

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

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

**Meeting #8
October 17, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Montano at 3:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Senator Justin Alfonso
Senator Moad Bensai
Senator John Blowers
Senator Philip Bustamante
Senator Rosannara Chhun
Senator Ruben Cordova
Senator Marilei Denila
Senator Minh Thi Doan
Senator Oscar Esteves
Senator Jessica LaVenter
Senator Greg Lim
Senator Megan Miller
Senator Raul Preciado
Senator Erin Swetland
Senator Pia Talamayan
Senator Juliana Wise
Senator Denise Wright
Senator Jeff Yutrenka
Vice President Lucy Montano

Voting Members Absent

Senator Alex Cortez

Non-Voting Present

Dr. Jeane Caveness (University President's designee)
Mr. Richard Haller (Executive Director)
Ms. Kim Hinckson (Advisor to the Senate)
Dr. Chris Burnett (Faculty Rep)

Non-Voting Absent

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was done by Senator Yutrenka, who read a quote from Tenzin Gyatso, the current Dalai Lama. "Peace, in the sense of the absence of war, is of little value to someone who is dying of hunger or cold. It will not remove the pain of torture inflicted on a prisoner of conscience. It does not comfort those who have lost their loved ones in floods caused by senseless deforestation in a neighboring country. Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where the people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free." Tenzin Gyatso was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal on October 17, 2007.

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Senator Yutrzenka shared statistics concerning world hunger and politics, and urged the Senate to make the world a better place for the next generation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Alexander announced to the Senate that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. He addressed the issue of student debt, explaining that NBC news is filming his speech to raise national awareness of the student loan crisis. Currently in Washington DC a debate is taking place in regards to raising the student loan cap from \$23,000 to \$30,000, a 25% increase. Raising the loan cap will allow higher education institutions to move more of the financial burden onto students. On average, 30% of graduating CSULB students are in debt. The average amount of this debt is \$6,200. Nationally, 68% of students are graduating in debt. The average amount of student debt around the nation is \$21,000. If other institutions raise fees, it will put CSULB at a significant disadvantage. President Alexander concluded by emphasizing his wish to highlight our campus and this struggle, and stated that the quality doesn't equal the cost of education in the United States.

President Andrews reminded the Senate that this week is the Academic Senate Retreat, Friday October 19, at the Pointe.

Mr. James Davis distributed fliers promoted INROADS' paid internship opportunities for minority students. He encouraged Senators to enlighten their constituents of this opportunity.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair announced that tickets are still available for Knott's Scary Farm outing tonight after the meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The following corrections were made: on the top line of page five, Senator Alfonso did not object to calling the motion into question, it was made by Senator Cordova.

(M) Denila (S) Lim to approve the Senate Minutes #7 dated October 3, 2007.

Motion carries unanimously.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

- 1) Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #7 dated October 2, 2007
- 2) Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #8 October 9, 2007
- 3) University Student Union Minutes, Meeting #4 dated September 7, 2007
- 4) Student Media Board Minutes, Meeting #1 dated September 14, 2007
- 5) Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #3 dated September 24, 2007
- 6) Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #4 dated October 1, 2007

B. Receipt of Minutes, Reports, and Communications

- 1) President's Report
- 2) Vice President's Report
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) Administrator's Report

(M) LaVenter (S)Yutrzenka to approve the consent calendar.

Without objection the Chair made the following changes:

-Treasurer's report was deleted

-Items A5 and A6 under Approval of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards were changed to Items B5 and B6 under Receipt of Minutes, Reports, and Communications due to the fact that it is not the role of the Senate to approve the Judiciary Minutes, but to receive them.

Senator Alfonso summarized the events of the Board of Control meeting.

Senator Preciado summarized the Student Media Board meeting.

Senator Lim recounted the University Student Union Board of Trustees meeting.

Dr. Caveness questioned whether the item "Policy on Banking" should have been voted on at BOC meeting, because on the agenda it was only listed as a discussion item. Mr. Haller replied that if it was listed as a discussion item on the agenda then it should not have been voted on. It needs to go back on the agenda for the next meeting for it to be voted on.

Motion carries.

8. WAIVERS OF THE SENATE RULES/URGENT BUSINESS

Senator Preciado introduced a motion to add a resolution concerning the student safety petition to the agenda under New Business, item X (B).

Mr. Haller cited the Gloria Romero Act for adding a new item to the agenda.

(M) Preciado (S) Cordova to add the resolution to the agenda as a new business item.

Motion carries unanimously.

Senator Cordova motioned to consider the resolution as 3rd reading.

Mr. Haller clarified that in order to consider the item as 3rd reading the Senate Working Rules must be suspended.

(M) Cordova (S) Preciado to suspend the Senate Working Rules of the day.

Motion carries.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. BA#2008-01: "Amendment to the duties of the Attorney General"-3rd reading

Vice President Montano read the revised version of the Amendment.

(M) Preciado (S) Miller to approve the Amendment as a final reading.

Motion carries unanimously.

B. BOD#2008-22: "Amendment to Committee on Rules and Administration"-3rd reading

Mr. Haller read the revised version of the Amendment.

(M) Swetland (S) Lim to approve the Amendment as a final reading

Motion carries unanimously.

C. BOD#2008-23: "Amendment to the Committee on Bylaws"-3rd reading

Mr. Haller read the revised version of the Amendment.

(M) LaVenter (S) Lim to approve the Amendment as a final reading

Motion carries unanimously.

D. BA#2008-02: "Amendment to Government Elections"-3rd reading

Mr. Haller read the revised version of the Amendment.

(M) Blowers (S) Cordova to approve the Amendment as a final reading.

Motion carries unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SR#2008-01: Water Conservation (J. Yutrzenka and M. Miller) –1st/2nd reading
Without objection this item was postponed until the next meeting.
- B. SR#2008-02: Resolution Supporting Student Petition Calling for Better Campus Security (New item)
Senator Cordova and Senator Preciado introduced the resolution to the Senate.
(M) Yutrzenka (S) Chhun to approve the Resolution

Vice President Montano asked if there was any discussion or changes.

Senator Alfonso made a friendly amendment to extend escort hours to 12:30 am in light of the fact that the library closes at 12:00 am.

Senators Yutrzenka and Chhun accepted the friendly amendment.

Senator Denila motioned (S) Alfonso to consider the resolution as only 1st and 2nd reading so that Senators can gather input from their constituents regarding the issue.

Senator Preciado emphasized the urgency of the matter, stating that this resolution is specific only to supporting the student petition. He renewed his conviction that the resolution should be voted on today.

Senator Miller agreed with Senator Preciado, suggesting that constituents can add ideas later.

Motion fails.

Dr. Caveness asked Senator Preciado whether he should make reference to Community Service Officers, because that is the title of individuals patrolling campus at night. Senator Preciado said he had already made the change. Dr. Caveness inquired if the petition focused on any specific areas for safety improvement. Senator Preciado replied in the negative.

Senator Swetland registered her belief that the CSO's and the campus escorts are two different entities. Senator Preciado stated that he believed them to be one and the same.

Senator Wright agreed with Senator Swetland.

Senator Swetland suggested that before the Senate vote on the resolution, the language should be changed to be more specific. In the case of the number of sexual assaults there should be an exact number, and in the case of the lighting the Senate should request that the administration add more lighting, instead of requesting that the administration do everything possible to improve lighting.

The Chair yielded the floor to Dr. Hostetler, who affirmed that there were three sexual assaults last year, but initially four were reported. He also stated that the University was already doing everything in its power to improve lighting, so the Senate should focus on how long it will take to implement the lighting project.

Vice President Montano stated that the resolution should be changed to reflect Dr. Hostetler's input.
(M) Montano (S) Miller to change the number of assaults in the 3rd Whereas from four to three.

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Senator Cordova emphasized that the resolution should stipulate that there were four reported sexual assaults in order to stress the urgency of the situation.

Senator Miller disagreed, stating that even with the best of intentions it is unethical to distort statistics.

Senator Blowers agreed that a higher number of reported assaults would increase the feeling of urgency, but also registered his opinion that if the resolution stated four attacks were reported, then the other three attacks might fall into question as well.

Roll Call vote:

Vice President Montano	Yea	Senator Jessica LaVenter	Yea
Senator Moad Bensai	Yea	Senator Greg Lim	Nay
Senator John Blowers	Yea	Senator Megan Miller	Yea
Senator Philip Bustamante	Yea	Senator Raul Preciado	Nay
Senator Rosannara Chhun	Yea	Senator Erin Swetland	Yea
Senator Ruben Cordova	Nay	Senator Pia Talamayan	Yea
Senator Marilei Denila	Yea	Senator Juliana Wise	Yea
Senator Minh Thi Doan	Yea	Senator Denise Wright	Yea
Senator Oscar Esteves	Yea	Senator Jeff Yutrenka	Yea

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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Senator Talamayan asked, in light of the confusion about the difference between escorts and CSOs, is the petition seeking to double the amount of escorts, or the amount of CSOs?

Dr. Caveness clarified that CSOs are the individuals patrolling campus in polo shirts. They are students who provide escorts. However, if a student calls for an escort after 11 pm, a Campus Police Officer will facilitate the request.

Senator Preciado makes a friendly amendment to change the wording in the resolution from “campus escorts” to “community service officers.”

Senator Yutrenka and Senator Chhun both accepted the friendly amendment.

The Chair yielded the floor to Officer Ami Rzasz. The Chair asked Officer Rzasz to explain the difference between CSO’s and campus escorts. Officer Rzasz replied that they are the same thing. There are thirty-two students who wear the same uniform and patrol the campus at night. However, because students are not available every night of the week, the average number of CSO’s patrolling the campus Monday thru Thursday is fifteen. On weekends there are about four CSO’s patrolling the campus.

Dr. Caveness inquired what happens if a student requests an escort outside of the CSO’s patrolling hours. Officer Rzasz answered that a campus police officer would respond. At all times on campus there is an escort available. The CSO’s facilitate escorts during their hours of operation, 6:00-11:00 pm Monday through Thursday, but otherwise the Campus Police receive the call and provide escort service. The CSO’s hours are centered around the time during which the most escort requests are received.

Senator Swetland asked who would respond in case of an emergency. Officer Rzasz replied that Campus Police would respond in the case of an emergency. CSOs have some training, but are not able to handle any situation that would require deeper knowledge of paramedics.

Senator Swetland inquired how many Campus Police Officers patrol at night. Officer Rzasz answered that the minimum operating standard is two officers on patrol, and one dispatcher working the phones.

Senator Swetland asked what the average response time is in case of a situation like attempted kidnap.

Officer Rzasz indicated that she was unsure, but thought that it was within 2.5 minutes. She suggested that for more specific details the Senate contact the University's communication expert.

The Chair yielded the floor to President Alexander, who reassured the Senate that the campus crime rate is well below the national average in every category except car theft. However, the University is spending \$2 million on installing cameras and lights, and is working on an arrangement with the City Manager.

Mr. Haller reiterated that the Senate should not rush to pass the resolution in light of all the information presented by Dr. Hostetler, Officer Rzasz, and President Alexander. The Resolution should be accurate and complete.

Vice President Montano added that this Resolution should be more specific as to doubling the number of CSO's. The number of CSO's should not be doubled, but the number of CSO officers patrolling each night should be doubled. Vice President Montano suggested that the Senate conduct a 3rd reading at the next meeting.

(M) Montano (S) Denila to visit the Resolution as a 3rd reading next week.

Motion carries unanimously.

(M) Alfonso (S) Cordova to approve the Resolution as a 1st and 2nd reading.

Motion carries unanimously.

11. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

A. PA#2008-22: Confirmation of Elizabeth Spurbeck to be Government Training and Recruitment Assistant

(M) Denila (S) Talamayan to confirm Elizabeth Spurbeck.

Senators Denila and Talamayan spoke on behalf of the appointee, stating that they had both worked with her and found her to be hard working and determined.

Motion carries unanimously.

12. SPECIAL ORDER BUSINESS

A. Verbal Engagement with the Treasurer-Time Certain at 4:30

Treasurer McClinton distributed the year-end financial summary, and reviewed the status of university income and expenses, as well as key financial ratios and key operating ratios.

13. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Senator Wright promoted an event called STAND in which students can win \$25,000 for creating entries relevant to environmentalism and sustainability.

Senator Esteves announced that he and Senator Bustamante were late because of a clarinet master class.

Senator Denila conveyed that Pilipino organizations from all over California will be attending an event at CSU Fullerton called Friendship Games, hosted by CSUF's Pilipino American Student Association.

Dr. Caveness commended Senators Preciado and Cordova for introducing the resolution concerning the student safety petition. She also congratulated those who attended the Long Beach Marathon on Sunday morning to be part of the cheering station.

Dr. Hostetler advised the Senate that the three administrators with the biggest impact on campus security are all retiring soon, and the Senate should seek to speak with new candidates as they come in for interviews. Chief of Police Jack Person and Vice President of Administration & Finance Bill Griffith will both be retiring December 31, 2007. Associate Vice President of Administration and Finance Scott Charmack will be retiring next semester. There will be an open forum in which the public has an opportunity to address the three candidates for Vice President of Administration and Finance. The Campus Police reports directly to Mr. Charmack's Office.

Mr. Haller reminded the Senators to have all suggested changes to the student safety resolution in by Friday at 5 pm because that is when the new agenda will be posted.

Senator Alfonso announced that Program Council is hosting an event tomorrow, October 19, 2007. The event is a tribute to Tupac Amaru Shakur hosted by the Black Studies Student Association.

Senator Blowers reviewed some of the points of the speech given by Tracy Knofla last week, such as talking to other students in class about upcoming issues in the Senate. In this way Senators can better represent their constituents at the meetings.

Senator Swetland communicated that she and some of the other Senators at Large were working on creating an ASI Inc. newsletter as well as a calendar for November.

Senator Lim promoted the AIDS walk that will be taking place on Sunday, October 21, 2007. Alpha Phi Omega will be there to represent CSULB.

Senator Chhun announced that people who are interested in self-defense day can register online.

Vice President Montano announced that the agenda for this week is pink in honor of Pink October.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

RECORDED BY:

Danielle Gilstrap, Recording Secretary

Date

APPROVED BY:

Lucy Montano, ASI Vice-President

Date

VETO OR WAIVE VETOES BY:

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Items: _____

Mark Andrews, ASI President

Date

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

Date