

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

A meeting of the Senate will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 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 7:06 p.m.
 - 2) Attendance
 - a. Members present: Alexandra Mitchell, Dustin Erickson, Cassandra Silic, April Burger, Tamara Escobar, Sarah Mahon, Lauren Pollack, Katelyn Rauch, Erica Roundy, Kevin Schallert, and Douglas Whitesell
 - 3) Approval of the minutes
 - a. Minutes for Wednesday, May 6 are to be approved the following week.
 - 4) Public Forum
 - a. Kyle Deans
 - b. Dustin Russell
 - i. Censure-Kevin Schallert
 1. I am disappointed at the amount of time being spent looking into this situation. This does seem like a moral witch hunt; Student Government has higher priorities. There are resolutions from one year ago that are still on the table and have not been completed. Other students agree that there has been a lot of time wasted on this matter.
- 5) Special Presentations
- 6) Reports
 - a. Sponsor-Jennifer Chapman
 - i. Thank you to everyone that has served this year and good luck with finals.
 - b. Co-Advisor-Christine Thompson
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 - ii. The search committee for the ASI Executive Director will be advising Doc of the candidates.
 - iii. The CI View has new, sustainable pens.
 - c. President-Alexandra Mitchell
 - i. The Board of Trustees did pass the bill that would cause a 10% fee increase on student fees. In order to allow access to more students, the board felt that this was the best decision in order to maintain that accessibility for eligible students.

- ii. CSSA at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
 - 1. It was a very great experience for Katelyn and me.
 - 2. SB218 was discussed. This bill would ensure that auxiliary items will become public record. The board is concerned with items such as emails, phone numbers etc being included in the public record.
- iii. New CSUCI Logo
 - 1. (Alexandra revealed logos per permission of President Rush).
- iv. Thank you to all that served this year in Student Government and good luck with finals.
- d. Vice President- Dustin Erickson
 - i. Congratulations to graduating seniors and good luck with finals.
- e. Director of Operations-Cassandra Silic
 - i. Thank you to all that served this year and congratulations to graduating seniors.
- f. Senator- April Burger
 - i. Some students from CSULA are protesting no on Proposition 1A. Student Government should encourage students to vote.
 - ii. There is a Commencement rehearsal on Friday at 2:30 p.m. Please go to the front of the stage if you would like to participate.
- g. Senator- Sarah Mahon
 - i. The Block Party Committee will be having its last meeting and will be doing a SWOT analysis. The next Block Party is scheduled for September 11, 2009 and will have a patriotic theme.
- h. Senator-Lauren Pollack
 - i. Dean of the Library
 - 1. The decision on a candidate will be made soon.
 - 2. I will be attending the CSU Student Board of Trustees meeting at CSSA at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I will be forwarding three names of students for the next CSU Student Board of Trustees.
- i. Senator-Katelyn Rauch
 - i. One of the agenda items for CSSA last weekend was the topic of including the online education in the CSU curriculum. The board is looking to create one resolution that reflects the opposition of all CSU's rather than having each CSU create its own resolution.
- j. Senator-Erica Roundy
 - i. The CI View has new and sustainable pens.

- ii. Thank you to all that served on Student Government this year.
 - k. Senator-Douglas Whitesell
 - i. At the Faculty Research Forum I received an award for undergraduate research.
 - ii. The CIO interim candidate is in the selection process for a permanent position.
 - iii. The California budget deficit is currently at \$15.6 billion.
 - iv. Thank you to all those that served this year.
- 7) Report Questions
- 8) Action Items
 - a. Emergency Action Item: Resolution: concerning the consumption of alcohol by persons under the age of 21, who are members of Student Government.
 - i. Douglas Whitesell
 - 1. Motion to move into discussion regarding resolution.
 - a. Second- Sarah Mahon
 - 2. Withdraw motion:
 - a. Move to discuss friendly amendments made to resolution.
 - i. Second- Sarah Mahon
 - ii. 7-1-0.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Kevin Schallert
 - a. I do not object to the friendly amendments but I still feel that it sets a precedence to do a witch hunt. This involves personal life items. Student Government is supposed to advocate for students. This appears to be a distraction and it seems that the distractions have been more important.
 - 2. Lauren Pollack
 - a. The Student Code of Conduct sets precedence for us to follow.
 - b. Many students agree that they themselves sometimes do not follow the University Alcohol Policy but feel that the Senators should.
 - 3. Douglas Whitesell

- a. This resolution basically states that members of Student Government strictly adhere to the University's Alcohol Policy.
 - b. Motion: consider the action item.
 - i. Second- Katelyn Rauch
4. Kevin Schallert
- a. Move to vote by Roll Call
 - i. April Burger- Yes
 - ii. Tamara Escobar- Yes
 - iii. Sarah Mahon- Yes
 - iv. Lauren Pollack- Yes
 - v. Katelyn Rauch- Yes
 - vi. Erica Roundy- Yes
 - vii. Kevin Schallert- No with Rights
 - 1. (Rights emailed to Cassandra Silic)
After much thought, I have chosen to vote "NO" on the resolution. My reasons for doing so are three fold. First, I believe this action to obscure the mission and mandate of this body and take attention and resources away from student advocacy that is so needed in this group. Second, I believe this resolution to dig too far into the personal lives of the members of this group. This is an elected deliberative body and I am wary of imposing moral standards on this membership that have negligible impact on the integrity of the organization and the ability of the given member to fulfill the mandates of the position. Lastly, this resolution is being passed in a hasty manner that does not well gibe with my personal views on the proceedings of a deliberative body. Proof of this is seen in calling an emergency meeting during finals to

address this, the one meeting
discussion/approval time and lack of
committee time this resolution has
faced.

viii. Douglas Whitesell- Yes

9) Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.