

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

A meeting of the Senate will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at The John Spoor Broome Library 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, Sarah Mahon, Sandra Perez, Lauren Pollack, Katelyn Rauch, Erica Roundy, Kevin Schallert and Douglas Whitesell.
  - b. ASI Interns Present: Christine Wamba, Jennifer O'Neal and Jasmine Garcia.
- 3) Approval of the minutes
  - a. Minutes for Wednesday, April 29 were approved.
- 4) Public Forum
  - a. Matt Hostetler
  - b. Brandon Dittmar
  - c. Courtney Christie
  - d. Eva Klein
- 5) Special Presentations
- 6) Reports
  - a. Co-Advisor-Christine Thompson
    - i. We interviewed the final candidate for ASI Executive Director.
    - ii. Cassandra was nominated and won ASI Student Leader.
  - b. Advisor- Jennifer Chapman
    - i. Thank you for attending the Student Leadership Awards; several were recognized. If anyone's award has broken, please send it to my office so we can repair it.
  - c. President Alexandra Mitchell
    - i. A new SRT form was adopted by Academic Senate on May 5, 2009. This is a new form of evaluations for our professors. It is similar to SETE, however; this form was created internally and can be manipulated to suit the needs of the campus.
      1. Academic Senate is also reviewing online options for administering teacher evaluations as way to be cost effective and environmentally sustainable.
    - ii. There is a new CSUCI logo. It is pending President Rush's unveiling.

- iii. Charmaine Ibarra has formally resigned from her position of Director of Statewide Affairs.
- iv. A new bill entitled SB 218 mandates that all auxiliaries open all records to the public.
- v. Thank you for your service to the CSUCI student body this year.
- d. Vice President- Dustin Erickson
  - i. Open forums for the Director of Research and Sponsored Programs candidates will be held on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. IRA Committee
    - 1. Looking to make the board fund carbon offsets.
  - iii. EMSSC
    - 1. The University has been working with an outside consultant to survey how the University is being perceived by current students, prospective students and non students.
- e. Director of Operations-Cassandra Silic
  - i. At EMSSC we looked at what kind of marketing strategies the campus is using to attract prospective students.
    - 1. We are considering having a view book for prospective students and a separate manual for parents.
    - 2. I will send the power point of what was discussed during that meeting.
- f. Senator- April Burger
  - i. Thank you, Christine for your time and effort in coordinating the Student Leadership & Transition Conference.
  - ii. I will be attending the Commencement rehearsal.
  - iii. It has been a pleasure serving the student body.
- g. Senator- Tamara Escobar
  - i. We will be having our last Block Party Committee meeting this week.
  - ii. There are more parking permits for commencement available on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- h. Senator-Lauren Pollack
  - i. Thank you to those that attended the Dean of the Library luncheon.
  - ii. El Sol de la Noche was very successful.
  - iii. New Student Center is hosting a lei making event tomorrow.
- i. Senator- Katelyn Rauch

- i. I am currently preparing for the CSSA conference this weekend. I am serving as the Chair of University Affairs Committee. We will be discussing:
  - 1. Online education- is this a
  - 2. Bill 1034- student fees
  - 3. How can we transition- how each CSU transitions.
- j. Erica Roundy
  - i. Food Service Committee
    - 1. Sustainability board is up and running; Paul would like to use biodegradable silverware.
    - 2. Paul would like to add a second night of the late night dessert.
    - 3. The café may be extended into Salon A
    - 4. The carpet will be cleaned more often.
    - 5. Convenient store pricing will be more consistent. The shelves will be stocked with more brand name items.
- k. Senator- Kevin Schallert
  - i. Parking Issue
    - 1. There are two new maintenance spots near the gym and in lot SH1. These were not well advertised; I have seen tickets on students' vehicles.
    - 2. Maintenance vehicles are not utilizing the spots created for them. I have pictures to support this. I am meeting with Ray Porras to resolve this issue.
  - ii. Club Sports
    - 1. I met with Carl Reed to discuss what students desire out of the Athletic Program and advertising.
    - 2. The fishing event was very successful; 17 attendees.
  - iii. El Seis de Mayo
    - 1. This event is occurring right now and the event looked filled to capacity.
  - iv. Student Leadership and Transition Workshop
    - 1. This was very successful.
  - v. ASI Transition Workshop
    - 1. I would like to recognize Chelsea Bente for all the service she has provided for students.
  - vi. Please vote in the California Special Elections.

vii. It has been an honor to serve the students this year. I have learned a tremendous amount about the school and about myself. I feel that we have all grown personally and professionally.

I. Senator-Douglas Whitesell

i. Congratulations, Cassandra.

ii. I would also like to recognize Chelsea Bente and the service she has provided for students.

iii. I met with Dr. Sawyer regarding the school's alcohol policy. I received an official letter of interpretation. In summary, if you are on university travel but are not present at the event, then it is appropriate for those who are of age to consume alcohol may do so.

iv. Student Leadership and Transition Conference

1. This was very successful and should be repeated.

7) Report Questions

a. Kevin Schallert to Alexandra Mitchell

i. Can you email the items regarding the legislation?

1. Alexandra Mitchell

a. Yes.

b. To Douglas Whitesell

i. Can you define a sponsored event?

1. Douglas Whitesell

a. This is not an easily definable piece. I will send this out to everyone for their reference.

c. April Burger to Alexandra Mitchell

i. What do the teacher evaluations look like?

1. Alexandra Mitchell

i. The pilot example has a numbering system and open ended questions.

ii. Does not include questions that compare one class to the other.

iii. The form can be manipulated.

iv. It will be administered online.

ii. Is the new logo official or unofficial?

1. Alexandra Mitchell

a. The logo includes an unofficial one and an official one.

d. Tamara Escobar

- i. Please stay after to assist Sandra and me in sorting through Maximus certificates that were not picked up at the event.
  - e. Katelyn Rauch to Dustin Erickson
    - i. What are carbon offsets?
      - 1. Dustin Erickson
        - a. Reducing carbon offsets would be to reduce the campus' carbon footprint. Some of you may have signed a petition to be in compliance with the resolution that I read to you last week. Dr. Rush did not sign this resolution because our campus is not ready for this endeavor yet. The University is looking into hiring a third party to help reduce the carbon footprint and the question remains if the IRA committee should fund these efforts.
  - f. Erica Roundy to Christine Thompson
    - i. When will the ASI Executive Director be announced?
      - 1. Christine Thompson
        - a. The ASI Board will discuss their reviews of the candidate this week and we will await Dr. Sawyer's decision after that.
  - g. Kevin Schallert to Dustin Erickson
    - i. Carbon Offsets and IRA funding
      - 1. What is the pace on IRA's decision on whether to fund this or not?
        - a. Dustin Erickson
          - i. The decision would be made this year.
  - h. Katelyn Rauch to Dustin Erickson
    - i. If IRA is not the place to fund this, where else would we acquire funds from?
      - 1. Adriana Franco
        - a. It may come out of the students' pocket.
      - 2. Dustin Erickson
        - a. To clarify, for the University travel courses, to offset the cost, students would pay for their food.

8) Action Items

- a. Approval: Campus Crusade for Christ Funding Request, for T-shirts in the amount of \$1,239.46.

- i. Motion-Katelyn Rauch
  - 1. Second- Sarah Mahon
    - a. Discussion
      - i. Douglas Whitesell
        - 1. The shirts would be costing approximately \$13 each?
      - ii. Courtney Christie
        - 1. This was the best deal that we could find. We are working with Coastal Embroidery. They charge \$30 for set-up versus other companies charging \$200-\$300 in set-up charges.
      - iii. Douglas Whitesell
        - 1. Is this a screen print?
      - iv. Courtney Christie
        - 1. Yes.
      - v. Lauren Pollack
        - 1. Are you just selling shirts to members?
      - vi. Courtney Christie
        - 1. We are just selling to members in an effort to fundraise. The shirts will roll over until we run out.
      - vii. Kevin Schallert
        - 1. Will the design include the school's name on it?
      - viii. Courtney Christie
        - 1. This is specific for Channel Islands. We are affiliated with the national organization. The club name has been changed because people did not like the word "crusade".
      - ix. Jennifer Chapman
        - 1. Just for clarity, there will be a graphics manual for Clubs and Orgs to follow. The manual is being approved now but when it is approved, all graphics will

need to go through the S.E.A.L. Center office and I will look at graphics.

x. Kevin Schallert

1. How does this group identify with CSUCI?

xi. Courtney Christie

1. We plan on putting the Channel Islands into the shirt design.

xii. Kevin Schallert

1. I also want the group to be cognoscente of the current enrollment cap and the budget crisis we face. We need to be aware of what we are approving given the conditions of the state and CSU budget.

b. Approved:

i. 6-2-1

b. Approval: Judiciary Procedures per Senator Lauren Pollack's request

i. Kevin Schallert

1. Move to table the item indefinitely

a. Second- Lauren Pollack

i. Discussion

1. Kevin Schallert

- a. The IAC did not meet so I feel that this item would be best completed if Student Government took its time to develop the judiciary procedures.

ii. Douglas Whitesell

1. Move to send this item to the IAC

a. Second- Katelyn Rauch

i. 9-0-0

c. Emergency Action Item: Resolution to Censure Senator Kevin Schallert

i. Douglas Whitesell

1. I wish the record to reflect that it is not now, nor has it ever been, my opinion that my colleague's conduct was in any way

acceptable or in line with what the University expects as far as our standard of personal conduct while engaged in the duties of our office. However, in light of further research and ambiguities resulting from that research, I am less convinced of the appropriateness of considering passage of this resolution immediately. The resolution was submitted before I had a full, clear understanding of the law and University policies. The intent of California's alcoholic beverages law is unbelievably clear, or at least its intent and application in the public conscience—as evidenced by our collective concerns over the Senator's behavior. The precise wording leaves considerable holes. A survey of California's alcoholic beverages law leads to some bizarre conclusions. California law does not actually prohibit persons under the age of 21 from consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages in all circumstances. California law *does* prohibit persons under 21 from purchasing them, or possessing or consuming such beverages while in public places, but the definition of 'public place' is itself not well-understood. The law also prohibits persons from furnishing persons under 21 with alcoholic beverages.

2. Additionally, I am less convinced of the appropriateness of censuring my colleague for his conduct at CHESS than I am of the appropriateness of his conduct in general and statements on the public record regarding that conduct.
3. Lastly, although I do feel that action against the Senator is worthy of consideration, I do not believe we best serve the public interest by overriding Romero at this time. I do not wish to indefinitely postpone consideration, but merely postpone it until such time as all the legal facts are clear and counsel has been consulted.

- a. Move to postpone this action item until May 13, 2009.

- i. Second- Lauren Pollack

1. 6-3-0

- ii. Discussion

1. Kevin Schallert

- a. Point of inquiry: Are we allowed to have a meeting during finals week? I know other universities do not hold meetings during finals week.
2. Dustin Erickson
  - a. This item is believed by Senate to be an item of importance and I would prefer to do it at a time when students are still on campus and could attend the meeting.
3. Alexandra Mitchell
  - a. We could ask Dr. Sawyer if he would permit us to have a meeting during finals week.
4. Kevin Schallert
  - a. I move to suspend the rules to discuss this matter.
    - i. Second- April Burger
      1. 9-0-0
  - b. Regardless if Dr. Sawyer permits this, I know that we are student leaders and the student part comes first. I have a final on Thursday and I think we are blurring the lines of our positions. I think this item could be referred to IAC but instead we are making hasty decisions. This item, and not undeservingly necessarily, has already cost me a lot of time and resources. I think it will continue to do so during finals week and I feel that that is inappropriate. Student Government will not die next year if we choose not to make this decision now.
5. Dustin Erickson
  - a. Senate: Is it more appropriate to hold this meeting during finals week or after finals week?
6. Douglas Whitesell
  - a. I am fine with meeting while school is not in session. I understand that meeting during finals week will not be fun, but I am not opposed to meeting while school is not in session.
7. April Burger
  - a. I feel that this is important to take care of this matter with this Senate and I feel that the urgency is valid.
8. Kevin Schallert

- a. I disagree with the urgency. I feel that this is being done with vengeance since the first censure did not hold validity. This body is continuing with a second censure. I feel that the item would be best handled with a non-biased group. My being President would not make any difference on how the item is handled.
- b. This has already cost me my reputation and the defamation that has resulted from this is illegal. This has been very wearing as a student and as an individual. I still feel that this has become ridiculous. If the next Senate wants to take on this item then it should. There is no reason to rush this entire thing. We should do this the right way and investigate the situation; get a panel of those that were at CHESS to see if I really did something illegal. We have been going about this the wrong way and have already violated the Romero Act; which is why this is unclear in the first place. If I had referred to legal counsel when this first came up, this situation would have a different spin on it.
- c. Last week was a continued attack on my character. This is the second censure that will be put on me because the first one did not have validity. I still feel that this is getting ridiculous.

9. Dustin Erickson

- a. There was no first censure. This is the first censure that has been on the agenda.
- b. Senate: Whether you decide to postpone this item, be weary of the message that you are sending to the students and be weary of the message that you are sending about the organization. If Senate feels that this is a violation, then it is your responsibility to bring this to a close this year.

10. Alexandra Mitchell

- a. Per our CSU legal counsel, this body did not violate the Gloria Romero Act.

11. Lauren Pollack

- a. To clarify, this censure is not regarding what happened at CHESS, but rather, what was said after that?
12. Douglas Whitesell
- a. This is not the item that I distributed last week.
13. Kevin Schallert
- a. I would like both of them read.
14. Lauren Pollack
- a. But the one that we are discussing is not the one that was emailed last week.
15. Dustin Erickson
- a. Please read both.
16. Douglas Whitesell
- a. This is the censure that I distributed last week.
    - i. (Item read aloud to Senate).
  - b. The second censure that I did not distribute, which is being discussed tonight, contains different “whereas” clauses. The “resolved” clauses are the same.
    - i. (Item read aloud to Senate)
17. Lauren Pollack
- a. The censure that was distributed last week is different than the one that is currently being discussed; the first censure was not brought to the agenda so I feel that the changes made to the current censure are appropriate.
  - b. Kevin, can you please define “biased”?
  - c. In censuring you as a senator, it will not be censuring you as President. You understand that, right?
18. Kevin Schallert
- a. “Biased” is a preconceived opinion and a Webster’s Dictionary can define that better than I can.
  - b. This would not carry into my Presidency but its legacy would. This would impact the ability to serve the students.
  - c. Messages are important and I believe that the message that we are sending to our students is that we want ethics investigations to be part of our legacy. I know that no one here wants that to be our legacy but that is how students may view it. When we make this the issue, we

are obscuring the real facts. Alexandra had noted that she did not know that I drank before any of this came up. I feel that this shows that I was successfully able to serve in my tenure in office and to execute my duties as an officer without it being a problem. This only became an issue when the group decided to make it an issue.

- d. With this new censure on the public record, I feel that I am being censured for being honest. Other individuals in this body have admitted on public record that they may have violated the school policy and California state laws regarding alcohol.
- e. I know that it has been said that there is only one censure, but, I disagree. I disagree because both of the censures have now become public record. Both censures had been drafted and the first one was not changed until legal counsel had noted that the first one was absurd in its point in stating that I had broken the law—which had not happened. I will furnish Student Government with an official, legal opinion when it is out.
- f. The law was not broken in the first place and the redrafting of the censure still stated that I did something wrong and brought new evidence to the floor. This, in my opinion, and the opinion of a real, reasonable person, comes from a group that is out to censure; not a group that is out to censure about a real issue. If this was an issue worth censuring, then these issues would have been presented in the first censure, however; they weren't. There were no new events that occurred between the time that Senator Whitesell drafted the first censure and realized that it did not have a "legal leg to stand on" [in Senator Whitesell's own words] up until now when the second censure was drafted.
- g. Regarding the Gloria Romero Act, I have legal counsel that would argue separately. Legal opinions from both aspects would become part of the public record to address the Romero violation.

- a. The idea of a legacy was mentioned in this discussion, but it is not about the legacy, rather, it is about the integrity of the organization. The question is: “Are we doing the right thing”? This question needs to be considered.

20. Douglas Whitesell

- a. There needs to be a distinction drawn between conduct that is legal and conduct that is appropriate. No matter how I feel about underage drinking, no matter how much I might agree that the laws need to be changed and no matter how much I agree with the legal interpretation, I still fundamentally believe that the actions taken were inappropriate. As a popularly elected body, the popular conscience may demand that we take actions that say we do not stand for this.

21. Katelyn Rauch

- a. When was the original censure drafted?

22. Douglas Whitesell

- a. The first censure was drafted on Monday, April 27, 2009. I wrote this after April 22, 2009.

23. Dustin Erickson

- a. When was this submitted?

24. Douglas Whitesell

- a. This was submitted for action on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> before tonight’s meeting.

25. Katelyn Rauch

- a. I would like to note that the ethics issue has only been brought up in the past two weeks, not three. This is the third week that we are discussing this, but it has not been brought up for the past three weeks.
- b. Regarding this organization’s legacy, I would like to think that the legacy left behind is something like the work that I did with the prison hospital. I would also like this body to know that this has taken a great deal of my own time and added to my stress personally. I would like this issue to be resolved as soon as possible and to not have this pushed back into finals week.

- c. Senator Schallert, I appreciate your honesty. I feel that it is one of your best qualities however; I also feel that honesty does not override legality. Your honesty is impeccable. I would like to see the censure about CHESS is removed. The issue at hand is the comments that were made on public record by Kevin that stated that he would continue to do illegal activities. How do we, as a governing body, not take action against this? This is not a waste of time because we are supposed to be advocating for the best for our constituencies. I would like our officers to be able to perform their duties with respect, legal backing and Student Government's backing. I do not think it is in the students' best interest to have Student Government leaders publicly state that they will not follow the law.

26. Dustin Erickson

- a. Point of clarification: Our understanding of the law is that it is not illegal for a person who is underage to hold an alcoholic beverage in a place that is not public.

27. Katelyn Rauch

- a. That is correct. I was speaking in regards to the consumption of alcohol.

28. Douglas Whitesell

- a. There is no explicit prohibition in the state of California against a person who is underage to consume alcohol. But it is the popular conscience that we need to be concerned with.

29. Katelyn Rauch

- a. It may not be written explicitly in state law but it is written explicitly in our University Policy.

30. Kevin Schallert

- a. Several persons have stated that I stated that I would continue to do illegal activities. This is a misrepresentation because I said that I would not sign anything stating that I would not. Remember that it is not against our school policy for me to have a glass of wine with my parents or for me to have a drink during a Super

Bowl party. I did not say that I would continue to do illegal activities because those are the two examples I used and neither of those activities are illegal.

- b. My behavior at CHESS is also in question. I have continuously stated that I am not proud of my behavior at CHESS but it also does not necessarily mean that what I did at CHESS was horrible. Take a college student who was offered a beer in a room where there was underage drinking. He took the beer but then handed it back. That also shows that I thought about the consequences and chose not to. Besides critical thinking ability, I did the right thing.
- c. The idea of doing what is best for the student body has come up several times. I noted that if we continue to make this an issue, people in the future and people who I will have meetings with in the future may see me as a drunken college student instead of a student body President. This image is not best for the students. This would not be an issue if this was not becoming an issue here. No one in this body has seen me drink. That shows that what I do and have done in the past is done with discretion. I move to suspend the meeting for one half hour for the purpose of seeking legal counsel.

31. Dustin Erickson

- a. I want to reiterate that you handed the beer back due to peer pressure from our some of our senators.
- b. This whole issue revolves around one question and that question is: "Will you continue to consume alcohol while being under the age of 21"?

32. Kevin Schallert

- a. It is not illegal to consume alcohol under the age of 21.
- b. I will not violate the school's alcohol policy.
- c. I will also state that I will probably continue to consume alcohol under the age of 21, which is not illegal.

33. Dustin Erickson

- a. My question was not concerning legality, but rather, the University's alcohol policy.

34. Kevin Schallert

- a. I will not violate the University's alcohol policy.
- b. Motion to suspend the meeting for one half hour to obtain legal counsel.
  - i. No second.
  - ii. Motion fails.

35. Erica Roundy

- a. I am confused about the two censures. The motion that moves the discussion into next week is about the censure which includes the CHESS item? Is that censure going to be removed or is that the censure that will be discussed next week?

36. Dustin Erickson

- a. From my understanding, the censure that was submitted will be the one that we discuss. And amendments can be made to that censure.

37. Erica Roundy

- a. I find both censures to be very different from each other.

38. Dustin Erickson

- a. I will need a motion as to when we would like to continue this discussion.
- b. It is also at the will of the board if we want to strike the first censure and approve amendments for the current censure.

39. Erica Roundy

- a. Will we continue to meet in the weeks following, even after school is not in session?
- b. Can we draft a statement that addresses how Senate feels about this issue?

40. Dustin Erickson

- a. That is up to Senate.
- b. It was never my intent to meet when school is not in session.
- c. Seeing that the issue has not yet been resolved, I am calling a special meeting at the will of the Senate to be held at whatever day, time and hour. It should be a

reasonable hour between Monday through Friday.

Again, this is at the will of the Senate.

- d. I suggested meeting on a Friday because most students do not have finals on a Friday.
- e. It was also suggested to have the meeting on a Wednesday night per our usual time because students would already know the day, time and place should they want to attend that meeting.
- f. I will call a special meeting to deal with an item that is unfinished. It is my personal belief that this item cannot be left until next year. I feel that that would be inappropriate. With that said, it is my intent to call a special meeting for issues that pertain to this body and that are not resolved.

41. Erica Roundy

- a. I would like the body to consider how long we want to carry this issue out and what kind of fair solution we can make promptly.

42. Tamara Escobar

- a. Can the censure be explained?

43. Douglas Whitesell

- a. A censure is the expression of the Senate of its displeasure with the conduct within a meeting or out of a meeting.
- b. We do not do resolutions that are directed at a person or body.

44. Kevin Schallert

- a. This has no coercive value; it is contentious statement of feelings. A statement of feelings would be broader. A censure is the most powerful thing next to judiciary processes.

45. Erica Roundy

- a. Then I would like to clarify that if we did draft this document, it would include that this governing body examined the issue and we have addressed the following points and how we feel about those points.

46. Kevin Schallert

- a. I want to reiterate that this is the third meeting in a row where new information has come up. I was aware of the topics discussed only ten minutes prior to the meeting. To follow, there was a censure emailed to everyone. Then, there was an email saying that we would not be discussing that censure; followed with a second censure. We are not sending a good message to students. I hope that next year when a situation similar to this arises, that we conduct ourselves differently. When I made a motion to suspend the meeting for me to seek legal council, not one person seconded that motion. In my opinion, that is just not professional or very nice. I am not the first person in Student Government to publicly admit that I drink. It may be necessary to send all of Senate to the IAC to look at underage drinking within all of its members. This situation seems very hypocritical when other members have admitted to underage drinking but now do not have the courage to come out and admit that they do, yet, they want to censure the person that has been honest.
- b. If the conduct at CHESS is the issue then we should take the time to examine what law breaking activities occurred at CHESS. If I broke the law or anyone else in this body broke the law then we should move forward with examining that.
- c. Lastly, the idea that we cannot send this issue to the next governing body is absurd. The body is supposed to pick up right where it left off. The fact that we need to rush this is stupid. There is a new group that is perfectly capable to handle the business of Student Government. It is important to remember that this group coming in is the most competitively elected group that Student Government has ever had. I disagree with the notion that passing this off to the next group is inappropriate.
- d. I move to be put at the end of the speakers list.

47. Lauren Pollack

- a. I do not feel that you need to seek legal council. Can you clarify as to why you would need legal council?
- b. I would also be interested to hear what your legal council would say about being responsible and underage drinking. I do not see how someone can drink responsibly if that person is violating the law and drinking under the age of 21.
- c. I reevaluated my statement and now make sure that my actions are value-based. I know I have violated the law. I am willing to sign something that says I will continue to not violate the law. Since our last meeting I have not done anything illegal, such as jay walking. I am aware that in our leadership positions we are watched [because we are held to higher standards].

48. Katelyn Rauch

- a. With the persons possibly being appointed to the executive board, how many positions does that leave open in Senate?

49. Kevin Schallert

- a. I have not yet appointed anyone. I am open to asking the group who we are to appoint. I am appointing Alexander C. not based on values but based on the fact that he was the tenth individual in the race who did not get elected. I am able to appoint him because Brandon resigned from the position. My interest is not to “stack Senate”, but rather, to resolve this in the best interest of the students.

50. Katelyn Rauch

- a. I do not feel that your intention is to “stack Senate”. But, because there has been talk that some Senators may be appointed to Director Positions, this means that not all Senators were competitively elected.
- b. To address the idea of hypocrisy, yes there are some persons in this body who have violated the law, however; I am not opposed to the censure that would address that all members in the future would strictly

follow the Student Government's Code of Conduct. Your administration will need to hold accountable.

51. Kevin Schallert

- a. I will implore that all members of Student Government to maintain the highest levels of integrity and character, however; as President, I cannot say that you *need* to. The censure cannot say that anyone needs to do anything either. I would propose that we could make amendments to the bylaws that would state that we follow the laws, however; the other question still remains: "How far does this body want to take this"?

52. Dustin Erickson

- a. This argument is about University Policy and whether this body condones underage drinking.

53. Kevin Schallert

- a. Point of inquiry: When we suspended the rules, did we define what the topic was?

54. Dustin Erickson

- a. No we did not. That is my understanding of this discussion. We need not to discuss what is legal because as Kevin suggested early, that area of discussion will lead to a slippery slope in the conversation.

55. Katelyn Rauch

- a. Point of clarification: are we still suspended?

56. Dustin Erickson

- a. Yes.

57. Douglas Whitesell

- a. I request unanimous consent to be moved to the end of the speakers list.

58. Kevin Schallert

- a. Objection: I move to be moved to the end of the speakers list with 30-Second-Speaker-for-and-Against.
- b. Each speaker is given 30 seconds to discuss why they should be at the end of the speakers list and then a vote is taken.

i. Second-Erica Roundy

59. Douglas Whitesell

- a. This would require 2/3 vote.

60. Dustin Erickson

- a. There is a motion on the floor to limit discussion for 30 seconds for and 30 seconds against.
  - i. Motion passed.

61. Douglas Whitesell

- a. I would like address several of the items that we have talked about. Also, as the person that drafted the censure, I would like to discuss that as well.

62. Kevin Schallert

- a. I feel that Senator Whitesell will be able to convey what needs to be conveyed even if his position on the speakers list is moved. There was no initial concern with my wanting to be moved to the end of the speakers list and I think is appropriate for me to have the last word.

63. Dustin Erickson

- a. Motion: to move Douglas to the end of the speakers list.
  - i. Motion passed: 6-3-0

64. Kevin Schallert

- a. I would want to seek legal council because I have been accused of violating the law.
- b. How far does this group want to pry into peoples' lives? I would encourage the Vice President of the group to create an Ethics Committee which may or may not be a good decision because we do not have the resources. Each Senator spends five hours or more per week to fulfill their responsibilities. I know that I, and particularly, in the last couple of weeks, have had to perform my duties as Senator as well as spend time defending my integrity. This is emotionally wearing. I feel that I am being asked to answer questions that are not appropriate for this body. I feel that it is important to uphold the integrity of the group but I feel that we are not doing that now. I realize that we are in our positions but our personal lives are still our personal lives. What I do with my parents 100 miles away from this campus is not

anyone's business. But if asked what I do, I will answer those questions honestly because that is what I pledged to do for the students.

- c. Next week we will be looking at the first censure which contains the item about CHESS. I will attend next week's meeting but I still feel that it is inappropriate to meet during finals week. I do not think it is inappropriate to refer this to the IAC. I had stepped down as the chair of the IAC so that this matter could be handled by that group. It is possible that Senator Whitesell will be chair of the committee next year, in which case this issue could be discussed.
- d. I feel that the body of this group is taking all of my comments "tongue-in-cheek" simply because I am defending myself.
- e. Is this really what will be best for the students? Would anyone be proud to share that this is what they have been working on for the past month? I know that I would be embarrassed. I would rather be discussing how we are attempting to resolve some of the parking issues on campus. We are fighting each other instead. I know the point of this organization is not to be proud of ourselves but I ask you: are the students going to be proud of us? I think that some students hold a level of detest for how we have been conducting ourselves in the last few weeks. I, again, feel that this is inappropriate and it is not the best thing for our students. I feel that we should strike the initial vote from the record because we did not suspend the rules and we were not able to discuss that at the level which we are now. The IAC can meet as frequently as they choose to and they can send a detailed report to this body until June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.
- f. I am frustrated and overwhelmed with this entire experience. Some of this embarrassment comes from my own personal conduct and some of the embarrassment pertains to the fact that I will need to defend the integrity of this organization next year. I can

defend my own actions because no one here has seen me drink nor do I do it very often. The actions that I am not looking forward to defending are the actions and discussions that took place in this last month with this body. I have not seen any lobbying schedules. What I have seen are violations against me. I will bring new motions and ideas at the end of this discussion.

65. Katelyn Rauch

- a. Point of clarification: What vote are you referring to?

66. Kevin Schallert

- a. The vote that states that we will bring this issue to a meeting next week.

67. Dustin Erickson

- a. That motion had passed.

68. Douglas Whitesell

- a. I would like to extend an apology for how this was handled. I feel that I did not keep everyone "on the same page".
- b. I feel that Student Government does need to bring closure to this. I feel that Senate should create a resolution that is or is not a censure that addresses underage drinking before the next governing body comes in.
- c. I cannot speak on behalf of my co-sponsor, but I am open to lesser action or a statement of policy that conveys that we do not condone underage drinking.
- d. The reason that I wanted to postpone approval originally is because I realized that there were issues with the wording of the first censure.
- e. I did not feel that it was appropriate for us to suspend the Romero Open Meeting Act and the rules of the day to discuss this.
- f. Move to resume the orders of the day.

69. Katelyn Rauch

- a. As co-sponsor, would senate be opposed to some sort of statement, censure or resolution to bring closure to this discussion?

70. Dustin Erickson

- a. There is a motion on the table.
  - i. Second- Sarah Mahon

71. Kevin Schallert

- a. I think it is inappropriate to move this quickly because the last speaker brought up new issues which we will not be able to comment on if we resume the orders of the day. The discussion is not over.

72. Douglas Whitesell

- a. I withdraw my motion.
- b. I move to limit debate until fifteen minutes from now.
  - i. Second- Erica Roundy
    - 1. 9-0-0.

73. Kevin Schallert

- a. I feel that we are still rushing through this whole process and in rushing, bad decisions may be made. I like the idea of talking through this and trying to come up with a solution as soon as possible, however; I feel that votes are being based on time rather than value.

74. Dustin Erickson

- a. My intent is to limit the number of meetings that we have but if Senate feels that we should meet next week about this, then we will.

75. Katelyn Rauch

- a. The intent is not to make hasty decisions. Depending on each Senator's decision, we will keep meeting about this until we can come up with a solution.

76. Erica Roundy

- a. I need clarification on what this discussion is about. Is it regarding Kevin's actions, the law, and/or the code of conduct?

77. Alexandra Mitchell

- a. My intention in discussing all of this was to discuss the integrity of our organization. This means that we would all live by the Student Government Mission Statement which says that we will hold ourselves to the highest

standards, leading with integrity and selflessly serving our student body.

- b. This would not have taken such a long time if Kevin had taken ownership of his actions and said sorry from the beginning.

78. Kevin Schallert

- a. The idea that I have not taken ownership of my actions is absurd. I have been honest to a fault with this group.

79. Alexandra Mitchell

- a. I will clarify my comment regarding the term "ownership". You did own your actions. What you did not do was say that you were wrong, apologize and conclude with that. The intention of this entire thing has been completely skewed.

80. Kevin Schallert

- a. I never had a problem with taking ownership of my actions.
- b. Two weeks ago it was brought forth that my actions at CHESS were inappropriate. I took ownership of my actions and admitted my mistake. The Senate seemed to unanimously agree that I had learned a good lesson and that I could serve in my role as President next year.
- c. I did learn a lesson about the way that the position is magnified and the necessary conduct I need to uphold while performing those duties in office.
- d. Last week I was seen in Vons buying a pizza. There were also two CSUCI students there, both of them the ages of 22 years old and one student who was not 22 years old. I knew those students and was seen talking with them in the alcohol section of the store. I was not on drinking at that time and nor have police caught me in the act. The initial censure pointed out that I was breaking the law when I actually did not break the law.

81. Katelyn Rauch

- a. The fact that you are honest is not why you are being censured.

82. Erica Roundy

- a. If Kevin apologizes now, would that be a solution?
83. Lauren Pollack
- a. I do not need to hear that Kevin is sorry. The issue is not about an apology. I feel that you condone underage drinking, whereas, I do not.
  - b. I would need a promise from Kevin that he would not drink until he is 21 because that would mean that Kevin understands how much this promise means to Student Government and the rest of the students.
84. Katelyn Rauch
- a. I agree.
85. Douglas Whitesell
- a. I agree.
86. Erica Roundy
- a. I would like to strongly recommend that we create a general statement that conveys our sentiments on this particular issue.
87. Douglas Whitesell
- a. I cannot speak for my co-sponsor, but the idea that Erica brought up is acceptable to me.
88. Kevin Schallert
- a. I feel that this is a good way to move forward and will not inhibit one's ability to serve the students.
  - b. This is about honesty because if I was not honest then I do not feel that we would be having this conversation.
89. Douglas Whitesell
- a. I move to resume the orders of the day
    - i. Second- Kevin Schallert
      - 1. 9-0-0.
90. Dustin Erickson
- a. There is a motion that has passed to move Action Item "C" to next week to Wednesday, May 13, 2009.
91. Lauren Pollack
- a. Are we creating a resolution instead of a censure?
92. Douglas Whitesell
- a. I move to reconsider postponement
    - i. Second-Erica Roundy

93. Kevin Schallert

- a. I think that we should have someone in this body volunteer to draft that resolution.

94. Douglas Whitesell

- a. I move to suspend the rules of the day.
  - i. Second-Katelyn Rauch
    - 1. 9-0-0.
- b. The resolution will be a general statement that will say that we expect that our officers will refrain from underage drinking, drugs etc. The document would be broad so that it would be clear.

95. Katelyn Rauch

- a. What are you asking to postpone?

96. Douglas Whitesell

- a. I move to resume the orders of the day
  - i. Second- Kevin Schallert
    - 1. 9-0-0.
- b. We want to reconsider the postponement of the censure. Unless it is reconsidered, we should table it indefinitely. Reconsideration brings that motion back to the assembly to see if we would like to do something differently and we act on the motion as if it was never postponed.

97. April Burger

- a. If the item is taken off of the table and choose to draft a resolution or statement, would that require that we have two more meetings?

98. Dustin Erickson

- a. Not necessarily. We could add this on the agenda as an emergency action item. I would prefer to do that because we can still hold the meeting with the action item while students are still on campus.

99. Katelyn Rauch

- a. Would Kevin be opposed to this being added on the agenda as an emergency action item?

100. Kevin Schallert

- b. No.

101. Lauren Pollack

- a. So instead of the censure, we are putting in place a resolution?
102. Dustin Erickson
- a. The intention is to table this item and I would assume that I would receive an agenda request on Friday before 5:00 p.m.
  - b. Motion passes with unanimous vote.
103. Douglas Whitesell
- a. I move to postpone the censure indefinitely
    - i. Second-Erica Roundy
104. Kevin Schallert
- a. Point of information: this is regarding the censure which includes the CHESS item on it.
105. Dustin Erickson
- a. Yes.
106. Dustin Erickson
- a. Motion passes-9-0-0.
107. Lauren Pollack
- a. When this resolution passes, it stays with student government, right?
108. Douglas Whitesell
- a. Yes, until it is amended, resented or annulled by Senate.
109. Dustin Erickson
- a. To confirm, the item has been tabled.
  - b. I expect to have a meeting next Wednesday night.
110. Alexandra Mitchell
- a. If the resolution is to change the code of conduct, the changes need to be made by both the Executive Team and Senate.
111. Kevin Schallert
- a. There is not an opportunity for the Executive Team to veto it.
  - b. This resolution would not have any coercive power and it would not affect the code of conduct. It would express Senate's opinion.
112. Alexandra Mitchell

- a. Please make that point explicit in the resolution to reflect that the resolution is Senate's opinion.

9) Unfinished Business

10) Adjournment

- a. Adjourned: 9:25 p.m.