

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

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

**Meeting #13
Wednesday November 1, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. Hironao Okahana) at 3:34pm.

2. QUORUM CALL OF THE SENATE

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

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Ms. Tasharie Ameral	Present	Mr. Guido D'Onofrio	Present
Mr. Rafael Arenas	Present	Ms. Shelena McClinton	Present
Mr. Philip Cendana	Present	Mr. Austin Meiners	Present
Mr. Christopher Chavez	Present	Mr. Sean Miller	Present
Mr. Gary Chen	Present	Ms. Lucy Montano	Present
Ms. Ashley Crowder	Present	Ms. Sharlene Risdon	Present
Ms. Naomi Cruz	Present (Ar 3:38)	Ms. Ashley Mara Stanton	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Ms. Erin Swetland	Present
Mr. George Del Hierro	Present	Mr. Justin Todoroff	Present
		Mr. Hironao Okahana	Present

Quorum of the Senate was met.

Recognition of Non-Voting Members

Dr. Jeane Caveness Present
Dr. Chris Burnett Present

3. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Vice President Okahana reminded the Board that the meeting comes to order at 3:30pm.

The Chair yielded his time to President Mistry for a brief report.

President Mistry stated that the Board should have received her report but she had a few things to add. She mentioned that she forgot to thank Senator Chavez who also helped out with the Volunteer Showcase along with Ms. Edwards and Senator McClinton. She also stated that she sent out an email about the Big West Women's Soccer Game that will take place Friday, November 3rd. If anyone is interested, she indicated the first 100 students get in free and depending on the results from that game, there will also be a game on Sunday and the first 100 students also get in free there. She further indicated that she and Vice President Okahana had met with Dr. Kim and he had asked that they select some students to attend a Latino Conference. Vice President Okahana selected Senator Chavez to attend and President Mistry asked Senator Cruz, the President of Latino Student Union to forward her some names as well. She also added that EOP has forwarded some names as well.

Without objection, Vice President Okahana moved to XI.D.

- A. Presentation of Senate Resolution #2003-11 "AS Senate Chamber Named for Dr. Stuart Farber" (M.Johnson) to Dr. Stuart L. Farber, Dean of Students Emeritus and Professor of College of Business Administration – Time Certain at 3:30 pm

Mr. Haller read the resolution aloud and presented Dr. Stuart Farber with the framed document.

Dr. Farber thanked the Senate for the resolution and indicated that he worked with the Associated Students from 1973-2003. He stated that he understands that the Senate has many documents to look at and shared a story. Dr. Farber indicated that the single most important document as in the story he shared was the oath of office. He asked that the Board think about the oath that they took when considering matters of the Senate and making sure that all students are properly served.

Vice President Okahana thanked Dr. Farber and asked that the Board refer to their Senate Binders because the Oath of office was placed on the cover.

Without objection, Vice President Okahana moved to item XI.E.

- B. Administration of the Oath of Office for the Government Elections Officer of the Associated Students – Time Certain at 3:45 pm

Vice President Okahana administered the oath of office for Government Elections Officer, William Sanchez.

The Chair recognized Mr. Sanchez.

Mr. Sanchez announced that the Elections Committee would be having their first meeting on November 9th from 12-1:00pm. He also stated that he has been working on a tentative schedule and revisions to the election handbook. He asked that if the Board had any creative ideas they should email him at wsanchez@csulb.edu and title it elections. He further indicated that future meetings' date and times may change based upon the availability of the committee members.

Without objection, Vice President Okahana moved back to Announcements from the Chair.

Without objection, Vice President Okahana stated he wanted to add an informational item, the 2007 Policy Initiatives Statements as Special Order Business.

Without objection, Vice President Okahana moved to recess for 1 minute at 3:51pm.

Chair Pro tempore Todoroff called the meeting to order at 3:52pm and moved to item IV.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

(M) Arenas (S) McClinton to approve the Minutes from the last meeting with the following correction.
Pg 2. Senator Todoroff's name was misspelled.

Motion carried unanimously by verbal vote.

5. CONSENT CALENDER

(M) Stanton (S) Meiners to approve the consent calendar.
Motion carried unanimously by verbal vote.

6. WRITTEN MOTION

- A. BOD-2007-36 Motion to appoint Zaira Tinoco as Student Representative to the University Resources Council

(M) Ameral (S) Arenas to appoint Zaira Tinoco as Student Representative to the University Resources Council.

Senator Stanton inquired about the council and it's purpose.

Mr. Haller indicated that the Treasurer has customarily served this council. He indicated that it used to be known as a Finance Committee and mainly deals with the allocation of the budget.

Senator Stanton asked if the representative had to be the Treasurer. Mr. Haller stated that the Academic Senate Bylaws states that it has to be a student but doesn't name the Treasurer by title.

Motion carried unanimously by verbal vote.

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

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

Senator Stanton asked Mr. Haller about the ASI Info Night. Mr. Haller indicated that she may have confused the Volunteer Showcase because he does not have anything to do with this event. He suggested that she speak to the Government Recruitment Training Officer, Loren Edwards.

Senator Meiners inquired as to what the Board would be doing with the Policy Initiative Problems. Mr. Haller responded that these would serve as the priorities for the Senate.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff stated that the Committee on University Affairs had drafted many ideas addressing the initiatives. For the additional four, he mentioned the Board could send suggestions to the Vice President by next Thursday.

Senator Stanton inquired about the status of the scholarships. Senator McClinton responded that it was finalized at the last Board of Control meeting and it has been forwarded to the Vice President.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff stated that the scholarship program would be on next week's agenda as a written motion.

Senator Chavez inquired about the status of the Senators for the College of Natural Science and Mathematics. Ms. Hinckson responded that they had been very optimistic about the student that was interested; however he was not eligible because it was his first semester at CSULB.

Senator Stanton asked about how they are going about filling open positions. Mr. Garedeu indicated that there had been four people interviewed today and indicated that the process needs to be faster. Senator Stanton asked about the process of eliminating applications. Mr. Garedeu responded that no one gets disqualified; it involves a weeding out process.

Senator Davis inquired when, where and the time of the recruitment night. Mr. Garedeu responded that he had not been informed about the event and indicated that he would get back to him.

Dr. Caveness asked if he had any idea how many students showed up for the Provost Candidate interviews. Mr. Garedeu responded that there was a low turnout for students not affiliated with Associated Students, but all the Executives and some Senators were present for all the candidates.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff added that there was very little representation outside of Associated Students. Mr. Garedeu further added that there were a lot more students at the last two interviews; they had a full round table.

Senator Swetland inquired about the relation of President Mistry and Mr. Garedeu to the Public Relations Commission. Mr. Garedeu responded that a meeting took place with Mr. Michael Barker and Ms. Liz Spurbeck to clearly define their roles. He added that their roles are similar to those of Mr. Elimilech and Ms. Ruiz of AS Communications.

Senator Ameral asked if the policy initiatives should be handled by the Committee on University Affairs. Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff indicated that these initiatives were worked on by the Committee on University Affairs and Government Affairs during the summer.

Ms. Loren Edwards responded to the previous questions regarding the ASI Info night. She indicated that it would be taking place on Monday, November 13th from 5pm to 9pm, in the Huntington Room, USU-224. She stated that it is open to everyone and she would like to invite Officers who are interested in sharing their experience as to how they became involved with ASI to tell their story. She further indicated that this is a general information session and she is working along with Mr. Duriez, the Special Events Commissioner, to put on another information session in the Spring.

Without objection, Chair pro tempore Todoroff moved to item XI.F.

F. 2007 Policy Initiative Problem Statements Discussion

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff read the Campus Climate section out loud and indicated that the discussion would take place in an open forum format.

Mr. Haller stated that the paragraph was taken from the workshop done over the summer at the retreat. Hence, the Board is now refining it further.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff asked what the problem entailed.

Senator Del Hierro stated that campus satisfaction is low.

Senator Stanton stated that the retention on campus of African American students is low.

Senator Cendana stated that the office of Testing and Evaluation Services would handle such a matter.

Senator D'Onofrio asked for a point of information as to whether they may ask questions during this discussion.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff indicated that they could because this is an open forum.

Senator Swetland inquired as to how many students were surveyed. Mr. Haller responded that this was a scientifically selected population.

Dr. Burnett asked if this was a one time thing or an annual thing. Mr. Haller responded that this is done every 3 years.

Dr. Burnett asked if the statistics from 3 years ago could be provided.

Senator Del Hierro stated that he would like to see more details and statistics.

Senator D'Onofrio stated that he would like to see the comparative performance as they compare to other groups.

Senator Stanton asked as to why they were going to compare them to other groups when they know that the African American population on campus is dissatisfied.

Senator Del Hierro indicated that if we would analyze different groups, we could see what some other groups are doing.

Senator Cruz stated that the Board shouldn't be comparing groups. The Board should focus on bringing in African Americans students to provide their input and find out their specific needs.

Senator Meiners stated that the goal is how we could improve the overall number and how we can help that one number get better.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff asked if this would be for all ethnic groups.

Senator Stanton indicated that they should focus on the campus media and outreach.

Senator Arenas stated that we should look at statistics for all groups.

Senator McClinton indicated that we can compare statistics from 3 years ago and see when the decline started.

Mr. Haller indicated that the reason the Board is looking at the African American population is because they were the ones who scored the lowest on the satisfaction survey. He stated he does not know how productive the discussion is going to be because this is trying to develop policy from an exercise. He also stated that this would require additional research because this was not meant to start making public policy. He indicated that he doesn't see it as a productive use of their time.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff agreed.

Senator D'Onofrio also agreed and suggested closing the debate because he didn't think they were making any progress and just making random assertions.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff stated that he would entertain a motion to close debate and send suggestions to Vice President Okahana.

(M) D'Onofrio **(S)** Arenas to close debate and send suggestions to Vice President Okahana.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff suggested that the Board hash out what part of the campus climate they would like to focus on this year in Senate. The feedback he suggested should be submitted electronically.

Dr. Burnett stated that he wasn't at the retreat and that there was a lack of information. He indicated that there needs to be a more standard policy to send out to the committee to draft and then send back to Senate for debate.

Mr. Haller agreed and indicated that it needs to be referred to the University Affairs Committee.

Senator Ameral stated that she wanted to amend the motion to close discussion, make additional comments to the Vice President and have those issues referred to committee on University Affairs Committee.

(M) Ameral **(S)** McClinton to amend the motion to close discussion, make additional comments to the Vice President and have those issues referred to University Affairs Committee.

Senator Ameral stated there are too many people present, lack of information and the issues require a lot more involvement. She indicated that the Board needs clear and concrete information and other individuals to answer questions.

Senator McClinton encouraged the Board to attend the University Affairs Committee meeting.

Dr. Caveness inquired as to who the new Chair for University Affairs was. Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff indicated that Vice President Okahana is the Chair.

Senator Montano stated that all of these issues had been discussed in University Affairs meeting.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff moved to make a friendly amendment to move all seven of the policy initiatives.

Senator Chavez stated that the Chair's friendly amendment was out of order based on the Working Rules. Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff thanked Senator Chavez for the correction and stated that the current motion is to send the first 3 policy initiatives.

Motion carried unanimously by verbal vote.

(M) Chavez (S) Meiners to send all 7 of the policy initiatives to the University Affairs Committee.

Dr. Burnett suggested setting a date for someone from the committee to report on the status of the policy initiatives.

Senator McClinton called to question.

Motion carried unanimously by verbal vote.

Without objection, Chair pro tempore Todoroff moved to item XI.C.

C. Verbal Engagement with the Treasurer of the Associated Students – Time Certain at 4:45 pm

Treasurer Tinoco thanked the Board for her appointment. She stated that she had a meeting with Dr. Simon Kim in reference to survey.

Senator Ameral asked when the second quarter report was going to be presented to the Board. Treasurer Tinoco indicated that it ends in December but she will provide financial reports at future meetings.

Dr. Caveness asked when the spring budget calendar and applications would be available. Treasurer Tinoco indicated that it will be something similar to last year's process.

Dr. Caveness asked if it will be the same form. Treasurer Tinoco responded that it would be the same form.

Senator Ameral asked for a point of information as to whether they could discuss if they will be meeting on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff responded that Board members should email the Chair of Rules and Ethics as well as Vice President Okahana if they are planning to attend or not attend that meeting.

Dr. Caveness indicated that classes are not in session and the only way to have a meeting on that day is to have a special meeting approved by the Dean of Students.

Senator Ameral asked when Senators could submit a written motion.

Senator Miller asked if there was any way they could suspend the working rules and motion to not have a meeting. Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff indicated that it would require two separate motions and it is much easier to email the Rule and Ethic chair and Vice President Okahana.

Mr. Haller suggested that someone should request that it to be placed on the agenda. Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff stated that Vice President Okahana would not place it on the agenda.

Senator Chavez stated that he doesn't understand why there is such opposition because it is their job to attend these meetings.

Discussion ensued.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair pro tempore Todoroff indicated that they should discuss the Thanksgiving break issue through email and should not in the Senate Chambers.

13. ADJOURNMENT

(M) Arenas (S) Ameral to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Stanton clarified on the information provided earlier about the date for the AS Info night.

Senator Arenas discussed the flier distributed by President Mistry further and indicated the College of the Arts would like to invite everyone to attend. He stated that this is the only day where everyone from the college comes together and showcases their work. He further stated that it would take place next Wednesday, November 8th from 5pm to 8pm.

Dr. Caveness indicated that "Make a difference day" was amazingly successful. She apologized to the University Affairs Committee because she has ABSOC on Thursday afternoons. She also encouraged the legislative body to be aware of picking and choosing the priorities for the year for Senate. She recommended not trying to do all of them but picking two initiatives and encouraged them to get it done.

Senator Davis discussed the resolution for the creation of a Technology Committee and he asked that they look for it in the future. He stated that this should make it easier for student organizations to have web pages.

Chair Pro Tempore Todoroff stated that SLD Advisor Carol Menard, passed out some general information calling for Senators for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Mr. Haller stated that he had gotten the RFP for online voting and indicated that they sent it out to 8 agencies and 2 indicated that they will definitely respond and he is expecting them to come up with a good proposal. He also stated that the College of Natural Science and Mathematics has gone pretty much a whole semester without representation. He also announced that he would be on vacation in Mexico until next Wednesday, November 8th.

Dr. Caveness stated that Dr. Farber set a great tone by having the Board recall their oath of office. She also asked that they make sure that at least 2/3 meeting is spent on implementing and passing legislation that improves and impacts constituents' lives.

Senator Crowder indicated that she and Senator Risdon met with facilities in regards to having the doors put back on the stalls in the men's restrooms, therefore a resolution will no longer be needed.

Senator Ameral announced that the College of Education would be hosting a Eureka workshop on Saturday, November 4th.

Motion carried unanimously by verbal vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm.