

Associated Students Incorporated
California State University, Long Beach

Attachment A

SENATE MINUTES
Meeting #8
September 14, 2005

1. Call to Order

The Chair Pro Tempore, Mr. Juancarlos Mariano called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

2. Invocation

There was no invocation.

3. ROLL CALL (Roll #07 – Quorum Call)

Present

Mr. Brian Campos
Ms. Heidi Chavez
Ms. Ashley Mara Stanton
Mr. Kenneth Cooper
Ms. Naomi Cruz
Mr. Guido D'Onofrio
Mr. Mike Emenhiser
Ms. Elisa Herrera
Mr. Aminul Km
Mr. Juancarlos Mariano
Ms. Shelena McClinton
Ms. Shefali Mistry (Ar@3:50pm)
Ms. Sandra Olmedo
Ms. Zion Redie
Mr. William Sanchez
Ms. Shauntel Smith
Mr. Clint Sylvestre
Ms. Jessica Vieira
Mr. Kory Witt

Voting Members Absent

Mr. Hironao Okahana

Non-Voting Present

Dr. Jeanne Caveness
Dr. Wayne Dick (Dp@4:50pm)

Non-Voting Absent

4. Approval of the Agenda

Without objection, Mr. Mariano stated that the Senate would proceed to Special Order Session immediately after the conclusion of Public Comments to receive reports from the President of the Associated Students and the Executive Director of the ASI. After which they were to proceed according to the agenda.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting

(M) Chavez (S) Vieira to approve Senate Minutes #7 dated September 7, 2005.

The Senate made corrections to the Minutes.

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6. Public Comments

Mr. Andrew Brooks, Associate Justice stated he personally felt that the Red Cross was not an organization to provide donations. He gave an example from his own experience and stated that the ASI should make use of another charity or organization to distribute funds to the victims of hurricane Katrina.

Mr. D. Edwards, Director of the University Student Union, gave the Board an update on the proposed Recreation center. He stated that B&D are rolling out a survey that would be distributed to the Senators to review before it is given to 100 randomly selected students in order to get their feed back. The surveys would be modified according to the Senators' suggestions and the students in the preliminary phase before it would be released to the entire student body on October 3rd.

Ms. Elena Delgado, Assistant Secretary for Systwemwide Affairs, spoke on behalf of the women's crew team. She stated that she would be putting up the schedule in the ASI office and that the Senators are welcome to come out and support the teams.

Mr. Ben Mendez, Secretary for Campus Diversity Relations stated that he and Senator Campos are having their first Cultural Council meeting on September 26th at 1pm in the ASI conference room. He added that any one interested is welcomed to attend.

Mr. Will Harris, the Captain of the men's crew team thanked the Senate for all the support they have shown towards the crew team. He stated that they have become the best team on the west coast and that they were placed 8th in the nationals, coming ahead of universities like Yale and Harvard. He stated that all this would not have been possible without the support of the Board and that they greatly appreciate it.

Mr. Will Harris spoke on behalf of the Ultimate Frisbee Club; he stated that the club is doing very well and that they have begun competing against other schools. He thanked the Senate for all the support they have provided for the Frisbee team.

10. Special Order Session

A. Report from the President of the Associated Students-TC 4:00pm

President Pollock stated that they had their first cabinet meeting on Monday, September 12th. She stated that Assistant Secretary for City Affairs, Mr. Michael Barker has been working diligently on a high school outreach program, sponsored by ASI. The program is called "49er for a day". Mr. Barker has been working with Mrs. Valerie Bordeaux, to communicate with local high schools. The program would allow students from local high schools to come to campus for the day, and shadow a student government leader. They will then have the opportunity to sit in on a senate meeting and observe the legislation process unfold. She stated that the cabinet saw great potential for this program, and Mr. Barker hopes to have all the pieces in place by early next month.

She also stated that, Secretary for Campus Diversity Relations, Mr. Ben Mendez is collaborating with Mr. Campos to bring back the Multi-Cultural Festival. The first step, however, is establishing the Senatorial Advisory Council on Cultural Organizations. This Council serves as the pipeline for communication between AS, and the various Cultural organizations. The first goal of the council is to construct a calendar of events for these organizations.

She added that the Secretary for City Affairs, Mark Andrews has been consistently attending the City Council Meetings, and is representing the students of CSULB. Additionally, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Godina have partnered up to create a local business association. This project is still on the drawing board. They will both be attending the Chamber of Commerce meet and greet next Wednesday, September 21st to establish contacts. The primary intent is to establish a forum for dialogue between the surrounding businesses and the students.

She reported that, the Secretary for Communications, Natalie Albert will disseminate press releases to our campus media regarding WOW, CSSA, and the Displaced Students this week. Also, Natalie will be generating a press release form. This form will be the method for obtaining press coverage on ASI events.

In regards to the Academic Senate, she stated Mr. Km and Mr. Godina will be participating in the Ad-Hoc committee that will discuss the plus/minus grading system. She added that Mr. Gorforth (the secretary for academic affairs) has gotten off to a good start and that he has contacted all of the students that participate on academic sub-committees and provided them with a template to complete after each meeting that will be forwarded to Mr. Goforth. From this ASI will be in a better position to accurately communicate student needs to the academic senate.

She reported that she had met with the College of the Arts Department Chairs. She stated that they were able to talk about the plus/minus system and graduation retention rates. They also asked if there were any ways in which ASI could help the COTA.

She than updated the Board on the Displaced Student's Mixer happening the following day at the Nugget. She stated they will be paired up with one of the students to continue to provide support for them.

She also urged the Senators to take the B&D Survey seriously and to critique it.

She also mentioned that she had met with the Rec Sports Teams on Friday and they expressed the support of ASI.

She also reminded the Board about the CSSA meeting and requested everyone to attend. She gave details concerning the meeting to the Senate.

B. Report from the Executive Director of the Associated Students-TC 4:10pm

Strategic Planning

Mr. Haller reported that the strategic planning process is on track. He received the organizational profiles for the Associated Students and University Student Union and is waiting on the profile for the Child Development Center. He stated that the USU/Student Activities staff held a retreat on August 12, where they drafted a new vision statement and well as an outline of their strategic initiatives, Dave Edwards is currently editing and refining this work which should be ready by September 30.

The Government and Administration staff will be holding a retreat on Friday, September 23 to do the same (draft a vision statement and strategic initiatives). The draft of written plans will be submitted to subsidiary boards by October 31 and consolidated plan submitted to Senate by November 30

Legislative Update

Mr. Haller reported on bill AB 1530 Public Funds for Membership Dues. This bill would expressly prohibit the state or any political subdivision from paying membership dues to any organization, trade association, or other entity that expends money for any political campaign, including any election matter involving a candidate or ballot initiative. The initial hearing on this bill was cancelled at the author's request, but he recommended that AS still keep an eye on it.

Mr. Haller reported on bill AB 196 Accountability Standards for Higher Education. This bill would charge the California Postsecondary Education Commission with developing and administering an accountability structure for the state's system of postsecondary education. This bill should repeal the existing higher education accountability program. Instead, the bill would specify California's priorities for higher education, and establish a statewide California Postsecondary Education Accountability (CPSEA) structure that would assess the progress made by the state's system of postsecondary education in meeting policy goals related to educational opportunity, participation, student success, public benefits, and efficiency. The bill would also specify that the state-level accountability structure is designed to help policymakers develop, maintain, and fund a postsecondary education system that meets the state's goals, recognizes the differentiated missions of each segment of postsecondary education, and guides the segments toward maintaining effective institutions consistent with state goals and institutional missions. This Bill passed the Assembly as is before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Haller reported on bill AB 13 California Racial Mascots Act. This bill would establish the California Racial Mascots Act, which would prohibit public schools from using the term Redskins as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname commencing January 1, 2007. The bill would provide that the act does not apply to a school or campus if certain conditions regarding prior expenditures on uniforms and other materials are met. The bill would, in addition, provide that the act does not apply to certain schools. The bill would also provide that this prohibition may not be waived by the State Board of Education.

Mr. Haller reported on bill AB 48 Minimum Wage. This bill would increase the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour, effective on and after July 1, 2006, and to \$7.75 per hour, effective on and after July 1, 2007, and would provide for the automatic adjustment of the minimum wage on January 1 of each year thereafter, calculated by multiplying the minimum wage by the previous year's rate of inflation.

Mr. Haller reported on bill SB 724 California State University: Doctorate of Education. This bill would authorize the California State University to award the Doctor of Education degree, and prescribe standards for the awarding of that degree. The bill would require the California State University, the Department of Finance, and the Legislative Analyst's Office to jointly conduct a statewide evaluation of the doctoral programs implemented under the bill and to report the results of the evaluation to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1, 2011. The bill is currently before the Governor.

Mr. Haller added that updates on this and other pending legislation, the Board can go to www.leginfo.ca.gov

Financial Update

Mr. Haller reported that the 2004-2005 fiscal year has been officially closed. Associated Students ended the year with a surplus of \$179,647 and the University Student Union ended with the surplus of \$202,122 for a combined surplus of \$381,769. These funds will be automatically transferred to reserves and the Board of Control will

review current reserve levels for adequacy. Once reserve balances are fully funded, BOC can discuss what to do with any remaining funds. Treasurer Tinoco will be providing the Senate with a more detailed analysis of last year's financial operations in the next few weeks.

Enrollment

Mr. Haller reported that as of today, CSULB enrollment is 34,455. This is 99 students short of AS initial projection, but registration is still open so this figure should go up.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Haller reported that fortunately, the Child Development Center did not need to close for the first week of school. Although the skylight was not replaced by the first day of school, an alternative was worked out with the contractor so that the Center remained open. Work on this project is now being done on weekends only and should be complete this weekend or next.

M. Haller stated that AS has completed the search for a new Systems Administrator and hired Noah Pritikin. He is a recent graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and husband of a CSULB graduate.

Mr. Haller informed the Senate that his office has two opening for student interns – one as Assistant Archivist and the other as a communication assistant. He added that if the Senate knows of anyone who might be interested, direct them to the Beach Link website. Additionally, Mr. Haller stated that he has a new intern who will be starting on Monday, September 19. He is a graduate student in Public Policy and Administration and will be serving as a Compliance Analyst to assist in reviewing ASI's corporate governance to assess compliance with recently enacted laws and regulations governing nonprofit corporations.

Mr. Haller reported that due to overwhelming number of responses, CSULB was not selected for participation in the Multi-Institutional Study of Student Leadership Study. However, the campus has been invited to participate as an affiliate school. Schools that participate as affiliates will follow the same protocol as other institutions. The campus will be provided with a guidebook that outlines all of the necessary steps and deadlines associated with participation, and also are assigned a contact person to assist with any questions relating to the study. Affiliates will receive their raw data (fully coded) along with user-friendly instructions on how to run and interpret a basic analysis. The results from the national data set will also be sent to all affiliates for comparative purposes. The cost is still \$1,000, but the benefits to the campus and to ASI are enormous.

Finally, Mr. Haller reported that a former A.S. Treasurer Jim Shoults ('62-'63) and his wife visited the campus yesterday, September 13th to return to the campus the official "Victory Flag" that had been stolen by a couple of unidentified students in an effort to spark outrage and kindle school spirit. Those students gave the flag to Jim for safekeeping. He placed it with some other memorabilia and forgot about until he came across while cleaning out his storage. The flag is now being housed in the Beach Pride Center. Mr. Shoults was amazed at how much the campus and AS had grown and was impressed by the work of the Beach Pride Center.

7. Chair's Report

The Presiding Officer, Mr. Mariano read the Chair's report. He reminded the Board that the CSSA's general meeting would be held at CSULB on September 17 & 18. He encouraged all Senators to attend the meeting. He also announced that Vice President Okahana would be attending a System Wide Academic Senate Plenary Session on Friday at the Chancellor's office. He added that the Academic Senate would be meeting on Thursday Sept 22.

The Chair also announced that the CSU Board of Trustees would be having their plenary session on Sept 21 at 10:45am at the Chancellors office and he encouraged all the Senators to attend. He also informed the Board that Mr. Joey Calmer, appointee for the Conservation Commissioner has withdrawn his appointment.

8. Reports from Senators

Docs & Bylaws: No report.

Rules and Ethics: Mr. Witt reported that their next meeting is on Friday, September 16th at 2:30pm in the ASI conference room. He also reminded the Senators that each of them has to maintain 3 office hrs a week.

University Affairs: No report.

Governmental Affairs: Ms. Herrera reported that their next meeting would take place on Monday, September 19th at 5pm.

Academic Colleges: No report.

Cultural Organizations: Mr. Campos announced that their council would be having its first meeting on the September 26th at 1pm in the ASI conference room.

Board of Control: Mr. Emehiser stated that he had been to T3 this past weekend. He also reported that the BOC had discussed the stipend issue. He stated that he wanted input from the Senators on the issue. Ms. Chavez added that they were working on differences between appointed and elected officers.

University Student Union Board of Trustees: No report.

Isabel Paterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees: Ms. Vieira reported that their first meeting is this Friday, September 16th after which they would be touring the CDC. She stated that the Senators are welcomed to join the tour.

Student Media Board: Ms. Herrera reported that the Media Board has not met as scheduled because quorum was not met. She stated that they would meet on October 14th at 1pm and that she would keep the Board updated on it.

Recreational Sports Advisory Board: No report.

Human resources Committee: No report.

Program council: Ms. Smith reported that they would be having boot camp this weekend and a sports lounge from 8-11pm at the South West Terrace.

Dr. Caveness: Dr. Caveness thanked the Senators who attended T3. She reported that it had a tremendous turnout of at least 200 people. She requested the Senators to help maintain a beautiful campus and asked them to spread the word to their constituents to do the same. She also reported that she had meet with the Presidential commission on the status of women. She stated she was impressed with the different levels of research that had been presented.

Dr. Dick: He stated that he would happy to advise the Senate on how to tackle the academic Senate on the plus/minus issue. He stated that the students' voice was a very powerful weapon and that when guided properly it becomes even more powerful.

Senators:

Ms. McClinton announced that the Beach clean - up would take place on Sept 17th at Junipero Beach. She also informed the Senate about the Blood Drive taking place Thursday, September 15th.

Ms. Redie stated that she would be going to the beach clean up and if any one wished to carpool they could contact her.

Ms. Vieira reported that their college council had its first meeting and that they had discussed the plus/minus issue. She stated that the councils' opinion was the same as the Senates'. She also announced the college's mixer would take place the following Tuesday, September 20th from 2-4pm.

Mr. Km reported that he had met with the University Library in regards to setting up online voting. He said a lot of work had to be done before to could be implemented and that security would be a primary concern. He stated that the Senates formal approval would be needed before they could go ahead with it.

Ms. Cruz stated that COLA is having its first meeting on Tuesday, September 20th. She also announced that the Latino Students association is having a barbeque on the South west terrace the following day from 11-2pm.

Mr. Campos thanked all the Senators who had attended the PAC meeting. He reported they would be having a Hip Hop dance training session that evening at 6pm and that everyone was welcome to attend.

Mr. Witt reported that the college of Health and Human Services had met last Monday and that a lot of the Executive positions were still available. He announced that their next meeting would be on Monday, September 19th in USU 307 and asked the Board to inform anyone who might be interested in filling in any of the vacant positions.

Ms. Olmedo announced the ongoing Latino Heritage month.

Mr. Km announced that the college of natural Sciences and Mathematics had its first meeting and that there were vacancies to be filled in the Executive committee.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #4 dated August 30, 2005

B. Approval of Revision to the Policy of the Associated Students

(M) Chavez (S) Emenhiser to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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14. Additional Statements

Ms. Chavez announced that she may not attend the Senate meetings for the next two weeks as she has been called in for duty in Louisiana to help with Search and Rescue operations that are being carried out there. She stated that, if confirmed, she would be flying out on Friday.

Ms. Olmedo stated that she had been unaware of the Academic Senate meeting that had been scheduled for the following day. She said that she had collected feed back from her constituents to submit before the Academic committee. However, considering the short time span she would be getting to prepare a report for it, she may not be able to attend. She requested that in future, information regarding such meetings be given a few days in advance so that Senators can have time to prepare for it.

Ms. Chavez suggested that the Senators discuss the miscommunication issue with the ASI president to ensure it does not happen again.

Ms. Herrera stated that students should be given an opportunity to present their opinion on the plus/minus issue at the Academic Senate meetings. She also added that the applications of some students interested in being part of ASI had been misplaced and that the Senate should look into it so that such events are not repeated in the future. She also stated that she and Ms. Vieira had met with their college council and that they were generally against the plus/minus system. Mr. Emenhiser stated that ABSOC and the college of Business were also against it.

Ms. Hinckson stated that each of the Senators should call their secret support person and see if they had achieved their objective.

15. Adjournment

Without objection, the Presiding Officer moved for the adjournment of Senate until 3:30 pm on September 21, 2005. There was no objection. At 5:17pm, the Senate adjourned.

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