

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

A meeting of the Senate will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 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
 - a. Members present: Alexandra Mitchell, Dustin Erickson, Cassandra Silic, Adriana Franco, Charmaine Ibarra, April Burger, Tamara Escobar, Eddie Ibarra, Sarah Mahon, Sandra Perez, Lauren Pollack, Katelyn Rauch, Erica Roundy, and Kevin Schallert.
 - b. Advisors present: Jennifer Chapman and Christine Thompson
- 3) Approval of the minutes
 - a. Minutes for Wednesday, December 12, 2008 will be approved at next week's meeting.
- 4) Public Forum
 - a. Christine Wamba
 - b. Matt Hostetler
 - c. Jennifer O'Neil
- 5) Special Presentations
- 6) Reports
 - a. Co-Advisor- Christine Thompson
 - i. Debbie Gravelle's new title is the Director of Leadership, Career and Health.
 - ii. The Executive Director for ASI position has been posted.
 - iii. Due to the budget crisis in California, all state funded construction projects at CSUCI have been halted.
 1. In addition, all Cal Grants will be paid by the university and not by the state.
 - b. Advisor- Jennifer Chapman
 - i. The Martin V. Smith building will continue construction.
 - ii. Please be advised that Dolphin Days will be occurring from Monday, April 13 through Saturday, April 18.
 - iii. There is a Martin Luther King Day event tonight in Malibu Hall 100. Please try to attend if possible.
 - iv. The "Now and Then" African American male panel event on Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

1. The Bethel Male Gospel will be present for the event.
 2. One of the topics will include President Obama's election and inauguration.
- v. The S.E.A.L. Center has new office assistant so the hours will change to Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- c. President- Alexandra Mitchell
- i. The ASI Mission Statement is currently being revised, please offer feedback.
 - ii. ASI Elections are upon us! There are currently positions available in Student Government and ASI Board.
 1. Please be advised that the Nautical has a different hiring process.
 - iii. All Student Government officers are invited to the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce Luncheon held on February 27, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Spanish Hills Country Club in Camarillo. President Rush will be giving a state of the university address to local business owners and representatives of the community.
 - iv. CHESS will be occurring from April 17 through 20 in Sacramento, all Student Government officers of CSUCI are expected to attend. Please register early.
 - v. The university's rebranding project is currently on hold.
 - vi. There is an open forum on Friday, January 23 for the Athletic Director candidate.
- d. Vice President- Dustin Erickson
- i. Please email or submit office hours to Alexandra and Dustin.
 1. Please also submit the evaluations. Each semester calls for a new cause.
 - ii. There is a working meeting tonight.
- e. Director of Finance- Adriana Franco
- i. Adriana provided all officers with an updated budget sheet for Student Government.
 - ii. Each Senator has an allocated amount of \$150.00 for a new cause.
- f. Director of Statewide Affairs- Charmaine Ibarra
- i. Charmaine and Alexandra will be attending CSSA at CSU Los Angeles. Charmaine will provide a written report for the next meeting.
- g. Senator- Tamara Escobar

- i. The GE Task Force has a meeting.
 - 1. There are current discussions about 6-unit courses for freshman. This is being utilized at Sonoma State and Cal Poly. This system allows for schedules to be more flexible.
 - ii. Tamara no longer works in the Hub. She is currently working for Parking Services.
- h. Senator- Sarah Mahon
 - i. Update on Resident Facebook Group
 - 1. The student was invited to attend the Senate meetings however the student declined the invitation and submitted a letter which Sarah read to all officers and members of the public who attended that evening.
 - ii. There is a Block Party scheduled for Friday, February 13. The theme is a "Black and White Affair"; dress to impress.
- i. Senator- Lauren Pollack
 - i. The Dean of the Library position has been posted.
 - ii. For Alcohol Awareness Week, Lauren will be in charge of the "Every 15 Minutes" event.
 - iii. For Christmas 2008, Casa Pacifica received over \$2,000 worth of gifts for the children. Great job to everyone who participated!
- j. Senator- Katelyn Rauch
 - i. The Dolphin Discount Program has been updated.
 - ii. Prison Hospital
 - 1. There was an Environmental Impact Report submitted on January 1, 2009. The community has 30 days to address concerns.
 - 2. The next action committee (for community members) will be held in February. Date and time will be provided at the next senate meeting.
- k. Senator- Erica Roundy
 - i. Erica met with Dr. Pasternak and Debbie Gravelle to update Student Health Center Knowledge survey. This item will be give to the Student Health Advisory Committee for further review.
 - ii. Food Service Committee

1. There is a one card system now in place for students. Students can purchase food with their main ID cards.
- iii. There are new CI View Newspaper holders throughout campus.

I. Senator Kevin- Kevin Schallert

- i. The CSUCI Sailing Team will be racing in the 2009 Harbor Cup. If the team places in this competition, they have a chance to go to France for another competition.

7) Discussion

a. The CSSA Resolution

i. Alexandra Mitchell

1. CSSA acts as the "Student Government" for all the CSU campuses. It makes decisions for the CSU and students as a whole. Currently, some campuses do not support paying dues. The Board of Students wants to bring all CSU campuses back to the conferences to discuss the current situation. Recently, due to lack of participation, Chancellor Reed had to become involved with the current issues in CSSA. There are twelve campuses that currently pay dues. There is a proposal that discusses how to reorganize CSSA. The proposal states that all items to be voted on will be brought back to each campus' board. There have been some disagreements among the CSU campuses on how the proposal will affect each campus.
2. Alexandra will email the proposal to officers. Please submit a statement of support. This will be voted on for next week's meeting.

ii. Katelyn Rauch

1. What were the concerns?

iii. Alexandra Mitchell

1. Some of the campuses feel that it would be unfair to utilize the proposed voting system due to the fact that some campuses are significantly larger than other ones.
2. There was an option to do proportional voting.
3. There are also internal structure issues.

iv. April Burger

1. What if the Presidents go back to their boards and vote "No" on the proposal?

- v. Alexandra Mitchell
 - 1. A new proposal will be made.
- vi. Katelyn Rauch
 - 1. What were the questions regarding CSSA effectiveness?
- vii. Alexandra Mitchell
 - 1. Other campuses stopped paying dues because they felt that CSSA was ineffective.
- viii. Dustin Erickson
 - 1. CSUCI benefits from CSSA. CSSA works with the California Legislature to provide powerful events such as “The March for Higher Education” in Sacramento last year. Only an organization, such as CSSA could initiate this.

8) Approvals

- a. Approval for funding request for Hillel Club.
 - i. Hillel has requested \$200.00 for a pre-finals relief dinner. \$180.00 of the request includes kosher foods and the remaining \$20 for decorations.
 - 1. Erica Roundy moves to approve Hillel Club’s budget request of \$200.00
 - 2. This was seconded by Kevin Schallert.
 - 3. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Are there any questions?
 - 4. Lauren Pollack
 - a. In the Club Funding Policy states that a club cannot receive funds for an event if the event is exclusive to the ideology of one particular group. This group does not seem open to the campus community. This event should not be funded.
 - 5. Kevin Schallert
 - a. It is odd that the club did not attend tonight’s meeting to address the Senate’s concern(s) with their budget request.
 - 6. Dustin Erickson
 - a. The club was invited but there has been no response regarding their attendance.
 - 7. Erica Roundy
 - a. The club is open to anyone who wants to join.

- b. Are they not allowed to have events because it is a religious club?
- 8. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Anything that a club requests for is exclusive to its ideology.
- 9. Sarah Mahon
 - a. Is Hillel open to all students?
- 10. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. Hillel is open to all students. Chabad, the other Jewish Club is closed.
- 11. Lauren Pollack
 - a. Is this event only for Jewish students?
 - b. What about Christian students?
 - c. It is unclear as to what the club is referring to.
- 12. Kevin Schallert
 - a. We cannot fund something that is exclusive. This can be funded because it is not an exclusive event.
 - b. How much have other clubs spent on events?
- 13. Erica Roundy
 - a. I have been asked to join the club.
 - b. Everyone is allowed to eat the food.
- 14. Kevin Schallert
 - a. Are dreidels being purchased as part of the decorations?
- 15. Dustin Erickson
 - a. To reiterate: \$180.00 is being spent on kosher food; \$20 is being spent on decorations.
- 16. Erica Roundy
 - a. The event celebrates pre-finals week.
- 17. Member of the Public- Matt
 - a. How much per head can be funded?
- 18. Dustin Erickson
 - a. The clubs are asked to estimate the amount of persons they expect to show up at a particular event.
- ii. The motion passed; 7-2-0

- 9) New Business and Report Questions
 - a. ASI Election Packets

- i. Christine Thompson
 - 1. The election packs are being advertised with signage. There will be a global email sent from the S.E.A.L. Center.
- b. Grants
 - i. Lauren Pollack
 - 1. Are there grants still available?
 - 2. The university is offering scholarships.
 - 3. Are the Presidential Scholarships funded through the state budget?
 - ii. Christine Thompson
 - 1. There may be a foundation for the scholarships.
- c. CSSA March 2009
 - i. The dates for CSUCI to host March's CSSA meeting is March 21-22; before spring recess.
- d. Rebranding
 - i. April Burger
 - 1. With the rebranding put on hold, can we use the current logo?
 - ii. Alexandra Mitchell
 - 1. I will check with Nancy Gill to see if we can use the current logo.
- e. Food Committee
 - i. Erica Roundy
 - 1. The next committee date is to be determined.
- f. Meal Cards
 - i. Sarah Mahon
 - 1. Some residents are upset that non-resident students receive a credit for certain amounts that they load onto their meal card.
 - 2. For the working meeting tonight, please provide feedback for the next Student Government hosted activity.
- g. "Every 15 Minutes"
 - i. Kevin Schallert
 - 1. Is "Every 15 Minutes" an effective program?
 - 2. Research shows that drunk drivers in California are effected "every 28 minutes" rather than "15".
 - 3. Is the shock value effective?
 - 4. Will an on-site social worker be present for the event?
 - ii. Lauren Pollack

1. "Every 15 Minutes" is an effective program. The university has received a grant to host the event. No one is forced to participate or watch the event.
 - iii. Jennifer Chapman
 1. There are officials present.
 2. There is an "alcohol education grant" that specifically touches on alcohol related traffic incidents.
 3. The program/event received great feedback last year.
 - h. Resident Facebook Group
 - i. Kevin Schallert
 1. What should we do about the resident who removed his Facebook account?
 - ii. Sarah Mahon
 1. It appeared that the student wanted to "drop" the issue. Any ideas to get back to him?
 - iii. Kevin Schallert
 1. Write the student a letter assuring the student that Student Government is concerned.
 - iv. Erica Roundy
 1. Was the student an Anacapa or Santa Cruz student?
 - j. Alcohol Awareness Week
 - i. Sarah Mahon
 1. Did Dr. Pasternak speak of having another alcohol awareness show?
 - ii. Jennifer Chapman
 1. The university did not receive as much money this year.
 - iii. Lauren Pollack
 1. The university received \$1,200 for related events.
 2. The amount will be enough to purchase wrist bands, pledge cards and to host a mock-tail party.
 - v. April Burger
 1. There is a new drug dog on campus named, "Hero". The dog is able to perform demonstrations for alcohol awareness week.
- 10) Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.