



# ASI Senate Meeting

## Minutes

2013- 2014:3 Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 10:00AM –12:00 PM, BSC, 2nd Floor, England Evans

### I. PRELIMINARIES

#### A. Call to Order

1. Chair Joe Shashaty called Senate 2013-2014:3 to order at 10:00am

#### B. Quorum Check

##### 1. Voting Members:

Joe Shashaty, Vice President, Chair  
Christine Hall, President  
Jared Tolbert, Agriculture Senator  
Jordan Gonzalez, Business Senator  
Jai Oni Sly, CEIS Senator  
Raquel Mercado, CLASS Senator  
Nick Granich, CCHM Senator  
Martin Mares, ENV Senator  
Jasmine Andino, Engineering Senator – **Unexcused Tardy**  
Obi Okafor, Science Senator  
Louis Harfouche, Senator-At-Large (MCC)  
T.J. Coggins, Senator-At-Large (SIC)  
Meghana Muppidi, Senator-At-Large (Greek) – **Unexcused Absent**  
Colin Danahy, Senator-At-Large (IHC) – **Unexcused Tardy**

##### 2. Advisors:

Dr. Rebecca Gutierrez Keeton, Advisor-**Sub: Dr. Byron E. Howlett Jr.**  
Cora M. Culla, Executive Director

##### 3. Non-voting Liaisons:

Johndaniel Morales, Attorney General Appointee  
Alec Jaltorossian, Treasurer  
Dr. David Speak, Academic Senate Rep. – **Excused Tardy**  
Vacant, Staff Council Rep.  
Janeth Rodriguez, Alumni Association Rep. – **Excused Absent**  
Cristian Garcia, Bronco Athletics Assoc. Rep. – **Excused Absent**

#### C. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes for the senate meeting on August 12, 2013 were approved by the chair as written

#### D. Pledge of Allegiance

#### E. Agenda Changes

1. Joe stated that Action Item D. would now be represented as two separate categories

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- which would be 1. Greek Senator – Violation of Senate Rules and 2. Collins College Senator – Violation of Senate Rules
- 2. Christine struck Executive Session
- 3. Joe approved the agenda as amended

F. Financial Status – Given by Alec Jaltorossian (attachments)

1. ASI Total Revenue	\$ 147,660.00
2. ASI Total Expenses	\$ 703,222.00
3. Total Investments	\$ 6,200,262.00
ASI-Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 3,196,559.00
BSC-Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 3,003,703.00
4. ASI – NP & A Account Balance	\$ 96,844.00
5. ASI Prior Year’s I Reserves	\$ 221,660.00
6. ASI Prior Year’s II Reserves	\$ 127,518.00
7. ASI Prior Year’s III Reserves	\$ 343,010.00
8. BSC On-Campus Reserves	\$ 1,478,317.00

G. Introduction of Guests

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| 1. Brian Phan            | 4. Nancy Hwang |
| 2. Maria-Lisa Flemington | 5. Barny Peake |
| 3. Shelbi Long           | 6. Pamela Xue  |

H. Open Forum

- 1. Christine Hall – reviewed the dates for: a) ASI Student Government retreat Sept. 9-11<sup>th</sup> and to meet in the BSC with housing to be at Kellogg West b) Fall Kick-off on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 2-4:30 in Ursa Minor and Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30-4:30 in Ursa Major c) BSC Open House on Oct. 3 11-1:30 in University Park d) CPP Day at the Fair – Parade on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> with line up at 11:30 and start time at 1:00pm e) BroncoFusion Club Fair on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and the concert on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> f) Pizza with the Presidents as another mandatory event on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 12-1:00 in University Quad. She added that she would be sending out follow-up emails with more details, however, she wanted everyone to be aware of the dates to mark their calendars.

**II. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Confirmation of Appointed Positions

- 1. Johndaniel Morales, Attorney General Appointee
  - a. Christine spoke briefly on Johndaniel’s background, qualities and the rationale for appointing him to the position
  - b. There were no questions
  - c. Louis made a motion to confirm Johndaniel as the Attorney General , seconded by Raquel
  - d. Joe called the vote to confirm: 13/0/0, motion passed

Christine explained that she and Pam Xue, ASI Secretary of Programs and Services, as a goal for this year, had worked together to bridge the gap between BEAT and Student Government and so she participated in all of the interviews with Pam who will speak on behalf of all of the BEAT Chair appointees

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2. Krystal Betanzos, BEAT Chair Appointee
  - a. Pam spoke briefly on Krystal's background, qualities and the rationale for appointing her to the position and also taking on the duties of an Assistant Secretary of Programs and Services
  - b. There were no questions
  - c. Colin made a motion to confirm Krystal Betanzos as a BEAT Chair, seconded by Jai Oni
  - d. Joe called the vote to confirm: 13/0/0, motion passed
3. Hana Kim, BEAT Chair Appointee
  - a. Pam spoke briefly on Hana's background, qualities and the rationale for appointing her to the position of the BEAT Chair involved with music
  - b. There were no questions
  - c. Christine made a motion to confirm Hana Kim as the BEAT Music Chair, seconded by Jared
  - d. Joe called the vote to confirm: 13/0/0, motion passed
4. Aneska Alino, BEAT Chair Appointee
  - a. Pam spoke briefly on Aneska's background, qualities and the rationale for appointing her to the BEAT Chair position involved with outreach
  - b. There were no questions
  - c. Obi made a motion to confirm Aneska Alino as the BEAT Outreach Chair, seconded by T.J.
  - d. Joe called the vote to confirm: 13/0/0, motion passed
5. Jasmine Beller, BEAT Chair Appointee
  - a. Pam spoke briefly on Jasmine's background, qualities and the rationale for appointing her to the BEAT Chair position involved with programming
  - b. There were no questions
  - c. Raquel made a motion to confirm Jasmine Beller as a BEAT Programming Chair, seconded by Colin
  - d. Joe called the vote to confirm: 13/0/0, motion passed
6. Marisol Aguayo, BEAT Chair Appointee
  - a. Pam spoke briefly on Marisol's background, qualities and the rationale for appointing her to the BEAT Chair position involved with programming
  - b. There were no questions
  - c. Raquel made a motion to confirm Marisol Aguayo as a BEAT Programming Chair, seconded by Louis
  - d. Joe called the vote to confirm: 13/0/0, motion passed
7. Aleksandra Kornilova, BEAT Chair Appointee
  - a. Pam spoke briefly on Aleksandra's background, qualities and the rationale for appointing her to the BEAT Chair position involved with programming
  - b. There were no questions
  - c. Jai Oni made a motion to confirm Aleksandra Kornilova as a BEAT Programming Chair, seconded by Christine
  - d. Joe called the vote to confirm: 13/0/0, motion passed
8. Jeffrey Cuevas, BEAT Chair Appointee
  - a. Pam spoke briefly on Jeffrey's background, qualities and the rationale for appointing him to the BEAT Chair position involved with programming

- b. There were no questions
- c. Louis made a motion to confirm Jeffrey Cuevas as a BEAT Programming Chair, seconded by Jared
- d. Joe called the vote to confirm: 13/0/0, motion passed

B. Declined Credit Cards Policy (Bronco Fitness Center)

1. Cora introduced Shelbi Long, ASI Recreation Coordinator, who reviewed that they do month to month memberships at the Bronco Fitness Center and that situations arise where credit cards are declined, and a bill is unpaid. This policy would give them the ability to cancel the membership so that additional balances were not accrued and state that if the member wished to be reinstated, they would pay the \$12.00 registration fee again and any balance due.
2. A brief question and answer session took place including the notation that this new policy update would be inserted into the current Bronco Fitness Center Policy
3. Christine made a motion to approve the Declined Credit Card Policy, seconded by Jared
4. Joe called the vote: 13/0/0, motion passed

C. BroncoFusion – Funding Source (attachment)

1. Barny recapped that at the last two senate meetings this topic had been discussed as having a budget of about \$40,000 which comes from several funding sources but with this year being the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASI and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary for CPP, there has been the suggestion that more money be provided for this budget to get a bigger name for the artist
2. He noted that the proposal was a funding request for an additional \$15,000 and was not tied to the name of the artist as he cannot offer and negotiate a contract with an artist until he knows the available budget for the artist
3. Discussion took place that included that a funding source was not identified in the proposal and needed to be stated in the motion for funding, the balance available in PYIII reserve was currently \$343,010 and NP & A was 96,000 and Christine recommended that they utilize the PYIII Reserve account as it had a higher balance
4. Christine made a motion to approve \$15,000 for funding from PYIII reserve in order to bring a bigger name or multiple names to the BroncoFusion concert, seconded by Jai Oni
5. Further discussion took place that included that Alex, as Treasurer, agreed that it made more sense for the senate to pull the money from PYIII, the importance of this event to the reputation of Cal Poly and the school spirit, that Pam may need to access NP & A – and student clubs too - therefore PYIII was the smarter decision, the idea of charging for this concert was not possible due to the lack of perimeter to Bronco Commons and rest room facilities and that the intent of PYIII was for events just like this and the reserve accounts have a process for being replenished
6. Colin made a motion to amend the amount and allocate a total of \$20,000 from the PYIII reserve account
7. Discussion took place that included \$15,000 would be enough to get them to the next level of artist, and as there was no second and there had been clarification, Colin withdrew his motion and Cora added details regarding how the reserves grow and that the balances that were given did not include the possibility of any repossessed

funds that may be identified once the year end closing was completed

8. Joe called the vote for the motion to utilize \$15,000 from the PYIII reserve for the BroncoFusion concert: 13/0/0, motion passed

D. Violation of Senate Rules (attachments)

1. Greek Senator – Violation of Senate Rules

- a. Johndaniel Morales, ASI Attorney General, read aloud from sections of the ASI By-Laws regarding attendance, grounds for removal, guidelines for notification of absence, defined violations and approved absences
- b. Joe stated that the Executive Board felt it was their duty to bring any violations to the attention of the senate in order to uphold the integrity of the ASI By-Laws and ASI Senate Rules
- c. Christine stated that the handout represented a fact sheet of the violations of the Senate Rules and By-Laws by the Greek Senator-at-Large and also the Collins College Senator and that there was a need to uphold the commitment that everyone in Student Government had made to the students of Cal Poly
- d. Joe noted that a statement from Meghana, at her request, was also included in their attachments because she was not available to attend the meeting
- e. Johndaniel read aloud from the ASI By-Laws, Article 33, Section 2B that referenced the need for a student leader orientation with the ASI Administrative Assistant after taking office on July 1<sup>st</sup> and stated that the Greek Senator had also not been available to complete this since July 1st
- f. Jared made a motion for the removal of the Greek Senator-at-Large, seconded by Colin
- g. Discussion took place regarding the internship that Meghana had accepted over the summer out of state, the information presented by the Elections Chair last spring regarding being in the area for mandatory meetings, that the Greek Council would be responsible for holding a meeting to elect a replacement senator and that Dr. Susan Ashe and Johndaniel would assist the council as they were only allowed to miss one meeting without senate representation
- h. Christine read aloud from the ASI By-Laws regarding the Duty of Loyalty and noted that the internship and trip to India was not “unforeseen” and that the Greek Council was not represented at the three summer senate meetings which included today’s meeting
- i. Further discussion took place regarding the interpretation of the ASI By-Laws, the email communication that took place over the summer, what message does it give if ASI pays two students to complete duties over the summer- using student fees- and the duties were not completed, the decisions today would set a precedent for the balance of the year for senator attendance and representation of their constituency, if she was removed today-she would not be paid and if she was not removed then she would be paid and that the Greek Council could choose to re-elect her to the position if they wanted her to be their senator
- j. Joe called to question and called the vote to remove the Senator-at-Large for Greek Council from office: 7/4/2, motion passed

2. Collins College Senator – Violation of Senate Rules (attachments)

- a. Nick Granich, current ASI Collins College Senator, spoke on his behalf and explained that he had been approached by Dylan Devlin, last year's CCHM Senator, to run for this position and Dylan was aware at the time that Nick had an out of state commitment for the summer and he had not mentioned anything regarding a conflict.
- b. Nick noted that he had also been approached by Hae Yeon Kang, the CCHM Senator prior to Dylan, and she also knew he would be gone for the summer and had not mentioned anything about needing to be present during that time period for meetings. He added that, just like Meghana, he had misinterpreted the slide presented by the Elections Chair and he did not think that he had to be in the area as soon as the beginning of July and he apologized for the oversight he had made with that interpretation and lack of communication to the proper people in ASI.
- c. He gave an overview of what he was part of over the summer which was Journey of Hope, a non-profit cycling event for people with disabilities, and as a paid member of the crew, his job was to deal with corporate sponsorships, keeping the cyclists fed and safe, and they cycled about 80 miles a day and started in Seattle, WA and ended in Washington D.C. He added that this was through Push America, a non-profit organization owned and operated by his fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi, which has a chapter on campus at Cal Poly. He gave additional details about the organization and stated that this event, Journey of Hope, was not a recognized school event. He noted that in the ASI By-Laws it was acceptable to miss senate meetings for a school event and felt that this event should be classified as such because he promoted Cal Poly the entire time.
- d. He added additional rationales that supported his perspective and desire to continue as the Collins College Senator, handed out a list of all of his accomplishments in the college and stated what some of his goals would be if he continued as the CCHM Senator
- e. Raquel made a motion for the removal of the Collins College Senator, seconded by Jai Oni
- f. Discussion took place regarding clarification of the ASI By-Laws and missing attendance for school events where the student's presence was required, this situation seemed very similar to the first one in that misinformation seemed to be involved and that he could run again with his council and that would solve having to pay the scholarship for services not rendered, Dylan had attended summer meetings during his term last year, the predecessor would not be the authority on attendance when the Elections Chair had given the presentation that stated it was necessary, Nick's ability to communicate was limited by his access to a phone during the summer, communication could have occurred prior to leaving for the trip and there were many people that could have given assistance, he was also not at the Reveal or the Transition dinner due to other commitments, the importance of upholding the ASI By-Laws, other student leaders said no to personal commitments once they were elected, Nick thought that the Elections Chair had said it

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- would be alright to be gone all summer and due to knowing as early as April there were opportunities to let Joe or Christine know
- g. Christine and Joe both gave closing summaries of their perspectives
- h. Joe called to question and called the vote to remove the Collins College Senator from office: 10/2/1, motion passed

Dr. David Speak, as a prior Academic Senate representative to the ASI Senate, spoke briefly about the historic moment that occurred in about 10 minutes and that was the famous speech that Dr. Martin Luther King made 50 years ago.

He also announced that he was still seeking an Academic Senate representative for the ASI Senate and has identified a possible candidate that would be very qualified.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Next Senate meeting – To be determined
- B. Joe stated that senate meeting 2013-14:3 was adjourned at 11:56am

**MINUTES SUBMITTED TO:**

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Joe Shashaty, Chair of the Senate Date

MINUTES APPROVED AT SENATE 2013-2014: \_\_\_\_\_

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Vicki Jackson, Administrative Assistant Date