

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

A meeting of the Senate will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the John Spore Broome Library at California State University Channel Islands at One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012 to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1) Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.
- 2) Attendance
  - a. Member present: Alexandra Mitchell, Dustin Erickson, Cassandra Silic, Adriana Franco, Charmaine Ibarra, Natasha Baker, April Burger (late) Tamara Escobar, Sarah Mahon, Sandra Perez, Lauren Pollack, Katelyn Rauch, Erica Roundy (late), Kevin Schallert
  - b. Advisors present: Christine Thompson
  - c. Members of the public: Deanne Ellison and Ray Porras for CSUCI parking services
- 3) Public Forum-
  - a. Deanne Ellison and Ray Porras addressed the future parking crisis that will arise on campus due to the closing of 80 to 100 parking spots. This area includes parking spots from Lot A-3 through The Hub and lots that align Ventura St. up until Aliso Hall. Ray stressed that the parking crisis needs to be addressed immediately and proposed creating a committee to resolve the issue
    - i. Deanne presented brief ideas such as prorated parking permits, "park and ride" options and parking permit refunds.
- 4) Reports
  - a. Co-Advisor- Christine Thompson
    - i. Christine reminded everyone that the Pancake breakfast takes place on Sunday, September 19, 2008, location is TBD
    - ii. Also, the New Student Center Grand Opening Ceremony will take place on Thursday, September 4 through Friday, September 5.
  - b. President- Alexandra Mitchell
    - i. UPACC Meeting on Thursday of last week, we will be working on the University Strategic Plan specifically dealing with the strategies of the plan. I need students to sit on 4 subcommittees
      1. Student Access/Retention
      2. STEM Crisis

3. Environmental Sustainability
  4. Athletics
  - ii. Student Union Furniture
    1. Furniture for the student union is currently being selected. Member ideas and feedback are appreciated.
  - iii. Parking Issue
    1. To elaborate: whoever is appointed for ASI board will be attending the parking meeting tomorrow morning (9/4) at 8:00 a.m.
  - iv. The President's Dinner Committee met last week. Please reserve Saturday, October 4, 2008 if you are interested in a volunteer position.
  - v. If members have not done so already, please sign up for Relay for Life so fundraising emails can be sent out as soon as possible.
  - vi. All members are encouraged to sign up for different committees on campus. Alexandra will email all members a committee list/sign-up sheet.
- c. Vice President- Dustin Erickson
- i. Dustin encouraged all members that attended the August retreat to complete and submit a post assessment to him.
  - ii. There are extra informational copies of Dr. Sawyer's Crash Course in Public Speaking available for members that were not able to attend that segment of the August training.
  - iii. Dustin reminded everyone that Constitution Day will take place on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at Malibu Hall 100 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- d. Director of Operations- Cassandra Silic
- i. Thanked all members for their feedback and approval of last week's minutes. All were encouraged to send additional corrections and/or suggestions for future minutes via email. The minutes are currently posted on CSUCI's shared drive.
  - ii. Cassandra reported that she is currently working on updating the website. All members need to submit a brief biography and work with Ben Hipple to get head shots (photographs) for the Student Government web page.
- e. Director of Finances- Adriana Franco
- i. Adriana asked that all members review the expenses sheet.

- ii. Adriana also reported that the smoking area in front of the gym has been closed. She asked members if this is an issue Student Government should address.
- f. Director of Statewide Affairs- Charmaine Ibarra
  - i. In regards to voter registration, Charmaine has obtained full support from the Recreation Center to set up booths and do tabling to promote voter registration. Support from RHA is pending.
    - 1. Also, should a voter registration be present at the Block Party (9/12). Suggestions and ideas to get students interested in voter registration are encouraged and appreciated.
  - ii. Charmaine advised all that details for the Senate Competition will be given at next week's meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2008.
- g. Senator- Tamara Escobar
  - i. Tamara is also working on updating the ASI website. She is currently attending trainings with IT Services. Tamara will work with Cassandra on updating the Student Government portion of ASI website.
  - ii. Need ideas and activities to motivate students to register to vote at the Block Party on Friday, September 12, 2008.
- h. Senator- Sarah Mahon
  - i. Sarah reported that she is trying to get in contact with Josh Wade regarding her cause.
  - ii. Sarah is currently following up with Housing to sit in on floor meetings.
- i. Senator- Sandra Perez
  - i. Sandra updated everyone on the Student Government Facebook project. She is currently trying to get in contact with Dustin Russell in order to have access to user name and password. She advised that a new Facebook account may need to be created.
- j. Senator- Katelyn Rauch
  - i. Katelyn reported on her cause of the prison hospital located in Camarillo. The projected, though not official, time of construction will begin in September 2009. She proposed having a Prison Hospital Action committee that could meet bi monthly to inform and address the issue with students. Katelyn has reached out to Resident Assistants to spread the word to residents. She has spoken with Jaimie Hoffman to have informational sessions with transfer students in regards to this issue.
- k. Senator- Erica Roundy

- i. As a side note, Erica let everyone know that she thoroughly enjoyed participating in the "Meet ASI" event at the Hub that afternoon.

I. Senator- Kevin Schallert

- i. Kevin reported that CSUCI sailing had its first practice. He encouraged members to participate and spread the word about the sailing program. CSUCI sailing has a goal to make nationals for the 08-09 year.
- ii. A motion is made to suspend agenda and participate in a moderated discussion regarding smoking on campus. This motion would include diverting from the agenda and members would have approximately 10 minutes to provide their opinions in regards to smoking on campus. The motion failed with a 0-3-0.
- iii. A motion was made to move the smoking on campus issue to discussion. The motion passed with 3-0-0.

5) Discussion

a. Motion: Smoking on Campus

- i. All members were given a brief amount of time to offer opinions on the issue.
  - 1. Alexandra Mitchell: Alexandra informed everyone that this issue was addressed last year while Cris Powell was in office. Cris vetoed the bill regarding smoking on campus because there was not enough information to appropriate address the issue.
  - 2. Kevin Schallert- The smoking sections in Anacapa Village and near the Recreation Center are closed and students are confused as to where they can smoke on campus. Kevin stressed that the rights of smokers needed to be considered and information regarding smoking on campus needs to be provided for both smokers and non smokers.
  - 3. Sarah Mahon- Sarah strongly agreed with Kevin. There needs to be action taken on the issue. Sarah feels that Student Government should take on this issue to provide an alternative for students who smoke.
  - 4. April Burger reported that the reason why the smoking area was closed in Anacapa Village because there was supposedly too much activity occurring in that area and that it was disturbing to residents. Housing is a separate entity on campus and students who used to smoke in Housing are now being directed to smoke in the bell tower.

5. Erica Roundy- Erica reported that smokers are confused and distraught that they do not have an area to smoke on campus. She felt that the bell tower is not an ideal smoking area. She agreed that there needs to be a resolution
6. Kevin Schallert- Kevin asked who would be the department/individual in charge of designating smoking areas.
7. Katelyn Rauch- Katelyn reported that Cindy Derrico is in charge of Housing and the function of smoking areas. Areas of consideration: Disturbance to residents, safety issue; how far do smokers need to walk to reach a smoking area.
8. Charmaine Ibarra- Charmaine asked for clarification in regards to what can items can students smoke on campus (i.e. hookah)
9. Lauren Pollack- Lauren provided clarification to Charmaine's question: Students are allowed to smoke hookah in the Zen garden.
10. Cassandra Silic- Cassandra provided another aspect to the issue: if there is a smoking area provided, how do we encourage students to keep the area clean and maintain the beauty of the campus.
11. Alexandra Mitchell- Alexandra proposed that members should meet with Housing personnel.
12. Natasha Baker- Natasha reported that she would like to take on this issue as there have been delays in her cause.

6) Approvals

- a. Approval to select member to sit on ASI board
  - i. A motion was made to discuss selection of candidates.
  - ii. The motion was retracted.
  - iii. Lauren Pollack was appointed by Senators to sit on ASI Board.

7) Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. approved 3-0-0.