituency?
- viii. Ms. Bingham: I would have to sit down with her and discuss it since there are a few open. If there is no more discussion, we will vote.
- ix. Motion passes.
- x. President Neira: The next candidate is Whitney Gradillas.
- xi. Ms. Gradillas: I am a senior at CI. I think I would be a great asset, because I have a lot of experience in Student Government. When I was a senior in high school, I was Student Body President. I learned how to work with people and students. I learned how to be professional. I am going on my fourth year of working with Student Life as a Student Assistant, and taking the skills of my past and present, I would be able to do a good job.
- xii. Ms. Bingham: Any questions? We will move into a discussion.
- xiii. Ms. Gradillas leaves the room.
- xiv. Ms. Garcia: I know Whitney personally. She's a hard worker and very intelligent. She was the Student Body President and would bring a lot to the team. She is very positive.
- xv. Mr. Willoughby: Judging from her past experience, she sounds like a great candidate.
- xvi. Mr. Villanueva: She is very involved, so we would get a lot of insight regarding the student body from her.
- xvii. Ms. Bingham: If there is no more discussion, we will vote.
- xviii. Motion passes.

8) Discussion Items:

a. Senator Resignation:

- i. President Neira: Unfortunately, we had Senator Diana Milan resign. There is one open seat. It is on Career Link. The applicant will need to fill out an application, do a cover letter, and resume.
- ii. Mr. Villanueva: Why?
- iii. President Neira: You would need to ask Ms. Milan why.
- iv. Mr. Ross: Does she have a resignation letter? Will we be discussing that?
- v. President Neira: No.
- vi. Mr. Ross: Will we get to see the resignation letter?
- vii. President Neira: I have it if you would like to see it.

b. Block Party:

- i. Ms. Wamba: The Block Party is a drive-in theme and will be on November 19th. It will either be in the parking lot by the Hub or in SH2. We will have In-N-Out, and the cotton candy and popcorn machines from SPB. It will be a double-feature movie with an old movie and one that is not out on DVD. They should be older movies like "Grease" or "Top Gun." Any ideas?
- ii. Ms. Newcomb: The new "Ghostbusters" is supposed to be coming out, so you can do the old and the new ones.

- iii. Mr. Willoughby: I'm a fan of "Grease."
- iv. Mr. Villanueva yields time to Mr. Tabor.
- v. Mr. Tabor: For the new one that hasn't been released yet, we have to wait until it's closer to the drive-in. I can let you know what movies are supposed to be released that week.
- vi. Ms. Wamba: What do you want Student Government to do? I looked into a slurpee machine, but they are expensive. Jay Derrico was looking to see if In-N-Out would get milk shakes.
- vii. Ms. Jones: Can we do root beer floats?
- viii. Ms. Bingham: Does everyone like the idea?
- ix. Mr. Willoughby: If it is a drive-in, maybe we could get some skates.
- x. Ms. Wamba: We are going to ask the clubs if any of them would volunteer to skate around to the cars, but we are still working on the kinks with that.
- xi. Mr. Villanueva: Will the smell be a problem in the Hub?
- xii. Ms. Wamba: It will be outside. The great thing about the Hub, though, is that the bathrooms are convenient.
- xiii. Ms. Newcomb: The problem with SH2 is that cars are there overnight.
- xiv. Mr. Willoughby yields time to Mr. Bernardo.
- xv. Mr. Bernardo: Is this in place of having the dancing, music, etc?
- xvi. Ms. Wamba: Yes.
- xvii. Mr. Bernardo: Are they trying to move away from the dance parties?
- xviii. Ms. Wamba: We are trying to bring something new. For December, we will have a DJ out there again, but for this one, we wanted to do something different. We were also thinking that if it is at the Hub, music can be played inside if people still want to dance.

9) New Business

10) Reports:

- a. Advisor Christine Thompson:
 - i. Thursday is busy! There is Root Beer Pong from 6-8 P.M. SPB is doing Dolphin Nights. It's a spooky theme. They are decorating the Student Union, and there will be a haunted house upstairs. The Gender Bender Ball is also on Thursday.
 - ii. The Budget Allocation Committee met on Monday.
 - iii. There is a spot on the board for the Senate position. Let President Neira know if anyone is interested.
- b. President Jonathan Neira:
 - i. I want to let you know that most schools did not reach their targets of getting 10% registered to vote. We hit it! I am so proud of each of you. We were shooting for 386 and our total number was 416, which is awesome.
 - ii. In CSSA, we are now switching to Voter Education. We will be getting voter guides out to everyone on campus. We will also be acquiring large signs that say the proposition number and what will happen if you vote yes or no. We might have a speaker come in to talk about different propositions.

- iii. Also in CSSA, we are looking for a student trustee. This will happen in November.
 - iv. To increase communication, we want to do that in a physical pamphlet manner. We put together a proposal to create table tents to put monthly events of what Student Government and the school are doing. We are also doing a doorknob flier to go to Housing and also an actual flier about Student Government.
 - v. Root Beer Pong is Thursday from 6-8 P.M., but I want you there at 5:30 P.M. Everyone needs to be there. I made some education for alcohol awareness. Let me know your critiques.
 - vi. Ms. Cleverly created a great food survey. I wanted to show you a preview. We are going to edit and any feedback would be great. After, I'll go to Rick Houser and team up with him.
- c. Vice President Elizabeth Bingham:
- i. I attended the CSSA meeting with President Neira over the weekend at Sonoma State University. The key issues we talked about were:
 1. The Statewide Academic Senate is looking into how the CSU can improve their graduation rates. They are also looking at the early state program in which students complete their remedial requirements the summer before they start their fall term. They are looking at whether or not this program is helping students graduate on time or not.
 2. The California State budget was passed and will allow for CSU Channel Islands to have an enrollment growth of 400 transfer students in the spring.
 3. The tentative date for the March for Higher Education will be March 14, 2011. As more information becomes available, I will get it to Student Government.
 4. CSSA passed a stability plan to help the organization become more stable for the long term. They also passed their 2010-2011 policy agenda.
 5. Two resolutions regarding shared governance were passed. They will encourage campuses to have student representation on campus committees as well as student representation for personnel searches. Although CI has excellent shared governance, it is not always true for ever campus.
 6. The California Higher Education Student Summit is tentatively scheduled for April 16-18, 2011. I was appointed to sit on the CHESS committee. Next month, we will be discussing themes for the event. As more information is available, I will provide it to Student Government.
 - ii. Yesterday, President Neira and I met with Dean Sweetland to discuss the Committee on Access, Retention, and Success (CARS). We have a CARS committee meeting this Thursday.
 - iii. I will be attending the first Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) committee meeting this Wednesday.

- d. Director of Operations, Alisha Tumin:
 - i. I have been working on projects in the office.
 - ii. For those of you who still need to do Student Government biographies, please send them to me as soon as possible.
 - iii. If you need help on anything, please let me know. I'm here to help you.
 - iv. Send me your reports within 24 hours and all agenda items need to be to me by Friday at noon.
- e. Director of Lobby Corps, Anthony Bernardo:
 - i. Total registered voters after the campaign is 416! I want to give a big thank you to Whit for all of his efforts.
 - ii. With that being done, I'm switching my focus to Lobby Corps. I'm having a few info sessions on November 23 and 24 at 8:00 P.M. in the Student Union Building Board Room. I'm asking each of you to please attend one of the sessions to learn what lobbying is about.
 - iii. Please send me any input you may have to add to the training sessions. Anthony.bernardo@csuci.edu.
- f. Senator Brandon Dowling:
 - i. I have developed the Student Union survey. It will be distributed amongst the Student Union and food services to get feedback on what students want. We want it to cater to them.
 - ii. Also, I will be taking point on the Dolphin Discount program. I'll be contacting businesses. I really hope to get a lot of participants for it. I'll be working with Michelle Miller who will be handling marketing.
- g. Senator MacKenzie Garcia:
 - i. Appointed to Sustainability Task Force and the first meeting will be held Friday at 2:00 P.M.
 - ii. UGlen Board of Directors meeting is next Thursday, October 28 at 4:30 P.M.
 - iii. Met with Jack Reilly last Wednesday and discussed the arts. This visit was extremely successful, beneficial, and educational. I hope to throw a social event in Napa Hall this semester in collaboration with a club on campus. In addition, I hope to discuss this with Senate next week.
 - iv. Meeting with John Gormley of OPC tomorrow, October 20 at 2:00 P.M. to discuss sustainability at CSUCI.
 - v. Will write up both interviews, compose an article and email to the CI View to hopefully have a spotlight article published on both the Arts and Sustainability.
- h. Senator Andre Ross:
 - i. I attended the Budget Allocation Committee meeting.
 - 1. An idea we have is using the money left over to be put aside to be allocated to the clubs that were not asking for money at the beginning of the year and save it for new clubs as well. We might use it to help clubs fundraise, but since Student Government is doing that this year, we might refocus on where to put the extra money.

2. We are planning to make our standards stricter in what we can fund. If something does not necessarily benefit the school, we will take the money out of the budgets.
 3. Another idea is clubs having dues they must pay for every dollar ASI puts out.
 4. We could use the funds next year for fundraising to make it an annual part of the system. If we're saving money, we can help clubs become more sustainable.
- i. Senator Juan Carlos Villanueva:
 - i. I am meeting with Cindy Derrico this Friday.
 - ii. Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday at 8 A.M. in the Career Center.
 - iii. I visited my constituents in Santa Cruz Village. There are a lot of issues with the cafeteria controlling money. I am trying to think of ways to tackle this issue and make change. I'm hoping to compose a resolution or petition to combat this problem. If you have any ideas, let me know.
 - j. Senator Demetric Willoughby: Nothing to report.
 - k. Senator Katrina Newcomb: Nothing to report.
 - l. Senator Whitney Gradillas: Nothing to report.

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Report Questions:

- a. Mr. Dowling: Mr. Villanueva, what do you mean by the cafeteria taking students' money?
- b. Mr. Villanueva: When they go to the cafeteria, they can only pay for themselves.
- c. Mr. Dowling: So if someone at Housing wants to pay for a friend, they cannot.
- d. President Neira: I think it is a great that you're doing that. I'd love to work with you especially with the food survey. That would be a great start to get feedback.
- e. Mr. Tabor: Mr. Ross, you said they want to eliminate food as something to cut back on the Budget Allocation Committee, but did they mention anything else?
- f. Mr. Ross: More specifically, food and t-shirts for getting people coming to events. Also, if the club wants to have a party at the end of the year or a club trip, we do not want to fund that since other students cannot have access to it. Since all of the student body is paying for it, we want the money to go back to them. It's all very tentative.

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Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting: Mr. Villanueva
- b. Second: Mr. Ross
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.