

Associated Students Incorporated
California State University, Long Beach

SENATE MINUTES
Meeting #18
November 30, 2005

1. **Call to Order**

Vice President Okahana called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

2. **Invocation**

There was no invocation.

3. **ROLL CALL (Roll #36 – Quorum Call)**

Voting Members Present

Mr. Brian Campos
Ms. Elaine Chau
Ms. Heidi Chavez (Dp@5:25pm)
Mr. Kenneth Cooper
Ms. Ashley Mara Stanton (Dp@5:50pm)
Ms. Naomi Cruz
Mr. Guido D’Onofrio
Mr. Mike Emenhiser
Ms. Elisa Herrera
Mr. Aminul Km (Ar@3:40pm)
Mr. Juancarlos Mariano
Ms. Shelena McClinton
Ms. Shefali Mistry (Ar@3:55pm, Dp@5:10pm)
Ms. Zion Redie
Mr. William Sanchez
Ms. Shauntel Smith (Dp@5:55pm)
Ms. Sandra Olmedo
Mr. Clint Sylvestre
Ms. Jessica Vieira
Mr. Kory Witt (Dp@4:40pm)
Mr. Hironao Okahana

Voting Members Not Present

Non-Voting Members Present

Dr. Jeane Caveness
Dr. Wayne Dick (Ar@3:40pm)

Non-Voting Not Present

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Without objection, the Chair moved that Appointment of Government Elections Officer be postponed per recommendation by the Nomination Committee for aforementioned position.

Without objection, the agenda was approved.

5. **Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting**

(M) Chavez (S) Cooper to approve Senate Minutes #17 dated November 16, 2005

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 17-0-1

6. Public Comments

Mr. Allan Layo Mursino addressed the Senate. He introduced himself as the founder and president of the Foosball Club. He stated he is starting the club as a means of bringing people together on campus. He gave the Board further details about the club and stated he was looking forward to the Board approving the club.

Ms. Sally Bulquerin, the past ASI administrator announced her resignation from office. She stated she can no longer work with the ASI administration which demands support but cannot provide it back. She stated the administration threatened to unjustly dismiss her from her position on grounds that she has not been carrying out her duties. Ms. Bulquerin further stated the ASI is heading down a dangerous path with the current administration and Senators should do something to ensure the reputation of the ASI is not tarnished.

Ms. Sufia Toorawa, the Program Assistant for Program Council thanked the Senate for helping to make the Angela Davis event a great success.

Ms. Melissa Trumon & Mr. Jen Santos, on behalf of the Pilipino American Coalition, invited the Senate to their 9th annual Pilipino Christmas festival on Dec 9th from 11am-6pm on the USU lawn. They distributed flyers on the event.

Mr. Andrew Brooks, stated he is happy to hear the Senate is taking a stand on the issue of rising tuition. He also talked about world AID's day which was being observed the following day, December 1st. He explained to the Board what it was about and asked everyone to support by wearing a red ribbon. He also gave the Board a brief history on the HIV virus & how it has affected people's lives.

Ms. Elizabeth Novack, presented to the Senate the Ombud's Office Annual report. She gave the Board details about the report and the functioning of the office and stated if anyone has an issue or a problem, they are always welcome to come and talk to the Ombuds.

7. Chair's Report

Vice President Okahana stated the Senate End-of-Semester Dinner will be on December 7, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Senate Chamber and added RSVP is required for the attendance. He requested the Board contact Senator Chavez or Senator Vieira to confirm their attendance. He also reported the Winter Mingle will be on December 2, 2005 and hoped to see everyone there.

8. Reports from Senators

Documents & Bylaws: Ms. Chavez reported their next meeting would be on Friday (Dec 2nd) at 3:30pm.

Rules and Ethics: Mr. Witt reported the committee's last meeting was on Friday, November 18th where they made some changes to their Working Rules which they have passed along to Docs & Bylaws for review. He added their next meeting would be on Dec 9th at 2:30pm in the ASI conference room. He also reminded the Senators to sign in and out their hours every week and to notify him if they would be leaving Senate early or arriving late.

Audit: Senator Sanchez reported the first Audit Committee will be held on Friday December 2nd at 3:00pm at the Senate Chambers. He added due to conflict in timing with other meetings there is the possibility of a change in location.

University Affairs: Senator Campos reported the committee will meet on Friday December 2nd at 2pm in the AS Conference room, USU-311.

Governmental Affairs: Senator Herrera reported the Committee met last Monday, November 21. The members decided to draft a resolution in regards to implementing a "plus/minus" grading system at CSULB. She added the committee would like to thank Senator Sanchez and Senator Sylvestre for attending the meeting and providing valuable input.

Academic Colleges: No report.
Cultural Organizations: No report.

Board of Control: Senator Emenhiser reported City National Bank came to BOC to give a quarterly report on ASI invested funds. This was a snapshot of how these investments have done over a small period when one bases a portfolio strategy over years and years instead of short term. The portfolio has made \$20,000 or almost a 2% gain. He also reported the Board is considering two policies, on Diversity and on Transparency. He added if anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions then they can contact him at Mike@csulb.net.

University Student Union Board of Trustees: Senator Campos reported the Trustees will meet on December 2 at 12:30pm in the Senate Chamber.

Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees: No report.
Student Media Board: No report.

Recreational Sports Advisory Board: Ms. Redie reported the committee met last Friday (Nov 18th) where they went over their long term and short term goals. She added their next meeting would be on Dec 9th.

Human Resources Committee: Mr. Mariano reported the committee met on Friday, November 18th they the 1st reading of two policies.

Program Council: Ms. Smith announced their next meeting would be on Friday, December 2nd at 11am.

College of the Arts: Mr. Cooper reminded the Board about the Memphis's play. He also announced the Battle of the Band tickets were available and that the Music Department is having their music concert on Dec 10th.

College of Business: No report.
College of Education: No report.
College of Engineering: No report.

College of Health & Human Services: Mr. Witt reported the committee's last meeting for the semester would be on Monday (Dec 5th). He stated they had allocated over \$1000.00 to student orgs and the remainder of their funds would go to their Health and safety fair next semester. He also announced the college is having their college mixer on Nov 30th from 5:30-8:30pm in the games area and invited everyone to attend.

College of Liberal Arts: Ms. McClinton, on behalf of COLA thanked all Senators who had come out to support the Angela Davis event on Saturday November 19th.

College of Natural Science's & Mathematics: No report.

Dr. Caveness: She reported the University has a new email address posting@csulb.edu to handling queries dealing with postings on the campus.

Dr. Dick: He talked to the Senate on issues concerning the Ombuds Office. He stated they were a very valuable asset to the University as it is the only office on campus which is not a mandatory reporting office, i.e. a student is assured complete confidentiality on every issue they may choose to discuss with them. Dr. Dick also stated he would not be available the rest of December as he has to travel to Australia to attend a conference but added he would be more available to the Senate as an advisor in the coming semester.

Senators:

Mr. Km stated he has left a copy of a resolution regarding online voting on the Senators desk. He stated he hopes every Senator would take time to review it by the next meeting so that it can be approved before they go on winter break.

Ms. Smith reported the Alpha Phi sorority is having their annual Black & Gold Pageant this weekend, Sunday, Dec 4th at 6pm.

Mr. D'Onofrio reported on the Inter-faith Center located in the USU. He stated they would appreciate it if something could be done to sound proof the room as a lot of noise drifts into the area from the surrounding area. He also distributed flyers on the upcoming Monster Menorah and gave the Board details about the event.

10. Special Order Session

A. Report from the President of the Associated Students

Cabinet Updates

GRTO- Last week at the Gobble Gala, many of us received a Beach Teamer to mentor. She strongly encouraged the Board to develop a relationship with their mentee. She added that they all have a wealth of knowledge to share with these students, and can potentially have a large impact on their leadership goals and career. **Zahra Billoo** and the President are in the process of fundraising for the big trip to Sacramento for CHESS in the Spring semester. So far they have received generous donation from the Division of Student Services and are looking to other entities on campus. **Mark Andrews** gave confirmed that the December 6th City Council meeting is cancelled. Therefore the Beach flag item will appear on the agenda for the December 13th meeting. It is during finals week, but the President requested that anyone on the Board that is available attend and show support.

Sally's Resignation

- As you all know Sally Bulquerin has resigned as administrator effective Nov. 23
- We have already begun taking applications and promoting the position
- The position is open to any student and the executives will be conducting interviews over winter break.

Meeting with CFA President Lidia Sondhi

- President Pollock will be meeting with Lidia Sondhi the CSULB CFA President to discuss parking equity. The purpose of the meeting is to inform CFA of one of the major initiatives for CSSA in hopes to gain their support.

Meeting with Peter Lesnik

The President will be meeting with Peter Lesnik the Director of the Carpenter Performing Arts Center to discuss the ASI fee waiver requests.

B. Presentation on the 49er Shops, Inc. Mr. Don Penrod, CEO and Mr. Fred Neely, Director of Bookstore Services

Mr. Don Penrod, the CEO of the 49ers Shops talked to the Senate about the vision of the Shops. He stated the aim of the 49ers is to develop student success on campus. He introduced Mr. Ryan, the Manager of the Grand, the catering company on campus. Mr. Ryan discussed the catering section of the Shops with the Board and answered questions. He stated the Grand is always ready to work with students. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Penrod spoke on other developments that are being planned on campus. Mr. Km gave Mr. Penrod a list of recommendations that residential students had compiled. Mr. Penrod went over the recommendations with Senate and promised to review and make adjustments if necessary to help the students of CSULB. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Fred Neely, the director of Bookstore services spoke to the Senate on the textbook requisition issue. He gave details about it and the textbook buy-back plan. He also announced the bookstore is having a 20% off sale on all beach pride gear the coming week. Ms. Olmedo suggested starting a reward program for students when they purchase beach gear. Mr. Neely stated he would consider the idea and see what could be done. Mr. Neely distributed a breakdown of requisitions by college and spoke on the issue.

Vice President Okahana requested Senators talk to their Department Chairs in order to help with the requisition. He also recommended helping the Executive Branch with their phone banking efforts. Dr. Dick stated he would be happy to help the Senate talk to the Department and Faculty Councils about textbook requisitions and explain to them the benefits students gain from it. Discussion ensued.

9. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Subsidiary Boards
 - 1) Board of Control, Meeting #15, dated November 15, 2005
 - 2) Board of Control, Meeting#16, dated November 22,2005
- B. Received Minutes, Communications & Reports from the Committees of the Senate
 - 1) Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #9 dated November 14th, 2005.
- C. Approval/Concurrence for Subsidiary Boards Originated Legislation
 - 1) BOD-SLD-2006-06 “Foosball Nation Beach”

(M) McClinton (S) Sylvestre to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

11. Business Pending on the Senate Floor

- A. Resume Consideration on Motion to Pass “Resolution Opposing Student Taxation” (M) Km (S) Vieira
Vice President Okahana gave the Board details concerning the resolution. He explained how the resolution would benefit students of CSULB. Ms. Herrera asked for a clarification on the exact definition of ‘Student Taxation’. Okahana stated that it was a term coined by CSU Student Trustee Corey Jackson and he would define it in the resolution.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 15-0-1

12. Introduction of New Business

- B. S. Res #2006-16 “Protection of the Tongva and Acjacheman scared land of Puvungna at CSULB.
Ms. Herrera introduced the resolution to the Senate. She gave the Board details concerning the resolution. Vice President Okahana also spoke on the resolution and stated it would have to be addressed with President Alexander to see his stand on the issue. He recommended discussing the issue next semester so that they can share the table with Dr. Alexander when they discuss it. Mr. Emenhiser agreed stating it would be a positive step to help develop communication with Dr. Alexander.

(M) Herrera (S) Redie to approve the resolution as a first reading.

- C. S. Res #2006-17 “Legislative Positions”
Ms. Herrera introduced the resolution to the Senate. She gave details concerning it’s benefit to students. Vice President Okahana added approving this resolution means the Senate is in favor of the Bills listed in the resolution. The Board discussed the policies and their significance. Discussion ensued.

(M) Herrera (S) Sanchez to approve the resolution as a first reading.

- D. S. Res#2006-18 “Resolution calling adequate Academic Advising Services”
Mr. D’Onofrio introduced the resolution to the Senate. He stated students need more advising services on campus. Ms. Hinckson stated the university has a peer mentoring program for some academic department and urged the Senate to find out more about the existing programs before approving a

similar policy. Dr. Caveness stated extensive research has been done on campus concerning academic advising which the Senate should refer to. Discussion ensued.

(M) D'Onofrio (S) Cooper to approve the resolution as a first reading.

13. Additional Statements

Mr. Km stated he wanted to point out that parking fees on campus had been raised to \$98.00 in order to fund the construction of two parking structure but now only one is being planned. He noted parking services should reduce the cost of the parking permit as they do not need the extra money. He asked Senators attending the parking services meeting to discuss this issue.

Ms. Herrera stated she has been hearing a lot of comments on how the ASI functions. She stated the Executives ask Senators for time, money and effort but do not but do not involve them in the functioning of the corporation. They do not give the Senate adequate notice of important meetings and do not involve them in the decision making policies. She said efforts must be made to change this and have both Branches work together for the benefit of ASI.

Ms. Hinckson stated she too wanted to see the level of collaboration between the Legislative and the Executive Branches improve 150% in the coming semester. She also thanked the Senate for their patience with Sally the past Administrator and for supporting her at this difficult time. She asked everyone to do some soul searching during the break and see how they can improve the image of ASI. Currently, recruitment is at a low because of all the inner conflicts that are occurring. New students are not feeling encouraged to join ASI. She urged the Board to step up their individual leadership skills and make student government a more positive environment.

Dr. Caveness stated she found Gobble Gala really wonderful. She was very impressed with members of the Beach Team and how knowledgeable they were.

Ms. Amy Hoekstra the Beach Team representative stated the Beach team is putting on a Christmas show on Dec 10th. She gave details about the event and added entry is \$5.00.

Vice President Okahana gave the Board details concerning the next meeting. He stated the Senate will reconvene at 3:30 pm on Wednesday December 7, 2005 and resume consideration on S. Res. #2006-16, 17 & 18. Also the Senate will begin consideration on S. Res.#2006-19 "Parking Equity Resolution", and B. Amdt #2006-04 "Recreational Sports Advisory Board Membership"

14. Adjournment

Without objection, the Chair moved that the Senate stands adjourned until 3:30 pm on Wednesday, December 7th, 2005. There was no objection, the Senate adjourned at 6:10pm.

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Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Hironao Okahana
ASI Vice President

Jamie Pollock
ASI President

Dated: _____

Dr. Michael Hostetler
Associate Vice President for Student Services/
Dean of Students

Dated: _____

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