

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

A meeting of the Senate will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 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 7:04 p.m.
- 2) Attendance
 - a. Members present: Alexandra Mitchell, Dustin Erickson, Cassandra Silic, Adriana Franco, April Burger, Tamara Escobar, Eddie Ibarra Sarah Mahon, Sandra Perez, Lauren Pollack, Katelyn Rauch, Erica Roundy, and Kevin Schallert
 - b. ASI Interns Present: Jennifer O'Neal, Christine Wamba and Jasmine Garcia
- 3) Approval of the minutes
 - a. Minutes for Wednesday February 25th to be approved at the next meeting on Wednesday, March 11th, 2009.
- 4) Public Forum
 - a. Jennifer Mota-M.E.C.H.A. Club
 - b. Marilee Rust- Spectrum Club
 - c. Allison Wall-Biology Club
 - d. Courtney Christie-Campus Crusade for Christ
 - e. Roger Royball- Math Club
 - f. Heather Martin
 - i. I am uncomfortable with a drag group on campus.
 - g. Daniel Parra
 - h. [Marilee's friend]
 - i. Andrew-Psychology Club
- 5) Special Presentations
- 6) Reports
 - a. Advisor- Jennifer Chapman
 - i. Student Life held a meeting and Dr. Sawyer, Vice President for Student Affairs was in attendance. The policy on global emails will change.
 - ii. The CI Leadership Program Level II will be holding an orientation next week for those that are interested.
 - b. Co-Advisor-Christine Thompson
 - i. Alcohol Awareness Week is next week.
 - ii. The Women's Recognition Luncheon is next Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Kirsten Moss-Frye.
 - iii. April 16 is the Career Fair.

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Comment: Need Andrew's last name.

- iv. April 15-16 is Grad Fest.
- v. April 4th is “College for All Day” formerly known as “Migrant Education Day”. This event needs volunteers. Contact Vanessa Mendoza if you’re interested.
- vi. April 13-18 is Dolphin Days
 - 1. Student Programming Board will be hosting its annual picnic.
This is a great opportunity for clubs and orgs to fundraise.
- vii. The ASI Election debate is next Tuesday in the Bell Tower East Courtyard.
- c. President- Alexandra Mitchell
 - i. Please announce the ASI debates—we want students to be at this event.
 - ii. March 17-18 is voting time for ASI positions.
 - 1. The ASI applications times were extended.
 - 2. Positions that are still open include ones on ASI Board and Director of Marketing, Finance and Assessment.
 - 3. Please encourage students to run for office.
- d. Vice President-Dustin Erickson
 - i. Thank you to all the clubs for attending. If you have any questions, please email sgasi@csuci.edu.
- e. Senator- April Burger
 - i. Smoking on Campus (update)
 - 1. The committee almost complete. It includes a students and staff.
The committee still needs a faculty representative.
 - 2. The goal is put forth a policy in three stages.
 - a. The first meeting will draft the policy
 - b. Stage one will send to the President’s Council.
 - c. Stage two will have the policy “tossed” back.
 - d. Stage three; the revised policy will go back to the President’s Council for review.
 - ii. The Santa Cruz Housing Applications were sent out.
 - 1. There will be an event on March 17-18 where returning residents can look at which rooms and villages they want to stay in for the next year.
 - 2. They can sign their license agreements.
 - 3. Housing and Residential Education is hosting a sustainability practices campaign.
- f. Senator- Tamara Escobar

- i. Maximus
 - 1. The nomination boxes are now set up throughout campus.
 - 2. Please help us maintain them.
 - 3. The tabling schedule will be sent out next week.
 - 4. The table will be at the Block Party next week as well.
 - 5. There will be a dolphin email sent with the nomination forms.
- g. Senator- Sarah Mahon
 - i. The events for Sexual Assault Awareness Week were approved.
 - 1. April 6th, 2009: Self Defense class
 - 2. April 7th, 2009: "Take Back the Night"
 - 3. April 8th, 2009: Sex Trafficking Forum
 - 4. The "Clothesline" will be displayed all week.
 - ii. The Block Party is Friday, March 13, 2009.
- h. Senator- Sandra Perez
 - i. Please spread the word to students about Maximus nomination boxes.
- i. Senator- Lauren Pollack
 - i. The library is still actively searching for the Dean of the Library candidate. They are in the process of going over applications.
 - ii. Thank you to those who volunteered at Casa Pacifica to organize the children's' gifts. There are four pods of gifts; two are completed and organized.
- j. Senator- Katelyn Rauch
 - i. A new hotel has been added to the Dolphin Discount Program.
 - ii. At the Connections Luncheon last Friday, President Rush had unofficially announced that we have found an Athletics Director.
- k. Senator Erica Roundy
 - i. The new issue of the CI View comes out tomorrow.
- l. Senator-Kevin Schallert
 - i. Meeting with Dr. Sawyer this week to discuss providing workshops for economically disadvantaged students.
 - 1. Provide students with resources for success.
 - ii. We, Student Government, need to work towards being compliant.
 - iii. The Sailing Team qualified for Championships.
 - iv. Blackboard Issue.
- m. Senator-Eddie Ibarra

- i. The Lacrosse Team beat Loyola Marymount and will be playing UCSB next week.

7) Report Questions

- a. Sarah Mahon
 - i. April, are the posters to promote sustainability practices?
- b. April Burger
 - i. Yes. The buildings in Santa Cruz receive lead certification as being sustainable.
- c. Dustin Erickson
 - i. The Celebration of Excellence will focus on sustainability; Housing will join this campaign.
- d. Alexandra Mitchell
 - i. This is a campus wide event.
- e. Erica Roundy
 - i. I did not receive an invitation to President Rush's home for dinner.
 - ii. Is there more information about the Athletics Director?
- f. Alexandra Mitchell
 - i. We are not sure if the person is officially hired as of yet.
- g. Dustin Erickson
 - i. Next week's Senate Meeting will be held at 7:00 a.m. in The Hub.
- h. Jennifer Chapman
 - i. Tuition dollars are not being used towards student events and club funding.

8) Unfinished Business

- a. Club Funding Policy: Student Government is investigating whether or not providing clubs with \$200 seed money is the most appropriate way to allocate funds.
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. Andrew
 - a. The seed money is a great thing for clubs to have. It would be great to have a "fast track" system. Perhaps clubs can be given \$100 instead of \$200 in seed money.
 - 2. Jennifer Mota
 - a. The seed money is a great system.
 - b. The approval time for our event was not good. On M.E.C.H.A.'s end, the events needed to be approved earlier.
 - c. Maybe smaller clubs could be sponsored by larger clubs.

- d. Larger clubs sometimes need more money.
- 3. Courtney Christie
 - a. The \$200 is a great jumpstart for clubs. It helped with our Valentine's Day event to buy the carnation flowers and we are now sustainable. We sponsored the "Capture the Flag" event.
 - b. The seed money should be more accessible.
- 4. Katelyn Rauch
 - a. Andrew, did your club use the seed money?
- 5. Andrew
 - a. Yes, we did use it.
- 6. Katelyn Rauch
 - a. Is this supposed to be a reimbursement system?
- 7. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. Yes. It is always a reimbursement.
- 8. Kevin Schallert
 - a. Is it too tedious to come and request money?
- 9. Andrew
 - a. Yes.
- 10. Allison Wall
 - a. Yes
- 11. Lauren Pollack
 - a. The seed money was originally intended for fundraising.
- 12. Alexandra Mitchell
 - a. This was something that the clubs and orgs had to request.
- 13. Kevin Schallert
 - a. Per our bylaws, we keep track of the ASI money; the events and money cannot be spent if they are in conflict with the club funding policy.
- 14. Andrew
 - a. What is the club funding policy?
- 15. Sarah Mahon
 - a. I met with some of the club presidents and learned that clubs are having trouble understanding the requesting process. We need to educate presidents on how to properly request funds.

16. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. Christine and I do a mandatory orientation with club leaders. This is a step-by-step orientation that outlines the funding process.
17. Dustin Erickson
 - a. This should be on the Student Government website.
18. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. There is an orientation discussing the transition process.
19. Andrew
 - a. I do not remember a lot of the material that was covered in the power point presentation at the orientation.
20. Jennifer O'Neal
 - a. Do the clubs receive packets?
21. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. Yes. Clubs receive handbooks and information.
22. Kevin Schallert
 - a. Do the clubs have any suggestions to make their experiences better?
23. Courtney Christie
 - a. There should be a specific session for funding requests.
24. Daniel Parra
 - a. I agree with Jennifer; however, it is very difficult to relay all the knowledge I obtain at the orientations back to the rest of the club.
 - b. I think it would be best if the S.E.A.L. Center could meet with each club individually to answer any questions.
25. Jennifer Mota
 - a. I agree with Daniel.
26. Alexandra Mitchell
 - a. Is the Club Funding Policy included in the informational packet?
27. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. Yes.
28. Katelyn Rauch
 - a. I agree with Daniel.

- b. The Senators should meet with club leaders over the summer to better prepare them for budgeting and funding requests.

29. Dustin Erickson

- a. Legally, the Senate has to take two weeks to review a funding request.

30. Jennifer Chapman

- a. We love receiving feedback on how to improve the clubs and orgs orientation process.
 - i. A common issue, though, is how to get all the clubs and orgs there.
 - ii. What is the best way to get everyone's attendance?
 - iii. What is the "fast track" system?

31. Kevin Schallert

- a. The "fast track" system would be a way where clubs could be orientated and have a faster way to get the money that they request.
- b. This still has to be formulated so that it is in compliance with the Gloria Romero Act.
- c. Student Government last semester had made the mistake of not asking a club president to attend the senate meeting and that club was granted funding.
- d. As Senate, we want clubs and orgs to spend their money yet we need to make sure that both Student Government and clubs and orgs are accountable.
- e. Perhaps we can get all information on a USB drive to give to clubs and orgs to provide for the rest of the members of their groups.

32. Andrew

- a. If all clubs are using the club money, we should be able to get it.
- b. Clubs should be able to receive money in the first 2 weeks.

33. Kevin Schallert

- a. We need to read through the Gloria Romero Act.

34. Christine Thompson
 - a. There is an issue with trying to streamline the process.
 - i. We need to train clubs and orgs on how to budget and not only the process.
35. Andrew
 - a. Does Clubs and Orgs have a website?
36. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. We are working on that currently.
37. Katelyn Rauch
 - a. Jennifer, can you email Senators with information about dates of the orientations for clubs and orgs?
 - b. Can we get a record of how and when clubs and orgs use their money?
 - c. What is the reimbursement turnaround?
38. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. Turnaround for funding requests is typically two weeks.
39. Christine Thompson
 - a. The process is sometimes prolonged because Accounts Payable returns the requests because the request is not completed correctly.
40. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Can we have an estimate as to how much clubs and orgs have spent?
41. Kevin Schallert
 - a. Please keep in mind that it is extremely difficult to budget how clubs and orgs will spend their money. Not all clubs will utilize the seed money.
 - b. The seed money can inhibit the ability to oversee everything.
 - c. Is anyone opposed to getting eliminating the seed money?
42. Andrew
 - a. Depends if there is a "fast track" system.
43. Jennifer Mota
 - a. If we can be approved by the beginning of the semester, then my club should be fine.
44. Kevin Schallert

a. How do you feel about budgeting?

45. Jennifer Mota

a. I feel that this is a good idea.

46. Courtney Christie

a. I feel that the seed money should be kept in place.

47. Lauren Pollack

a. Even if clubs and orgs do not have the \$200, they can still request it (perhaps on a first come-first serve basis).

9) New Business

10) Action Items

a. Spectrum Club Funds Request: \$600 for a Gender Bender Ball.

i. Discussion

1. Marilee Rust

a. The Gender Bender Ball is a non-conforming event aimed to break stereotypes and bring acceptance in the LGBT community. The Spectrum Club's goal is to bring awareness and diversity while breaking down barriers.

2. Lauren Pollack

a. How are you advertising this event?

3. Marilee Rust

a. I am working with the Ventura County Rainbow Alliance to promote the event.

b. There will be fliers.

c. This will be on the CSUCI events calendar.

d. Global emails.

4. Lauren Pollack

a. Move to approve the Spectrum Club's funding request in the amount of \$600 for the Gender Bender Ball

i. Seconded-Sarah Mahon

ii. Discussion

1. Lauren Pollack

a. This event could be controversial but it is a good event. Not everyone's money is going toward this event.

2. Kevin Schallert

a. There will be an issue either way, but free speech is a very big issue on college campuses.

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Comment: Action Item A was discussed at the beginning of the meeting due to a time conflict with the Spectrum Club's President, Marilee Rust.

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Comment: Spectrum Club President, Marilee Rust had to leave during this point in the conversation. Senate continued discussion on club funding request.

- b. None of the Senators asked the club about the morality of the event.
- 3. Alexandra Mitchell
 - a. Has anyone looked at the group?
 - b. The group is more than welcome to perform here. The concern is not that they are dressed in drag but rather the verbiage and language used in their music.
 - c. Per the Club Funding Policy, this could be exclusive.
 - d. Students have expressed that they are not comfortable with this event occurring.
- 4. April Burger
 - a. If club representatives were here earlier, why did it not get addressed?
- 5. Alexandra Mitchell
 - a. I am not a Senator.
 - b. I did not need to know how the club felt about the drag group because it is already clear.
 - c. I brought up this issue to Senate for its consideration and to let Senate know that there are students who feel uncomfortable with the drag group performing.
- 6. Kevin Schallert
 - a. Alexandra, you make a compelling argument, but why was this not addressed?
- 7. Alexandra Mitchell
 - a. I brought this question up to Senate last week.
 - b. I want them to have the event but should we fund it if there are some students who feel uncomfortable with it?
- 8. Kevin Schallert
 - a. The Student Government President has a lot of power.
 - b. I did not ask questions because I do not like to mix my personal beliefs with work.
 - c. We need to protect free speech.
 - d. This could be a good learning opportunity for those that are uncomfortable with the group.
- 9. Jasmine Garcia
 - a. We did the Rocky Horror Picture Show last year and we did not receive any negative feedback.

10. Dustin Erickson
 - a. That was a Student Programming Board event.
11. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. Please be cautious when dealing with potential issues of censorship and free speech. This group does not want to be in a position that could be legally unfavorable.
12. Lauren Pollack
 - a. Even if Student Government decides not to fund this, the club can still have the event.
13. Alexandra Mitchell
 - a. It is our duty to make sure that all money is allocated responsibly.
 - b. We need to conduct business that is in the best interest of all students.
 - c. I agree with free speech but there is a difference between allowing free speech and funding free speech.
14. Kevin Schallert
 - a. Thank you, Heather for coming tonight.
 - b. This argument would have been much better if Marilee was able to stay to address these questions that we have now.
 - c. Whatever we decide to vote, people will be offended either way.
 - d. Is there a possibility to find a middle ground?
 - i. Fund with rights?
 - ii. The band saying the "f-word" is a potential issue.
15. Andrew
 - a. Is there a way that a compromise can be made?
16. Jennifer Mota
 - a. Are members of the band students? It should not be an issue if the band members are not students.
17. Allison Wall
 - a. The language is the main concern. If the University invited someone like Eminem, I would be offended. That aspect needs to be considered.
18. Courtney Christie

- a. I am not opposed to the club having the event. I am opposed to the drag group and the potential message that it has.
- b. Student Government needs to represent everyone.
- c. There will be a lot of people offended if this request is approved.

19. Roger Royball

- a. I am not a student and do not feel comfortable speaking on this request.

20. Sarah Mahon

- a. This event is promoting acceptance. If we do not approve this event, then we are not promoting acceptance for the LGBT community.

21. Kevin Schallert

- a. It is still censorship.
- b. Free speech on college campuses needs to be protected.
- c. We can demonstrate our support of free speech by funding this.

22. Katelyn Rauch

- a. Is there a YouTube clip that we can watch?

23. Dustin Erickson

- a. I will not allow for the Senate to watch the YouTube clip of the band.

24. April Burger

- a. We need to be thinking about the persons who do not want us to fund this event.
- b. Are we allowed to tell the group to refrain from using profanity?

25. Jennifer Chapman

- a. We cannot promote censorship.

26. Kevin Schallert

- a. Move to appeal the decision not to watch the YouTube Clip.
- b. Seconded-Katelyn Rauch
- c. 2/3 vote was obtained.
 - i. YouTube Clip was not sufficient.

- 27. Lauren Pollack
 - a. Move to approve the Spectrum Club's funding request in the amount of \$600 for the Gender Bender Ball
 - b. Seconded-Sarah Mahon
 - c. Approved 8-0-1
- b. Math Club Funds Request: \$200 for the Spring Picnic.
 - i. Lauren Pollack
 - 1. Move to approve Math Club's funding request in the amount of \$200 for the Spring Picnic
 - 2. Seconded-Sarah Mahon
 - ii. Kevin Schallert
 - 1. Move to pass by acclamation.
 - 2. Approved 8-0-1
- c. Math Club Funds Request: \$250 for the Anti-Talent Show.
 - i. Lauren Pollack
 - 1. Move to approve the Math Club's funding request in the amount of \$250 for the Anti-Talent Show.
 - 2. Seconded-Tamara Escobar
 - ii. Sarah Mahon
 - 1. Move to pass by acclamation
 - 2. Approved 8-0-1
- d. d. Biology Club Funds Request: \$200 for Aquarium of the Pacific registration fee's
 - i. Sarah Mahon
 - 1. Move to approve the Biology Club's funding request in the amount of \$200 for the Aquarium of the Pacific registration fees.
 - 2. Seconded-Lauren Pollack
 - ii. Allison Wall
 - 1. The amount will need to be changed from \$200 to \$139.50
 - iii. Lauren Pollack
 - 1. Move to make an amendment of to the funding request; changing the amount from \$200 to \$139.50
 - 2. Seconded-Sarah Mahon
 - 3. Approved 8-0-1
 - iv. Main Motion: Pass the Biology Club's funding request in the amount of \$139.50 for the Aquarium of the Pacific registration fees.
 - 1. Kevin Schallert
 - a. Pass by acclamation.

11. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.