

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

**Meeting #9
Wednesday October 4, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. Hironao Okahana) at 3:40pm.

2. QUORUM CALL OF THE SENATE

Roll call was done by the Secretary to the Board, Mr. Richard Haller.

Roll call #17

Ms. Tasharie Ameral	Present	Ms. Shelena McClinton	Present
Mr. Rafael Arenas	Present	Mr. Austin Meiners	Present
Mr. Philip Cendana	Present	Mr. Sean Miller	Present
Mr. Christopher Chavez	Present	Ms. Lucy Montano	Present
Ms. Ashley Crowder	Present	Ms. Sharlene Risdon	Present (Dp 4:50pm)
Ms. Naomi Cruz	Present (Ar 3:51pm)	Ms. Ashley Mara Stanton	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present (Ar 4:45pm)	Mr. Justin Todoroff	Present
Mr. George Del Hierro	Present	Mr. Hironao Okahana	Present
Mr. Guido D'Onofrio	Present		

Quorum of the Senate was met.

Recognition of Non-Voting Members

Dr. Jeane Caveness Present
Dr. Chris Burnett Present

Vice President Okahana asked that the Senate Chair Pro-Tempore escort Mr. George Del Hierro to take his Oath of Office as Senator at Large. Dr. Caveness swore Mr. Del Hierro into office and he assumed a seat with the Board.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Vice President Okahana announced that the Office of the President and the Provost Search committee will meet with the Provost candidates and are encouraging students to attend these sessions. All interviews he stated will be held in the AS President's Conference room, USU-311 and will take place on:

Thursday, October 12, 2006	1:15 – 2:15pm
Monday, October 16, 2006	2:30 – 3:30pm
Thursday, October 19, 2006	2:00 – 3:00pm
Monday, October 30, 2006	3:30 – 4:30pm

Vice President Okahana also announced that there will be a Chair's Workshop on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 4:30pm in the Senate Chambers, USU-311. It is mandatory for all new members and current members are highly advised to attend. He then yielded his time to Mr. Yuushi Kotow for an announcement.

Mr. Kotow introduced himself and indicated that he is the President of Beachsort Technologies. He stated that Beachsort is an organization that has integrated computer science, business and engineering. He also stated that they are a technological resource that can be used for assistance on websites and any additional enhancements. Mr. Kotow stated that this organization is the first computer science and business organization. He indicated that as President he plans on creating and enhancing any project that comes his way.

His vision is to take technology to the next level because he is tired of students not utilizing the technology that is available to them. He distributed a brochure and thanked the Board for their time.

Senator Stanton asked Mr. Kotow if his organization worked on web design. Mr. Kotow responded that they do.

Senator Risdon asked if they managed websites. Mr. Kotow responded that they do.

Senator Del Hierro inquired as to who was managing this organization. He responded that students are the ones working within this organization. Dr. Dick also spoke on the organization's behalf and indicated that the Computer Science department was behind the organization.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

(M) Chavez (S) Meiners to approve the Minutes from the last meeting.

Motion carried by verbal vote.

5. CONSENT CALENDER

(M) Stanton (S) McClinton to approve the consent calendar.

Motion carried by verbal vote.

Without objection, the Chair moved to item VI.A.

A. BOD-2007-28 Motion to appoint Government Elections Officer

Vice President Okahana indicated that the interview of the applicant was 5 minutes maximum for his opening statement, 1 question per member, and 2 minutes maximum for responses.

Mr. William Sanchez introduced himself to the Board and indicated that he was a member of the AS Senate last year and was also the President of his College Council. He stated that he is part of the Hispanic Professional Engineers and is currently a six year Computer Science student. He also stated that he was the AS Senate Representative to the Elections Committee last year.

Senator McClinton stated that chances are he will know some of the candidates and asked how he would handle a conflict if he were friends with candidates. Mr. Sanchez responded that he would remove himself from the conflict of interest and seek help from the Board and Advisor. He also indicated that he would remove himself, get to the facts and have everything submitted in writing.

Senator Stanton stated that the primary goal is to increase the number of student voters. Besides advertisement, she inquired as to how he would do that. Mr. Sanchez stated that there is a representative from each college in the committee and he would seek their help. He also mentioned that maybe creating a subcommittee to target the number of voters. He further stated that he does not want to use controversy as way to encourage people to vote.

Senator Stanton inquired about electronic voting. Mr. Sanchez that we would recommend the software is tested to make sure it is secure.

Without objection, Vice President Okahana suspended debate and moved to item XI.A.

A. Urgent Questions to Executive Officers of the Associated Students (If, any) – Time Certain at 4:00 pm

Senator Todoroff stated that Senate passed a policy to receive 10 page reports from the previous Executives and asked if the Vice President had received any of them.

Mr. Haller suggested adding a provision to withhold the last month's stipend if they do not turn in the report.

Senator Stanton asked for clarification on the deadline for these reports.

Vice President Okahana responded the deadline was June 30th.

Mr. Haller indicated that the deadline should be the end of May.

Senator Cruz asked if they were to include that stipulation would it go into effect next year. Vice President Okahana responded that it would.

Senator Stanton asked if the public comments section could be moved back to the beginning of the meeting. Vice President Okahana responded that if someone wishes to comment they may do so before the discussion item. His intent he stated was to pushback any non-senate related business. He stated that he sees the point and understands her concern.

Without objection, resumed item VI.A.

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Senator Chavez inquired about any necessary regulations. Mr. Sanchez responded that regulations have to go through the handbook. The hearings he said could be refined better. He also indicated that he would like to work out the details of the handbook and calendar.

Senator Todoroff indicated that they had worked in Senate together and it was a good experience but could not help but notice that Mr. Sanchez abstained a lot in voting. He further indicated that he noticed that he was also not very firm and hands off. Senator Todoroff mentioned that if he has changed his ways he would like to know. Mr. Sanchez indicated that when conflict of interest occurs you have to remove yourself. He also indicated that he is a real stickler for rules.

Senator Stanton asked what new ideas he was going to bring to elections.

Without objection, Vice President Okahana suspended debate and moved to item XI.B.

B. Presentation by Dr. Craig R. Smith, Faculty Trustee of the California State University and Director of Center for First Amendment Studies on upcoming "Hate Speech on the American Campus in a Post-9/11 society" program Time Certain at 4:20 pm

Dr. Craig Smith introduced himself and distributed information regarding the event. He announced that on Monday, October 9, 2006 from 6:30-8:30pm there would be a seminar on Hate Speech. The task he indicated was to define the legal requirements regarding hate speech. He encouraged everyone to attend and hoped that it would provide some education on the subject.

Without objection, resumed item VI.A

Mr. Sanchez responded that if anything he would work on putting on an event sponsored by the Elections Committee so that students know elections are occurring. He does not want to turn elections into a gimmick. The meet and greet for candidates he indicated, should be more eventful. Mr. Sanchez also stated that the candidates should also market elections.

Senator Cruz asked how he would deal with controversy, such as people voting more than once. Mr. Sanchez responded that the voter fraud audit takes place after elections and there are penalties, even expulsions if anyone is found guilty. He would also take it to judiciary.

Senator Cruz asked what he would change from last year to this year. Mr. Sanchez responded that he plans to use the media as much as possible.

Senator Cruz inquired about the timeline for elections. Mr. Sanchez responded that he would like to have the timeline hammered out by December. He wants to have a calendar as soon as possible. He thanked the Board for their consideration and time. Mr. Sanchez indicated that he would respect whatever decision they make.

(M) Okahana (S) D'Onofrio to appoint William Sanchez to Government Elections Officer.

Senator Del Hierro asked if there were any other applicants.

Vice President Okahana responded that there was a call for applications since July 06 and Mr. Sanchez was the only applicant.

Senator Stanton asked if the Government Elections Officer was needed at this time.

Senator McClinton stated that she has seen three elections. The Government Elections Officer is key and you can't really step out of your role. She stated that it needs to be someone who can stand firm.

Dr. Caveness stated that she supports Vice President Okahana's comment. She thinks its critical to have the committee convene before the semester is over.

Senator Davis stated that he was in support of Mr. Sanchez being the Elections Officer. He indicated that Mr. Sanchez is very qualified and he has been a part of elections.

Roll Call vote #32

Ms. Tasharie Ameral	Not Present	Ms. Shelena McClinton	Nay
Mr. Rafael Arenas	Nay	Mr. Austin Meiners	Nay
Mr. Philip Cendana	Yea	Mr. Sean Miller	Yea
Mr. Christopher Chavez	Nay	Ms. Lucy Montano	Nay
Ms. Ashley Crowder	Yea	Ms. Sharlene Risdon	Nay
Ms. Naomi Cruz	Nay	Ms. Ashley Stanton	Nay
Mr. James Davis	Yea	Mr. Justin Todoroff	Nay
Mr. George Del Hierro	Nay	Mr. Hironao Okahana	Yea
Mr. Guido D'Onofrio	Yea		

VOTE ON MOTION

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Without objection, the Chair moved to recess for 60 seconds.

Senate Chair Pro Tempore reconvened the Senate at 4:40pm. and moved to item XI.C.

11. SPECIAL ORDER SESSION

C. Report from the Associated Students President, Shefali Mistry

President Mistry thanked Senator Chavez, Rudy Duriez and Brittany Garcia for attending the press conference at CSU Dominguez Hills. The Governor signed bill AB2813 that will raise the age limit of Cal grant recipients from 24 to 27yrs old. She also indicated that Mr. Mekonnen Garedew and she would be making the decisions on additional appointments and they will come to the Board for confirmation shortly. She stated that the Chief of Staff Bylaw Amendment would also be coming back to the Board next week and the Board can feel free to ask her questions relating to it.

President Mistry indicated that generally Senators show interest in a Commission and can aid in that commission and inquired as whether they had been assigned by the Chair. She also announced that there would be a reception before the Volleyball game on October 14th and a BBQ before the soccer game next Wednesday 10/11/06.

- D. Treasurer Tinoco distributed her report and reviewed the items listed. She indicated that the Board of Control is trying out monthly grant hearings because they had gotten some feedback that organizations that were not part of Spring allocations, receive all requested funding in the Fall, therefore, Board of Control wanted to be fair to all student organizations. She also stated that she attended a SLD meeting and received feedback in creating a more seamless experience for students.

Senator Davis indicated that it was a great idea and thanked Treasurer Tinoco.

Senator Arenas asked if there were any other issues with Carpenter performing Arts Center (CPAC) besides the 5 days allowed for student organizations use. Treasurer Tinoco responded that it is one of the main things she will be working on.

Senator Arenas asked if that included departments as well. Treasurer Tinoco responded that President Mistry as a member of College of the Arts is also interested in the CPAC issue and it is one of their priorities.

Dr. Caveness commended Treasurer Tinoco on doing a good job on thoroughness. She indicated that the fiscal policy states that with an audience of 200 or more a translator is required. She stated that it has been very difficult to get translators from DSS. This is brand new information she stated that could be why student groups are asking for grant augmentations.

Without objection moved to item XII.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justice Brooks stated that he was dissatisfied with the public comments being moved until the end of the meeting. He announced that the LGBT students would be holding the National Coming Out day events on Wednesday, October 11th from 11-3pm at the Friendship Walk. He indicated that there would be other programs throughout the day on sexual orientation. He encouraged everyone to attend.

13. ADJOURNMENT

(M) Meiners (S) Arenas to adjourn the Senate meeting.

Dr. Caveness stated follow-up points; the first of which she stated was that all complaints about voter fraud go to the Office of Judicial Affairs. The second point she stated was that the Elections Handbook includes references to the campus regulations. She indicated that there are many regulations that the committee changed for example, the committee made changes to eliminating slates.

Senate Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff urged the Board to seek out someone to fulfill the role as Government Elections Officer.

Senator Arenas mentioned that as a cyclist and a runner it would be nice to have people cheering for you. He encouraged the Board to cheer on those representing CSULB in the marathon on October 15th.

President Mistry added that it does mean a lot to have people cheering for you.

Ms. Hinckson mentioned that some people did not receive business cards and asked for a show of hands. She also stated that she was surprised that Mr. Sanchez was not elected by the Board and urged them to get other applicants for the Government Elections Officer position.

Senator Del Hierro asked if they knew the deadline for this position. He also asked if Mr. Sanchez could reapply. Senate Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff indicated that the Board could either reconsider or rescind the action taken. The deadline he stated should be the end of the month.

Senator Chavez asked if it was possible to reconsider.

Dr. Hostetler stated that he was called away by the President's Office and regretted not being present when Mr. Sanchez was interviewed. He stated that Mr. Sanchez was at every meeting and showed up for everything involving the Elections Committee. Other than the Chair of the committee, Mr. Sanchez was always present.

Senate Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff indicated that the motion made by Senator Chavez was out of order.

Mr. Haller stated that they could ask Vice President Okahana to add this item to the agenda next week under old business. The motion to rescind has to be prepared and submitted in writing.

Senator Meiners asked if it was possible for Mr. Sanchez to reapply. Senate Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff responded that it was possible for him to reapply. He also congratulated Senators Swetland, Del Hierro and Chen. He also stated that if the Board had any questions regarding Docs and Bylaws they should approach him or one of the committee members.

The Senate adjourned at 5:10pm.