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

A meeting of the Senate will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the John Spoor 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 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Attendance
  - Members present: Alexandra Mitchell, Dustin Erickson, Cassandra Silic, Adriana
    Franco, April Burger, Tamara Escobar, Sarah Mahon, Sandra Perez, Lauren
    Pollack, Katelyn Rauch, Erica Roundy, Kevin Schallert
  - b. Advisors present: Jennifer Chapman and Christine Thompson
- 3) Approval of the minutes
  - a. Minutes for Wednesday, November 12, 2008 were approved.
  - b. Minutes for Wednesday, November 19, 2008 were approved.
- 4) Public Forum
- 5) Special Presentations
- 6) Reports
  - a. Co-Advisor- Christine Thompson
    - i. Christine mentioned that the elections for the next school year will be held in the spring semester of 2009. Please make necessary plans if you intend to run for Student Government for 2009-2010.
  - b. Advisor- Jennifer Chapman
    - i. There is a Sacramento State Fellowship offer. Program brochures were distributed for anyone interested.
  - c. President- Alexandra Mitchell
    - i. The Capital Fellowship Program was distributed to members that were interested.
    - ii. Academic Master Plan
      - The Academic Master Plan was approved by the Academic Senate yesterday.
        - a. The plan includes new majors/minors that will be offered at CSUCI for the next several years.
    - iii. Budget Cuts
      - 1. Good News:
        - The budget cuts have not improved, but, students who are concerned about their education here at CI next year will have the following to look forward to:

- President Rush and Joanne Coville's office worked diligently last year to reserve funds to act as a cushion for financial hardships, such as the current one.
  - Moreover, no funds will be cut from Academic Affairs next year so there will not be too many financial changes in that regard.
- iv. Athletic Director Search update
  - There are two more candidates who will be coming onto campus for interviews during the holiday break. Alexandra will provide an update on the results of those searches.
- v. Holiday Party
  - The holiday party will be hosted at Alexandra's house this year. All Student Government members are invited and invitations will be provided for each person.
- vi. Good luck on finals!
- d. Vice President- Dustin Erickson
  - i. Have a good break.
  - ii. Continue to maintain the Student Government Facebook Account.
- e. Director of Finance- Adriana Franco
  - i. Adriana provided a spreadsheet of all clubs' expenses and allocations. She also informed the group that she transferred money into the events area.
- f. Senator- April Burger
  - i. April passed out the Traditions and Pride Letter and there is a recognition breakfast at that time.
  - ii. In regards to the Facebook account created for complaints against Housing and Residential Education, April met with the Director for Housing, Cindy Derrico. Cindy indicated that Housing did not remove the group. The complaints are taken very seriously and she is willing to discuss issues and/or concerns that students may have in a town hall setting; senators are welcome to attend.
    - Sarah Hawkins has also talked to the RA's on how to handle future situations better. Cindy stated that issues such as these help "shed light" into certain situations so that Housing may better serve the students.

- iii. The Student Fee Committee has ruled to increase the fees for private music lessons. With the fees increased more students will be able to partake in private lessons.
  - Parking citations and parking pass fees will also increase. Housing fees will also be increasing.
- iv. Casa Pacifica is going well in Housing.
- v. The Web Steering Committee reported that the top five searches for 2008 were Dolphin VIP, Housing and Residential Education, Athletics, Nursing, and the Bookstore.
- g. Senator- Tamara Escobar
  - The CSUCI website is checked daily to ensure accessibility. Currently it is 100% accessible. There is a survey services that helps maintain accessibility; the IT help desk has access to this survey.
- h. Senator- Sarah Mahon
  - i. Sarah met with RHA, Cindy and Aaron Hart to discuss the current situation and students having complaints with Housing. They reported that students are providing feedback in a constructive way and that RHA will create a Facebook group where students may have a voice.
  - ii. Sarah is also on the Block Party committee and here are the current, postulated themes for the Spring semester:
    - 1. Glow in the Dark (CI Pride)
    - 2. Toga Party
    - 3. Black and White (February).
- i. Senator- Sandra Perez
  - Sandy, along with Tamara, Jennifer and Christine has decided to hold Maximus 2009 in Salon A. A planning committee will be selected in the working meeting tonight. The group will discuss the selection process and criteria.
- j. Senator- Katelyn Rauch
  - i. The Alumni and Friends Board is fully sustainable and do not utilize foundation or stateside funding. With that, they need people to join the organization. It is \$5.00 for students to join and students who join will receive \$10 off at the bookstore.
  - Next Wednesday, December 10 is the Receiver's Office meeting for the Camarillo Prison Hospital construction. On December 1st, the Receiver's Office submitted an environmental report.
- k. Senator- Erica Roundy

- i. There were several complains in the Addiction Studies Class; Some of the complains included:
  - 1. The events were not being targeted to the right audience.
  - 2. The students indicated that they felt the students were being bribed for their attendance.
- ii. A suggestion was made to send emails to all faculty to inform the students about the Student Government Facebook webpage.
- iii. The Student Health Advisory Committee met this week and will re-use the previous survey and update it to include Personal Counseling Services.
- iv. The Prison Hospital Survey has been submitted to IRB for approval.
- I. Senator Kevin- Kevin Schallert
  - i. The Internal Affairs Committee had its first meeting last week. The club funding policy will need modification however there will not be a meeting tonight.
  - ii. The CSUCI Model UN Team won three awards.
  - iii. Monday was World AIDS Day and events pertaining to that day were very successful.
  - iv. CSUCI has another regatta in January.
  - v. The Waterfront Program will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please spread the word and sign up if you are interested.

## 7) Discussion

- a. Hillel Club Funding Request
  - i. Need the amount of \$200 for an event that will take place on Thursday, December 4, 2008.
  - ii. A senator mentioned the club has utilized a great amount of its seed money.
    - 1. Jennifer Chapman
      - a. The even is what needs to be discussed.
    - 2. Dustin Erickson
      - a. Senate will participate in an electronic vote assist Hillel with a check request for reimbursement.
    - 3. Katelyn Rauch
      - a. Is this club only for Jewish Students?
      - b. Are the decorations sustainable?
    - 4. Dustin Erickson

- a. If the club discusses who will keep the decorations, then yes, the decorations would be sustainable.
- b. The club can be invited back to the next meeting.
- 8) Approvals
  - a. Eddie Ibarra to serve as the ninth Senator for spring 2009.
    - i. Eddie provided a brief description of why he would like to serve on Student Government.
      - 1. I am open to the position.
      - 2. I am a Political Science major.
      - 3. My constituency will be off-campus commuters.
      - 4. Enjoys multicultural and service learning.
    - ii. Senators asked Eddie questions regarding his potential role in Student Government
      - 1. Erica Roundy
        - a. Do you have leadership experience?
      - 2. Eddie Ibarra
        - a. This will be the first year.
      - 3. Kevin Schallert
        - a. What are your priorities?
      - 4. Eddie Ibarra
        - a. To expand the psychological services here on campus.
      - 5. Kevin Schallert moved to approve Eddie Ibarra as the ninth Senator by acclamation.
      - 6. Eddie Ibarra
        - a. Next month is the first official La Crosse game at Cal Lutheran.
- 9) New Business and Report Questions
  - a. Alexandra Mitchell
    - i. Alexandra addressed a question to April regarding the fee increases for the near future.
      - 1. April Burger
        - The fees will be increasing for parking tickets and parking permits for next year. Individuals who create or sell parking passes will face criminal charges.
        - b. Parking permits will be increasing in order to remain financially sustainable.
  - b. Erica Roundy

- i. Erica addressed a question to April regarding the Housing fee increases.
  - 1. April Burger
    - Next year the fees will increase. Residents in Santa Cruz Village will receive a monthly rebate of \$150.00 and residents of Anacapa Village will receive a monthly rebate of \$100.00.
    - b. Residents in Santa Cruz Village will be triple bunked and residents in Anacapa Village will be double bunked.
- c. Katelyn Rauch
  - i. Is there an update on the web portal?
    - 1. The informational officer for the web portal is not currently here but the web portal will be worked on in 2009.
- d. April Burger addressed a question to Erica Roundy regarding the complaints made by students in the addiction studies class.
  - i. What are the students attempting to convey when they addressed the issues of:
    - 1. Events not being targeted to the right audience?
    - 2. Bribery to attend events?
    - 3. Did the students offer any suggestions?
  - ii. Erica Roundy
    - No suggestions were offered. The students felt that all the events were not targeted to the right audience and that the events use bribing methods to gain student attendance.
      - The Marijuana Informational Meeting was intended to discuss marijuana however; students reported that the speaker discussed DUI's.
      - b. The meeting only lasted for about 20 minutes when it was intended to last for longer.
      - c. The event was not advertised enough.
      - The gates to Anacapa Village (where the event was held) were closed/locked.
      - e. Most of the students that attended went to obtain class credit.
    - 2. Students were also concerned that the Block Parties were not "geared" correctly.
  - iii. Dustin Erickson
    - 1. Invite those students to the Senate meetings.

- iv. Lauren Pollack
  - 1. There was a misunderstanding before the event occurred and the speaker did not want to discuss marijuana.
- v. Dustin Erickson
  - 1. To all Student Government members: if a student complains to you, ask for a solution.
- e. Jennifer Chapman
  - 1. A date for Maximus needs to be set.
  - 2. No one has requested that the Facebook group be removed.
    - a. Sarah Mahon
      - The father of the individual that was involved with creation of the Facebook group called Dr. Hart. The student learned that the father had discussed the matter with Dr. Hart and the student deleted the group. The student was not forced to delete or remove the group.
- f. CHESS date set for April 16, 2009?
- g. Katelyn Rauch
  - i. Have there been any Dolphin Discount Program emails in the SGASI email account?
    - 1. Cassandra Silic
      - a. I will forward those items to you.
- 10) Adjournment
  - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.