

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 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 7:30 P.M.**

**2) Attendance:**

- a. Executive and Judiciary members present: President Jonathan Neira, Vice President Elizabeth Bingham, Alisha Tumin, Christine Wamba, Stephanie Jones, Adrienne Cleverly, Robert Tabor, Liz Anson, Spencer Keaster
- b. Senate members present: Jason Barnes, Rebecca Cano, Brandon Dowling, MacKenzie Garcia, Whitney Gradillas, Katrina Newcomb

**3) Approval of the Agenda:**

- a. Motion to approve by Mr. Barnes. Second by Ms. Gradillas.
- b. Agenda is approved by unanimous consent.

**4) Approval of the Minutes:**

- a. Motion to approve by Ms. Newcomb. Second by Ms. Cano.
- b. Minutes are approved by unanimous consent.

**5) Public Forum:**

- a. Chris Hardwick:
  - i. Wants to change the skateboarding policy on campus. He understands the liability issue, but believes that students paying a certain fee and sign a waiver would enable them to continue to skateboard. He has created a petition and wants to see what Student Government can do to help him.
  - ii. Ms. Anson: I am familiar with the rules regarding skateboards, but have you looked into why the school is against it?
  - iii. Mr. Hardwick: I haven't gotten a clear answer on it.
  - iv. Ms. Newcomb: I have all of that information, so we can discuss that.
  - v. Mr. Harris: Some problems are the tricks and that skateboarding is loud. You can also run into someone if you're not paying attention.
  - vi. Mr. Hardwick: We would like to get one lane going through the campus, so skateboarders can use it.
  - vii. President Neira: I recommend we put this on the agenda for the next Senate meeting. I commend you, Mr. Hardwick, for coming to talk to us. If it's on the agenda, we can discuss this further.
  - viii. Ms. Garcia: If we're going to add it to the agenda, next week when you come back, you should have more information on the rules and procedures so we have a better idea of what we're dealing with.
- b. David Ashley: SPB's Annual Picnic is called DolphinPalooza. It is on April 23, 2011 on Potrero Field. There will be carnival rides, games, etc.
  - i. Ms. Anson: I emailed SPB to find out for tables for a club.
  - ii. Mr. Ashley: We're allowing sports clubs to have booths. I'll talk to Dana and have her email you back.

**6) Special Presentations:**

- a. Cabinet Presentations:

- i. Chief Justice, Stephanie Jones:
  - 1. See attached report.
  - 2. President Neira: In regard to the cords at graduation, I think that whatever we do should be the same for everybody. All the cords should be uniform.
- ii. Chief of Staff, Christine Wamba:
  - 1. See attached report.
  - 2. Mr. Dowling: Policy-wise, the school is not going to allow us to put other dolphins on the t-shirts.
  - 3. President Neira: It's not a new mascot, but it's student run and how people see CI Pride.
  - 4. Ms. Newcomb: We promised people we would print them. If it is not approved by the school, can we print them still?
  - 5. President Neira: That's a great point and I'll find out.
- iii. Communication Officer, Adrienne Cleverly:
  - 1. See attached report.
- iv. Technology Officer, Robert Tabor:
  - 1. See attached report.
- v. Club and Organization Outreach Officer, Liz Anson:
  - 1. See attached report.
- vi. Community Engagement Officer, Spencer Keaster:
  - 1. I'll be working on advertising ideas to increase voter turnout for ASI Elections which are April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. If you want to help or have any ideas, please email me or we can meet to think of ideas. I really want to get big numbers of students to vote.

## 7) Action Items:

- a. New Senators:
  - i. President Neira: Some of us had the opportunity to interview those interested in the Senator seats. I'm bringing two candidates to you, in no particular order, for the two open seat positions.
  - ii. Ben Wilson: I have respect for all of you and what you do here. I'm a History major, Political Science minor. Shares John Q. Adams quote. If you get anyone to do something to become more, learn more about school, etc., you become a leader. I want to join Student Government to learn and inspire others to do more. Are there any questions?
  - iii. Mr. Keaster: Would this be your first leadership experience on campus?
  - iv. Mr. Wilson: Yes. I was with Rotaract at a different location, but this would be my first ASI leadership experience.
  - v. Mason Randall: I have lived in Thousand Oaks my whole life. While at T.O. High School, I was in the Business Academy. After, I went to Moorpark College where I graduated with honors. This is my second semester here and I want to get more involved on campus. Some extra-curricular activities that I've done is work with law enforcement. I'm involved in the Pre-Law Society on campus. I like to

play soccer, hike, camp, dirt bike ride, and other than that, I look forward to working collectively and collaboratively with you. Are there any questions?

- vi. Mr. Keaster: What's your year and major?
  - vii. Mr. Randall: I'm a Political Science major and Sociology minor. I'm a Junior.
  - viii. Ms. Bingham: Is there any discussion on the candidates?
  - ix. Ms. Cano: Are they going for Senate seats?
  - x. Ms. Bingham: Yes. We have two available.
  - xi. Ms. Gradillas: What will their constituencies be?
  - xii. Ms. Bingham: If we approve them, I'll meet with them to talk about their constituencies.
  - xiii. President Neira: The reason why I wanted to get these seats filled is that they're also running for the Senate next year. They can get experience now to keep it moving positively and grow from this year.
  - xiv. Ms. Bingham: We'll move into a vote. Is there a motion to approve Mr. Wilson?
  - xv. Motion by Ms. Gradillas. Second by Ms. Garcia. Mr. Wilson is approved as a Senator.
  - xvi. Ms. Bingham: Is there a motion to approve Mr. Randall?
  - xvii. Motion by Ms. Newcomb. Second by Ms. Garcia. Mr. Randall is approved as a Senator.
- b. Director of Lobby Corps:
- i. President Neira: This person also applied, submitted a resume, interviewed, and went through the whole process for the Director of Lobby Corps position. He is a great candidate.
  - ii. Kurt Harris: I'm a Political Science major, and I'm a Junior. I'm interested in Lobby Corps because I feel I would be qualified for the position. I helped re-elect the Mayor for Thousand Oaks, Andy Fox. I collected and distributed contributions, rallied for him, and walked door-to-door. I led volunteers at booths in support of Mr. Fox, made phone calls and secured donations. I understand that the Lobby Corps position makes education a priority to legislators. I have good connections with the local legislators. I feel like I would be great for the position and make education a priority. Any questions?
  - iii. Ms. Garcia: Do you have any plans for what you would do if you were voted in?
  - iv. Mr. Harris: I would formulate a team and see what page the local legislators are on as far as education goes. I would find out what they think of CI and discuss their interaction with us.
  - v. Ms. Jones: Do you feel like you would be able to travel within the area to lobby for our school?
  - vi. Mr. Harris: Yes, that's my plan.
  - vii. Ms. Bingham: We'll discuss and vote.
  - viii. Ms. Newcomb: He's very intelligent and works extremely hard.

- ix. Ms. Garcia: I agree with Ms. Newcomb. I'm in a class with him also, and from what I've seen, he is great.
- x. Mr. Barnes: I've known Mr. Harris the past year and he's a very passionate individual who would be great for the position.
- xi. Ms. Gradillas: We're appointing all these people mid-semester, so are they going to be here next year?
- xii. President Neira: They have to run in the election and apply. We're hoping to pull people back in who have shown interest in hopes that they will continue next year.
- xiii. Motion to approve by Ms. Garcia. Second by Ms. Newcomb. Mr. Harris is approved as Director of Lobby Corps.

## 8) Discussion Items:

- a. ASI Election Polling Place workers:
  - i. Ms. Tumin: We will need volunteers to work at the Polling Places for the ASI Elections on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. I'm sending around this spreadsheet. Please put your name anywhere you can work and use this as your Office Hours. We will need two people in South Quad and two people in the Library from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. those days.

## 9) Reports:

- a. President Jonathan Neira:
  - i. Yesterday, we were at March in March. CSUCI was definitely there and leading the group.
  - ii. Thank you for those who came on the retreat. It was a way to get out and get to know everyone more. We'll have another one next month to involve our newest members.
  - iii. I will be leaving for Vietnam on Thursday for 10 days.
- b. Vice President Elizabeth Bingham:
  - i. Nothing to report.
- c. Director of Operations, Alisha Tumin:
  - i. See attached report.
- d. Senator Jason Barnes:
  - i. See attached report.
- e. Senator Rebecca Cano:
  - i. See attached report.
- f. Senator Brandon Dowling:
  - i. Nothing to report.
- g. Senator MacKenzie Garcia:
  - i. I helped Ms. Wamba with the t-shirt contest.
  - ii. I attended the Block Party on Friday.
  - iii. There's a Community Garden meeting on Thursday that I will attend.
  - iv. The two articles I wrote (one on the Arts and one on Sustainability) were published on the CI View Online.
  - v. I'm working with Judy to come up with a comprehensive plan, so we can start the composting project.
  - vi. Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - vii. There is a Neon Light Show in Napa Hall.

- viii. I'll be attending the Disaster Relief meeting on Thursday.
- h. Senator Whitney Gradillas:
  - i. For Maximus, I've been in contact with Don from Coastal Embroidery. He cut us a good deal on the pens. We'll be ordering those. Ms. Cleverly and I ordered the static cling stickers. We also did the banners. Marketing for Maximus is going well.
- i. Senator Katrina Newcomb:
  - i. See attached report.
- j. Senator Juan Carlos Villanueva:
  - i. See attached report.

**10) Closing Remarks:**

- a. Ms. Bingham: Do any of the new senators have anything to report?
- b. Mr. Randall: In the Pre-Law Society, we're meeting some judges tomorrow and the District Attorney who is in charge of the BAR. It's at 7:00 P.M. and it will be in Broome Library 1756.
- c. Mr. Harris: When is CHESS?
- d. Ms. Bingham: It is April 16-18, 2011.

**11) Adjournment:**

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting: Ms. Garcia
- b. Second: Ms. Cano
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.