

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

A meeting of the Senate will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. at The Hub at One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012 to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1) Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.
- 2) Attendance
 - a. Members present: Dustin Erickson, Cassandra Silic, Adriana Franco, Charmaine Ibarra, Tamara Escobar, Sarah Mahon, Lauren Pollack, Katelyn Rauch, Erica Roundy, and Kevin Schallert
 - b. ASI Interns Present: Karina Cruz, Jennifer O'Neal, and Christine Wamba
- 3) Approval of the minutes
 - a. Minutes for Wednesday March 11, 2009 were approved 7-0-1.
- 4) Public Forum
 - a. David Seery
 - b. Raymond Ballesteros-Psychology Club
 - c. Austin Dias-Sailing Team
 - d. Jessica Williams-Sailing Team
 - e. Taylor Jonason-Sailing Team
 - f. Evan Locke-Sailing Team
 - g. Nick DeRaouhac-Sailing Team
 - h. Josh Entis-Sailing Team
 - i. Isela Virgil-Spanish Club
 - j. Brenda Flores-Spanish Club
 - i. Members of the Sailing Team introduced themselves and showed pictures and video from the race day.
- 5) Special Presentations
- 6) Reports
 - a. Advisor-Jennifer Chapman
 - i. The Student Leadership Awards are scheduled for Wednesday, April 29. Awards are distributed by department (i.e. ASI, Student Life, Rec etc)
 - ii. The S.E.A.L. Center is moving to where the "Java Hut" was previously located. The former S.E.A.L. Center will be the Director of Athletics' office.
 - iii. Clubs and Orgs applications are due to the S.E.A.L. Center by May 1, 2009. The applications will be available by Wednesday, April 1.
 - b. Vice President- Dustin Erickson
 - i. Good luck to all who are running for office next year.

- ii. Chelsea Bente has submitted a letter in response to the \$200 seed money allocated for Clubs and Orgs.
- c. Director of Operations-Cassandra Silic
 - i. All ASI Interns who are able to attend CHESS have been registered.
- d. Senator- Tamara Escobar
 - i. Maximus deadlines are due today. The Chairs for the selection committees will be Deanne Ellison and Lauren Pollack.
 - ii. "Clothing for a Cause" has been extended to April 9, 2009.
- e. Senator- Sarah Mahon
 - i. There will be no block party for April however; there will be a movie night on April 17 with an In 'n Out truck.
- f. Senator-Katelyn Rauch
 - i. The Materials, Services and Facilities Fee Subcommittee met this week to discuss where to spend the remainder of the money used to be compliant with ADA.
- g. Senator-Erica Roundy
 - i. Campus Food Services
 - 1. There is a dessert featured at the café late Tuesday nights. This service will continue.
 - 2. Recycling bins in the café will be set up.
 - 3. Cindy Derrico will do a walk-around to look at ways in which the dining services can improve.
 - 4. Meal Plan rates will be decreasing. Santa Cruz Village residents will receive \$1,300 per semester and Anacapa Village residents will receive \$500 per semester.
 - 5. The Career Center is hosting an interview workshop tomorrow.
- h. Senator-Kevin Schallert
 - i. IAC
 - 1. The Club Funding Policy will be revised. Please place this item on the agenda.
 - ii. I would like to meet with IT to discuss the option of Student Government on Blackboard.
 - iii. The CSUCI Sailing Team beat Cal Maritime and tied with USC for Best Offshore League in the country.

7) Report Questions

- a. Katelyn Rauch
 - i. For Erica

1. Is the dessert menu available online?
 - a. Erica
 - i. Yes
 - ii. For Jennifer
 1. What time will the Student Leadership Awards be held at?
 - a. Jennifer
 - i. At 7:00 p.m.
 - b. Tamara Escobar
 - i. For Cassandra
 1. What is the dress code for CSSA this weekend?
 - a. Cassandra
 - i. Wear the ASI/SG polo.
- 8) New Business
 - a. Psychology Club funding request for hospitality fees for the in the amount of \$450.00
 - i. Discussion
 1. Kevin Schallert
 - a. Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) will not fund food.
 2. Lauren Pollack
 - a. There are fifteen active members in your group, how did you select attendees?
 3. Ray Ballesteros
 - a. The individuals who assisted with the research were selected to attend. This has not been fully funded in the past.
 4. Katelyn Rauch
 - a. For clarification, the group has asked for funds outside of the Psychology club?
 5. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. The Psychology Club is an umbrella club. There is also the Psy Chi Club, which members pay dues to be apart of.
 6. Erica Roundy
 - a. There is one person in Psy Chi that will be participating in the research.
 7. Katelyn Rauch
 - a. Does this supplement research costs?

8. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Whatever decision is made will set a precedent for Student Government and what Senate decides to fund or not fund.
9. Lauren Pollack
 - a. This document was resubmitted through the Psychology Club.
10. Ray Ballesteros
 - a. We are asking for the remainder of the research team to be funded. There are four students going.
11. Kevin Schallert
 - a. This research is not open to the entire campus community.
12. Dustin Erickson
 - a. We have to make sure that we abide by the Student Government bylaws.
13. Erica Roundy
 - a. I feel that this is a great idea.
14. Ray Ballesteros
 - a. This is stemming from an independent study course.
15. Lauren Pollack
 - a. Psy Chi collects dues from members; why are they not sponsoring this trip?
16. Kevin Schallert
 - a. The Sailing Team is paid for with student fee money. The team is not permitted to purchase food for team members.
 - b. Independent study requires professor approval.
17. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Is there a prerequisite for this class?
18. Ray Ballesteros
 - a. Individuals who do not wish to be apart of the research team do not have to participate. This is open to anyone who wishes to participate.
19. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Does someone have to be part of the Psychology major?
20. Ray Ballesteros

- a. Not necessarily.
- 21. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Is there a process that must go through the professor for approval?
- 22. Ray Ballesteros
 - a. The decision is up to the professor.
- 23. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. Most of the dues paying clubs on campus have a national headquarters. For example, Gamma Beta Phi has two sets of dues, and one goes to the national headquarters. Psy Chi does not share the same system.
- 24. Dustin Erickson
 - a. We need to abide by the Club Funding Policy.
- 25. Katelyn Rauch
 - a. There are four people going; three students and one faculty member, all of which are affiliated with Psy Chi.
 - b. Can we fund this group?
- 26. Adriana Franco
 - a. We have allocated \$1,500 in our budget for sponsoring.
- 27. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Does the request include faculty members? If so, we need to discuss this.
- 28. Tamara Escobar
 - a. This request should include students only.
- 29. Adriana Franco
 - a. They are only requesting for students.
- 30. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Funding a faculty member is not appropriate.
- b. Spanish Club funding request in the amount of \$1,407.00
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. There are seventeen students and one faculty member attending.
 - 2. Adriana Franco
 - a. There is a detailed description attached.
- c. Business Club funding request in the amount of \$380.00
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. [insert name]

- a. How many t-shirts are being purchased?
- d. Enrollment Management and Student Success Committee (EMSSC)
 - i. Discussion
 1. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Currently, there is a budget crisis and 10,000 students will be denied access to a California State University. CSUCI will not accept applications for spring 2010. The campus is trying to scale back the full time enrolled (FTE) headcount in order to admit as many students as permitted.
 1. One of the concerns addressed was that students are taking too many classes per semester and the GPA's are being "skewed".
 2. One of the methods being considered is place a limit on how many units a student can take per semester.
 3. Another method being considered to stricter regulations on GPA's.
 2. Adriana Franco
 - a. What are the pro's to putting a ceiling on units?
 3. Dustin Erickson
 - a. The goal is to reduce FTE to allow more access to incoming students.
 4. Adriana Franco
 - a. Is there currently a cap?
 5. Dustin Erickson
 - a. No, there is no limit on how many units a student can take.
 6. Erica Roundy
 - a. I feel that this can limit students and their ability to graduate in four years or at whatever rate they prefer.
 7. Kevin Schallert
 - a. In regards to GPA regulation, perhaps the classes do need to be taught at a higher level of difficulty; is that is the sentiment of some of the faculty.
 8. Lauren Pollack

- a. Some classes may be “easier” due to the fact that the class sizes are smaller and students have more access to their professors.
 - 9. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Please send all input to Cassandra and we can deliver this message to the committee.
 - 10. Charmaine Ibarra
 - a. Another issue to consider is that some classes contain more units than others, thus putting a ceiling on units could inhibit a student’s ability to take the classes they need for a particular major.
 - 11. Sarah Mahon
 - a. I feel that limiting the amount of units that a student can take can hinder the progress towards graduation.
 - b. Students in their first year are encouraged to take approximately twelve to fifteen units per semester.
 - 12. Cassandra Silic
 - a. Please take into consideration that these regulations are being considered to allow more access to students. The goal of the University is to reduce FTE, thus allowing CSUCI to admit more students into the University.
 - b. Please send written insight to me so that Dustin and I may share your sentiments.
- 9) Action Items
- a. Spanish Club’s funding request for Fiesta De La Noche in the amount of \$800.00
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. Adriana Franco
 - a. The program represents Argentina this year. This event is open to the campus and community.
 - b. This is the fourth time the Spanish Club has had this event.
 - c. The country theme changes from year to year.
 - 2. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Where does the \$400.00 come from?
 - 3. Jennifer Chapman

- a. The money was obtained through IRA because this event is considered co-curricular.
4. Sarah Mahon
 - a. How many are expected to attend?
5. Adriana Franco
 - a. About 150 persons
6. Lauren Pollack
 - a. Does MECHA co-sponsor?
7. Kevin Schallert
 - a. IRA has covered the costs of the event and Student Government would be providing food?
8. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Student Government is permitted to pay for food.
9. Katelyn Rauch
 - a. Where is the event located?
10. Adriana Franco
 - a. The event is located in Malibu Hall
11. Katelyn Rauch
 - a. I move to approve the Spanish Club's funding request.
 - b. Seconded by Lauren Pollack
12. Katelyn Rauch
 - a. Is the Student Government logo placed on the flier?
13. Adriana Franco
 - a. The logo is being removed.
14. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Student Government only supports the event.
15. Sarah Mahon
 - a. Is Student Government a "silent sponsor"?
16. Lauren Pollack
 - a. Per ASI Board and the logo policy, ASI does not oversee the event, in turn; there is no necessity for the logo.
17. Kevin Schallert
 - a. I move to approve by acclamation.
 - b. Event approved.
18. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Does anyone feel that the agenda should be restructured?

19. Kevin Schallert
 - a. The reports section should be moved down, we need to give members of the public enough time to make it to the meetings.
20. Erica Roundy
 - a. There should not be action items behind report questions.
21. Jennifer Chapman
 - a. Most reports are at the end of the meetings in other committees.
22. Kevin Schallert
 - a. In city council meetings, the reports are first.
23. Tamara Escobar
 - a. I feel that the reports should be first
24. Dustin Erickson
 - a. Student Government will look into revising the agenda structure.

11. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.