

Minutes of the Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands, Inc. Board Meeting April 2, 2009

The Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands, Inc. met on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 8am in the California State University, Bell Tower West Room 1188.

Members Present: Lauren Pollack, Eva Klein, Jonathon Neira, Missy Jarnagin phone conference, Chelsee Bente, Richard Wagner, Miguela Benoit, Melody Mattingly, Dr. Donald Rodriguez, Edwin Lebioda, Alexandra Mitchell, Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer

Members Absent: Jeremy Booker, Michelle Black

Members of the Public Present: Christine Thompson, Stephanie Bracamontes, Jennifer O'Neal, Dana Lockwood, Korri Faria, Elizabeth Bigham

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:06 AM by Madam Chair, Ms. Chelsee Bente

2. Approval of Minutes – Ms. Bente calls for the approval of the minutes for the following meetings March 5, March 12, and March 19th. Mr. Wagner moves to approve the motion Ms. Klein seconds. Ms. Bente requests to amend public forum to state the representatives from SPB Joshua Bauer and Timothy Allen for minutes March 12. Dr. Rodriguez states that he was late although present at March 12th meeting and requests he be added to the members present list. Ms. Bente calls the motion to question, motion passes with unanimous consent.

3. Public Forum – Upon calling for open forum discussion, and there being none, the meeting continued.

4. Financial Reports- Ms. Bracamontes reports on the profit and loss statements and would like to bring to the board's attention the auditing costs that occurred last year of around \$7,000. She has adjusted next year's budget to accrue these costs. Ms. Bracamontes informs the board to pay invoices as soon as they come in, in order to push them through for year end.

5. Subcommittee Updates-

A. Student Union Update- Ms. Bente reported that all the entities have met with BKM furniture company to develop a quote for requests.

6. Outstanding Business-

A. Funding Task Force- Ms. Benoit plans on sending out a Dolphin e-mail to the students to remind them of the survey.

B. Sustainability Task Force- ASI was invited to participate in the sustainability poster presentation, Celebration of Excellence. Ms. Mattingly would like to inform the campus community of ASI's sustainability and use this process to also assess how ASI can be more sustainable.

7. New Business: To consider and act upon such other matters as properly come before the meeting:

A. Elections- Ms. Bente shares the election results with ASI.

Student Government President : Kevin Schallert

Student Government Vice President : Lauren Pollack

Student Government Senators : Elizabeth Bingham, Brandon Dowling, Jennifer Mota, Jonathon Neira, Jennifer O'Neal, Pedro Sanchez, Rebecca Torres, Christine Wamba, Douglas Whitesell

Student Programming President : Dana Lockwood

Student Programming Board Director of Marketing and Advertising : Dulce Carolina Lopez

Student Programming Board Director of Finance : Elizabeth Quigley

ASI Board Member 1 Year Term : Korri Faria, Eva Klein

ASI Board Member 2 Year Term : Amanda Van Noy

The Editors-in-Chief of the Nautical Yearbook and CI View Newspaper have been selected internally.

Editor-in-Chief of the CI View Newspaper: Tristan Cassell

Editor-in-Chief of the Nautical Yearbook : Elysse Fasnell

B. Budget Requests-

Ms. Mattingly starts discussions regarding budget allocation, asks Ms. Mitchell if she would be willing to cut her new position's salary budget.

Dr. Sawyer asked the Board if we decided as the ASI Board that we would try to find parity among the ASI officer salaries. Dr. Sawyer suggests that we may not have to come to a conclusion of what the salaries are but come to an agreement that these figures will be changed in subsequent meetings. The suggestion was made that if an entity would like to create a new paid position, they bring it to the board as needed and not just at budget time so they can better explain their need.

Ms. Bente asked if the Board only wanted to look at the President positions or all positions. Dr. Sawyer asks to create position descriptions so that we can easily assess each position's duties and responsibilities. Ms. Bente will create a task force to assess positions.

Ms. Mattingly asked the Board to look at Transportation and Parking; she specifies that when the question was asked of Ray Porras about continuing the escort service, he said there is a security and transportation aspect.

Mr. Lebioda states, knowing that we have a bleak idea of what 2009-2010 year will be like, we are going to have to cut a lot out of next years funds to cover the bond payment. We must save now to be able to make it in the future. What are the deductions we need to make this year to be sustainable for the years to come?

Ms. Jarnagin commented how for year 2010-2011 the USU will request a larger budget because it will be open for a full year.

Mr. Wagner asked if we will we have significant under-runs in our current budget? Ms. Jarnagin stated that in previous years most classes spend all of their allotted budget.

Student Government will cut \$600 meet ASI and \$3,600 for the Director of Statewide Affairs' salary.

CI View will cut \$4,000 which would come out of equipment and promotional items.

Nautical we are showing progress, the staff has doubled and the book purchases have increased.

Dr. Sawyer suggests that the cut of the yearbook may be premature and have serious consequences; for example, we would then be down to three entities. Not sure what the book would be if there existed a business manager.

Mr. Lebioda asks what the important part is; the knowledge gained by the yearbook staff or is it the end product? A suggestion may be that the staff completes a PDF version of the Yearbook. The board can fund staffing and some administration costs of the book but not publishing.

Dr. Rodriguez asks what is keeping the board from going in this direction, the time is right, sustainability.

Mr. Wagner states that the whole point of doing the survey, was so we can determine these answers and suggests that we should revisit this next month when we have the survey results.

Mr. Lebioda suggests a possible alternative is keeping the yearbook budget the same as last year. Another set back is the fact that the published budget does not come out until the next year's budget. This has made the yearbook's budget negative at the end of every year.

Dr. Sawyer, thinks the idea of the alternative format would be key. It is a great learning opportunity for students and this way it can be electronic and maybe be more popular.

Dr. Rodriguez states that the yearbook could sell stories and photos to different programs.

Ms. Mattingly states that the increase in SPB's current budget is to help with programs in the Union and the Grand Opening.

Ms. Bente suggests allocating the SPBs excess USU programming funds to the USU programming budget. Ms. Mattingly, would like to help wherever necessary using the excess of \$4,000 in programming with the Union.

Ms. Mitchell will be requesting IRA funding for the Newspaper Readership Program, the program is so important to the students and if, for some reason, they are not funded they can still provide that program. Cut \$500 to be even for next year and will give back whatever they get from IRA.

Mr. Lebioda states that ASI gets requests from outside organizations and ASI should have a class code specific to the board so we can fund requests that are asked of it. The IRA request would come out of this fund.

Mr. Lebioda motions to make a separate class code for the ASI Board for \$10,000 plus whatever the IRA Readership costs of \$6000. Motion passes.

Ms. Jarnagin suggests that the board does not fund Transportation and parking because it should come from the University it is a service to the campus. Mr. Lebioda would like to maintain the precedence for next year.

The Board decided to allocate Alumni and friends what they were given last year.

Mr. Lebioda suggests cutting Campus Recreation by \$2,000.

Ms. Jarnagin one of the biggest things they need to look at is expenditures. The Board should decide what they will do if someone goes over their budget.

Mr. Lebioda moves to approve the budget as we have cut. Mr. Wagner seconds and the budget allocations pass unanimously.

C. ASI Stole- Ms. Mattingly states that she would like to have stoles for those in ASI. Ms. Mitchell thinks that it is a really great idea but the eligibility needs to be more specific. Ms. Bente states that she doesn't have enough information and would like requirements set in place. The suggestion was made for next year's group to work on procedures.

D. Executive Director Interview times- April 22, April 29, and May 6 at 2:35-3:35pm.

8. Entity Reports-

Nautical stated that they are still working on the yearbook.

SPB Hypnotist April 2nd. They are working with the Dolphin Days committee for Battle of the Majors events. SPB is still in contract process with vendors of the Picnic and it has been stressful and interesting. They have decided to charge non-students \$10 to attend the event.

Student Government reported that Maximus will be April 24th at 6:30 PM and they are all attending a conference in Sacramento called CHESS from April 17-20.

CI View has recently encountered printing issues with the VC Star.

9. Adjournment- 9:44AM

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. Bell Tower West room 1188.

APPROVED: Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands

Chelsee Bente, ASI Board Chairperson

Date

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Thompson, ASI Board Secretary