

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

A meeting of the Senate will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at The John Spoore 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 and Jennifer O'Neal
- 3) Approval of the minutes
  - a. Minutes for Wednesday, April 15 will be approved at next week's meeting.
- 4) Public Forum
  - a. Siddharth Mehrotra
    - i. Addressing treatment of architecture and historical elements on campus.  
Read resolution to Student Government body.
  - b. Alidia Macias
  - c. Jennifer Mota
  - d. Josh Walker
- 5) Special Presentations
- 6) Reports
  - a. Co-Advisor-Christine Thompson
    - i. The first candidate for the Executive Director for ASI came to campus today. Thank you to those that was able to attend. There will be more meetings soon and student input will be needed.
    - ii. Any purchases for this year will be made before May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> of this year. Please submit input as soon as possible.
  - b. President Alexandra Mitchell
    - i. I met with Chelsee Bente regarding the ASI Logo Policy. The graphic standards manual was passed by ASI Board.
    - ii. CSUCI Logo
      1. I met with President Rush to see some of the logos that were made by students. There were top five designs selected. The results will not be made public just at this time.
    - iii. ASI Executive Director Candidates

1. There are more candidates coming to campus, please attend those meetings and forums.
- iv. Your transition binders are due this Friday before the Transition conference on Saturday.
- c. Vice President- Dustin Erickson
  - i. There is a great pool of candidates for the Assistant Vice President for the Research Department. The committee is looking to invite candidates to campus in the middle of May.
  - ii. There are 23 days left of school.
- d. Director of Operations-Cassandra Silic
  - i. Please email me if you are attending Maximus.
  - ii. CHESS was very fun!
  - iii. We will discuss a lobby appointment during the working meeting tonight.
- e. Senator- Tamara Escobar
  - i. Maximus
    1. I sent everyone a meeting request for Maximus for Thursday at 3:00 p.m. There will also be set up for Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- f. Senator-Lauren Pollack
  - i. Search Committee for the Dean of the Library
    1. The committee will be interviewing candidates on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>.
    2. There is money left over for clubs and orgs; we should look into purchasing supplies for them.
- g. Senator-Douglas Whitesell
  - i. CHESS was a blast.

7) Report Questions

- a. April Burger
  - i. How were the top five logos determined?
- b. Alexandra Mitchell
  - i. The committee may have blindly judged. That process will need to be verified.
- c. Christine Thompson
  - i. Why are there no reports?
- d. Erica Roundy
  - i. I had to cancel my meeting because of CHESS.
- e. Kevin Schallert

i. I also had to cancel my meetings.

8) Action Items

a. MeCHA Budget approval in the amount of \$1,200.00

i. Lauren Pollack

1. Move to approve budget request for MeCHA in the amount of \$1,200.00

2. Second-Douglas Whitesell.

ii. Lauren Pollack

1. What time is the event at?

iii. Jennifer Mota

1. 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

2. The event is also on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

iv. Dustin Erickson

1. Item approved; 9-0-0.

b. Firearm Safety Club budget request (1) in the amount of \$352.00

i. Josh Walker

1. There are two requests attached.

ii. Adriana Franco

1. How do you plan to advertise for this?

iii. Josh Walker

1. We are advertising through the S.E.A.L. Center.

iv. Adriana Franco

1. There are only a certain amount of people attending, what if other people would like to join?

v. Josh Walker

1. There are extra slots available.

vi. Kevin Schallert

1. Does your club have the intention of becoming a sport?

vii. Josh Walker

1. Currently, we are keeping the club as a special interest club.

viii. Dustin Erickson

1. I will put this item on the agenda for approvals next week.

c. Firearms Safety Club budget request (2) in the amount of \$270.00

i. Josh Walker

1. This is a shooting range trip.

ii. Lauren Pollack

1. Do you practice any safety tips before going on the trip?

- iii. Josh Walker
  - 1. Yes, everyone is required to take a course on safety.
  - 2. We have an officer that runs both of our safety courses. He is also our advisor.
- iv. Jennifer Chapman
  - 1. Does everyone have to do this class?
- v. Josh Walker
  - 1. Yes.
- vi. Jennifer Chapman
  - 1. The money under your request is for supplies?
- vii. Josh Walker
  - 1. Yes. This does not include ammunition. The ammunition is donated.
- viii. Douglas Whitesell
  - 1. What does the miscellaneous purchase include?
- ix. Josh Walker
  - 1. This includes paper targets and cardboard.
- x. Dustin Erickson
  - 1. I will put this item on the agenda for approvals for next week.

9) Unfinished Business

- a. Alexandra Mitchell
  - i. There is an internal Student Government issue that needs to be addressed immediately.
    - 1. It has been brought to my attention that some of our leaders within the Student Government body have not shown integrity. I am extremely disappointed with this news. There was an issue that arose at CHESS last weekend. Fundamentally, if one person acts without integrity then it reflects on the entire Student Government body as well as the student body. We are always in a student leader role, and because of this, the expectations for us to always be a positive example for the students is higher. The Vice President for Student Affairs is aware of what happened last weekend, as well as other entities on campus. Actions like these make our organization lose credibility. We need to abide by our mission statement. Everyone is held accountable. The positions that we hold on campus are a privilege. All officers of this Student Government need to make

sacrifices: this means no parties or events where you are under age and drinking or there are others who are underage drinking; and we need to be in good standing academically. We always need to be on our best behavior.

b. Dustin Erickson

i. Your success is my success and your failure is my failure. I feel that we should not be having this conversation, especially at this point in the year. Please consider the roles that you are in and will be continuing in. I feel that I have to explain what the internal issue is. This is not the first incident that Student Government has experienced. In the past, Alexandra and I have tried to protect the privacy of those that were being held accountable. I feel that this protection though may have done more harm than good because we always need to be held accountable. I received a phone call that senator and president elect; Kevin Schallert was in Cal Maritime's room at CHESS and was offered a beer. I was informed that he did not drink the beer, however; he still accepted it. The Vice President for Student Affairs has also been informed of the incident. I would now like to open the floor for Senate Remarks.

1. Kevin Schallert

a. I would like to formally apologize to Student Government and the entire student body. My actions were irresponsible and unprofessional. I would like feedback from the rest of the group: should I resign from my position?

2. Katelyn Rauch

a. What are your plans for next year?

3. Kevin Schallert

a. I plan to aggressively advocate for students.

4. Katelyn Rauch

a. And what have you learned from this personally?

5. Kevin Schallert

a. I was offered the beer and through peer pressure from one of our senators, I gave it back. This made me realize the importance of personal conduct and how quickly something like this can spread throughout campus. I plan to serve next year with integrity.

6. Lauren Pollack

- a. Thank you for apologizing. I feel that you did learn your lesson. I do not feel that you should resign from your position because I feel that you are a good senator.

7. Erica Roundy

- a. I agree with Lauren. There is a valuable lesson to be learned. I feel that you have a lot to contribute still. I think this case may have been very different if you did not give the beer back. I do not feel that you should be removed from your position.

8. April Burger

- a. I also agree. You are great at what you do. You gave the beer back under peer pressure, how do you plan to conduct yourself if this situation ever arises again?

9. Kevin Schallert

- a. That is a difficult question to answer. I learned my lesson and will think about my actions.

10. Alexandra Mitchell

- a. Thank you for your humility. Kevin is not the only person to be found in question this year. I apologize for having to use you as an example. I want to remind everyone that is against the law to be drinking alcohol if you are younger than twenty-one years of age. If you have a fake ID that would state that you are twenty-one years or older, please dispose of that immediately. We are still in our roles until May 31, 2009.

11. Dustin Erickson

- a. My recommendation for future officers and senators is that if this issue occurs again, we need to hold each other accountable. If you see misconduct, communicate that.

10) Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.