

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

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

**Meeting #9
October 24, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Montano at 3:34 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Senator Justin Alfonso
Senator Moad Bensaid
Senator John Blowers
Senator Philip Bustamante
Senator Rosannara Chhun
Senator Ruben Cordova
Senator Marilei Denila
Senator Minh Thi Doan
Senator Jessica LaVenter
Senator Greg Lim
Senator Megan Miller
Senator Raul Preciado (Dp @ 5:05)
Senator Erin Swetland (Dp @5:05)
Senator Pia Talamayan
Senator Juliana Wise
Senator Denise Wright (Ar @ 3:40)
Senator Jeff Yutrzenka
Vice President Lucy Montano (Dp @ 5:05)

Voting Members Absent

Senator Oscar Esteves
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 Swetland. She stated that her brother is about to go to Iraq and shared his appreciation of the right to free speech. She also related her brother's pride in the Senate for exercising this right on behalf of the student body. She also made the Senate aware of Senator Blowers' birthday, and presented him with a candy goody bag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Caroline Chen, one of the creators of the petition calling for better campus security, addressed the Senate, explaining that the petition gathered over 2,000 signatures from students, faculty, and staff. She stressed once again the importance of campus safety, and thanked Senator Preciado for his help in writing a resolution in support of their efforts.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Vice President Montano thanked Senators who were reporting to her on the actions of their respective college councils, and requested that all college senators do the same.

The Chair invited the Senate to partake in a luncheon being held off-campus for Dr. Farber on Friday, November 2 at 12:00. The Vice President then reminded Senators that office hours are not to be spent on homework, but rather on Senate related activities.

After reiterating the continued need for student representatives on search committees, the Chair concluded by yielding the floor to Mr. Haller for a presentation on how to write a Senate resolution.

Mr. Haller's presentation informed the Senate of the definition and purpose of a resolution, as well as how to write one successfully.

Dr. Caveness inquired whether it would be possible to make all previous resolutions available for viewing online. Mr. Haller replied that plans for such a resource were already underway.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The following corrections were made: in President Alexander's speech, the national average for students who graduate in debt was changed from 38% to 68%.

(M) Yutzenka (S) Blowers to approve the Senate Minutes #8 dated October 17, 2007.

Motion carries unanimously.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

- 1) Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #9 dated October 16, 2007

B. Receipt of Minutes, Reports, and Communications

- 1) Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #5 dated October 8, 2007
- 2) President's Report
- 3) Vice President's Report
- 4) Treasurer's Report

(M) Lim (S) Talamayan to approve the consent calendar.

Senator Blowers delivered a brief report on the actions of the BOC, and Ms. Hinckson summarized the events of the Judiciary meeting.

Dr. Caveness inquired of Senator Blowers whether any of the issues covered at the BOC meetings should be discussed in the Senate as well. Senator Blowers replied in the affirmative, that some issues might warrant further discussion in the Senate.

Motion carries unanimously.

8. WAIVERS OF THE SENATE RULES/URGENT BUSINESS

Vice President Montano announced that although the Senate had done a first and second reading of the Water Conservation motion, in light of Mr. Haller's presentation, the resolution will be considered as first reading only.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SR#2008-01: Water conservation (J. Yutrzenka and M. Miller) – 1st Reading

Senator Yutrzenka and Senator Miller introduced the resolution, recognizing the current water crisis in Southern California. Recently the City of Long Beach instated a new plan to conserve water. Southern California water reserves are low, and the area is experiencing an eight-year drought. Senator Yutrzenka emphasized how vital a role the Senate plays because it represents 35,000 student members of the Long Beach community.

Senator Miller emphasized that many students are concerned with the issue, and the Senate would do well to represent their feelings. She also commented upon the importance of the University's support, as it is a major component of the Long Beach community.

(M) LaVenter (S) Cordova to approve the resolution as a first reading.

Senator Yutrzenka inquired whether he was allowed to make an amendment. Vice President Montano replied in the negative, stating that the issue stands as a first reading.

Senator Swetland asked for clarification as to what complying with the city's water plan would entail. Senator Yutrzenka explained that, among other things, the University would abide by the emergency water supply sources plan as outlined in the plan.

Vice President Montano told the Senate that the plan spans thirteen pages, and any Senator wishing to read it may view her copy.

Mr. Haller clarified that the University, being on state property, is not beholden to city policies. The resolution urges the University to adopt the city's water conservation plan.

Vice President Montano voiced her opinion that, as a large part of the community, the University should follow the same plan as the city because the University's actions affect the rest of the community.

Senator Preciado asked if adhering to the city's plan is feasible for the University, and what changes would be involved in implementing it. Mr. Haller replied that adopting the plan would not require a large amount of change. He provided as an example the fact that the campus irrigation system is run by timers; thus, changing the watering of landscape from afternoon to evening would be sufficient.

Dr. Caveness said that since the University is very involved in the recycling program, it would most likely welcome the Senate's input on this matter.

Motion carries unanimously.

B. SR#2008-02: Resolution Supporting Student Petitions Calling for Better Campus Security (R. Preciado and R. Cordova) – 3rd Reading

(M) Yutrzenka (S) Alfonso to approve as 3rd and final reading.

Dr. Caveness addressed the lack of stipulation as to who will receive the resolve once it is passed.

Vice President Montano indicated that she hadn't received any amendments as to that matter.

Senator Swetland motioned to amend the main motion to specify that the resolution will be distributed to the University President, the Dean of Students, Officer Ami Rzasas, the AS President, and the Chief of Police.

(M) Swetland (S) LaVenter to approve the above mentioned amendment.

Motion carries unanimously.

Vice President Montano argued that despite the urgency of the issue, the resolution should be delayed in order to revise it. The resolution lacks citation of sources, and also lacks specificity as to what actions the Senate is urging the University to take. She addressed the matter of doubling officers, stating that instead of increasing the work force she felt that it would be more productive to increase the number of carts available to the escort service.

The Chair yielded the floor to Officer Ami Rzasas, who agreed that doubling the number of officers would do little good. She also commented that carts are useless in inclement weather, and the University's resources only include one van. As a result, students who request an escort are often forced to wait up to thirty minutes. Officer Rzasas postulated that acquiring another van would decrease the wait time by half.

Vice President Montano inquired whether escorts walk students to their cars. Officer Rzasas replied in the affirmative, stating that escorts walk, ride bikes, drive carts or the van to take students to their cars or destination. She continued that doubling the number of officers would make less of an impact than increasing the number of vans available to Campus Security. Since the escort service was introduced fifteen years ago, the University has only maintained one van. Officer Rzasas clarified the difference between the shuttle system and the escort system. A shuttle will pick up students at a designated spot, and drop students off at a designated spot. An escort will pick up a student at any area on campus, even if it requires getting out of the car and walking. Afterwards, the escort waits until the student is safely inside his or her car, and only leaves once the student's car has started.

Vice President Montano stated that many students wanting to use the escort service were discouraged by long wait times. Officer Rzasas added that the one van in operation is used by other on-campus organizations as well. As a result, the van is running from 6 am until 12 pm. When the van needs servicing the escort service has to work twice as hard. The university has maintained one van for fifteen years, which does not reflect the population growth the University has experienced.

Dr. Burnett suggested that the call for better campus security be left it to the discretion of Campus Security how best to facilitate the need for increased safety measures.

Officer Rzasas explained that acquisition of an additional van is limited by the necessity that it be an alternative fuel vehicle, thereby increasing the cost greatly. At one point there was an opportunity to attain a new van, but it was not approved.

Vice President Montano stated that doubling the number of escorts is simply a recommendation.

Dr. Burnett argued that by advocating doubling the number of escorts the resolution was quantifying the will of the students and Senate.

Mr. Haller reminded the Senate that the resolution was originally drafted to support a student petition, and then yielded the floor to Ms. Caroline Chen.

Ms. Chen stated that she understood the Senate's need for specificity, but explained that she was simply seeking the Senate's support in a call for heightened campus security. She said that she will be meeting with President Alexander next week to discuss the matter, and she would like to have the Senate's support. She reiterated her desire for the number of CSOs to be doubled, stating that many students agreed with the idea.

Officer Rzasas added to Ms. Chen's statement that even if the University doubles the number of CSOs for a short period of time in order to facilitate student concern for safety, the number can be reduced later when safety is of a lesser concern. She suggested that instead of doubling the number of CSOs, the current number be increased by eight in conjunction with the purchase of a new van. Also CSOs can be posted at designated spots, so students are aware of where to find help when necessary.

Senator LaVenter made a substitute motion to table the resolution until next week, allowing more time for the Senate to follow through.

(M) LaVenter (S) Bustamante to table until next week.

Senator Preciado argued that the Senate should pass the resolution before Ms. Chen's meeting with President Alexander, because the purpose of the resolution is to support the student petition.

Vice President Montano replied that in meeting with President Alexander, Ms. Chen could explain that the Senate is working on passing the resolution. Also, in this meeting Ms. Chen could bring the matter of increasing the University's van resources to the President's attention.

Mr. Haller reasoned that if the purpose of the resolution is to support the student petition, only the first resolve is necessary, because the other resolves are addressed within the petition.

Ms. Chen commented she will have to change the petition in order to reflect Officer Rzasas's input. Her desire is to move the issue forward while there is still momentum.

Dr. Burnett recommended that if the resolution is going to be narrowed down, then it should still include the second resolve, which focuses on campus lighting and the attire of the CSOs. The main points of contention are the other resolves.

Motion to postpone the resolution fails.

Senator Swetland called on the Senate to focus on the resolution as simply supporting the student petition. However, because the student petition calls for doubling the number of CSOs, in supporting the petition the Senate will support doubling the number of CSOs.

Senator Miller shared her feeling that the most important point of the resolution is to support the petition. Any additional recommendations can be written up later in another resolution.

(M) Montano (S) Blowers to amend the main motion by removing the last three resolves because they are all included in the petition.

Senator Cordova clarified that the resolve regarding the distribution of the resolution would still remain on the resolution.

Senator Alfonso respectfully disagreed with Vice President Montano, stating that the resolution is accurate regarding the number of CSOs on duty each night. Furthermore, the other items being discussed do not pertain to the purpose of the resolution.

Vice President Montano explained that the last three resolves were unnecessary because they were all expressed in the petition.

Motion to delete the last three resolves fails.

Returning to the original motion, Senator Swetland inquired of Officer Rzasa if increasing the number of CSOs through this petition would affect Campus Security's chances of attaining another van. Officer Rzasa replied that the budget for CSOs is separate from the budget for the van.

Senator Blowers reiterated the importance of passing the resolution to support the student position, reasoning that the other matters would come up in the meeting with President Alexander whether or not they appeared on the resolution.

Motion to pass resolution supporting the student petition carries.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. BOD#2008-25: Election of Student Representative for the International Education Committee

Vice President Montano nominated Llaura Garcia.

Motion carries unanimously.

- B. BOD#2008-26: Election of Student Representative for the Learning Assistance Center Advisory Committee Representative

Senator Cordova nominated Avis Atkins.

Motion carries unanimously.

11. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

- A. PA#2008-23: Motion to confirm Allyson Westervelt to be Secretary for Internal Affairs

(M) Bustamante (S) Cordova to confirm Allyson Westervelt to Secretary for Internal Affairs.

Motion carries.

12. SPECIAL ORDER BUSINESS

A. Conflicts of Interest and Ethics Briefing-Mr. Richard Haller

In his presentation, Mr. Haller defined conflict of interest, described its importance, and reviewed what constitutes a conflict of interest as well as what constitutes a conflict of ethics. Mr. Haller reviewed what kinds of situations are considered conflicts of interest or conflicts of ethics, and advised the Senate on what actions to take in each case.

B. Verbal Engagement with the Executive Director

This item was postponed to next week.

13. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Senator Bustamante announced two concerts that would be taking place this weekend. The Symphonic and Concert Band will be having their concert on Thursday at 8pm at Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall. He also announced that the Fall Choir Concert would be held at the First Congressional Presbyterian Church of Long Beach.

Senator Wright announced that her sorority Zeta Phi, is having a canned food drive and she indicated that cans, could be dropped off in the box by her desk in the AS Government Office.

Senator Blowers thanked everyone for the Birthday wishes and invited everyone to join him on Saturday for his birthday.

Dr. Caveness asked that Dr. Marcela Chavez, project coordinator for the Sexual Assault Committee be contacted to speak before the Senate. She stated that the Academic Senate retreat last Friday was a huge success and a wonderful experience, the students were happy with the retreat. She further stated that in regards to the water conservation resolution, she has asked that the University look into other options as well, such as native plants.

Mr. Haller stated that the Board will receive a written report from him next week and a verbal report the following week.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Chair Pro Tempore adjourned the meeting at 5:42 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