



ASI Senate Meeting

Minutes

2014- 2015:20 Thursday, April 23, 2015, 3:00PM –5:00 PM, BSC, 2nd Floor, England Evans

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. Call to Order

1. Chair Louis Harfouche called Senate 2014-2015:20 to order at 3:02pm

B. Quorum Check

1. Voting Members:

Louis Harfouche, Vice President, Chair
James Cox, President
Kimberly Rotunno, Agriculture Senator
Melanie Young, Business Senator – **Excused Absent**
Jai Oni Sly, CEIS Senator
Jasmine Moore, CLASS Senator
Taylor Young, CCHM Senator
Katarina Kushin, ENV Senator
Colin Danahy, Engineering Senator
Chonlawan Khaothiemsang, Science Senator
Deena Wahba, Senator-At-Large (MCC)
Benjamin Murdock, Senator-At-Large (SIC)
Jared Tolbert, Senator-At-Large (Greek) – **Excused Tardy**
Jake Ly, Senator-At-Large (IHC) – **Excused Absent**

2. Advisors:

Dr. Byron Howlett, Advisor
Cora M. Culla, Executive Director

3. Non-voting Liaisons:

Andrea Cendejas, Attorney General
Fayz Ashker, Treasurer
James Swartz, Academic Senate Rep.
Vacant, Staff Council Rep.
Janeth Rodriguez, Alumni Association Rep. – **Excused Absent**
Vacant, Bronco Athletics Assoc. Rep.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes for the April 9, 2015 senate meeting were approved by the chair as written

D. Agenda Changes

1. Louis added an Executive Session, Information Item A. Update on Legal Matter
2. The agenda was approved by the chair as amended

E. Financial Status – Given by Fayz Ashker

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1. ASI Total Revenue	\$ 9,929,873.00
2. ASI Total Expenses	\$ 5,467,984.00
3. Total Investments	\$10,339,808.00
ASI-Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 3,649,461.00
BSC-Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 6,359,601.00
4. ASI – NP & A Account Balance	\$ 71,315.00
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	\$ 530,962.00
8. BSC On-Campus Reserves	\$ 1,478,317.00

F. Introduction of Guests

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| 1. Sarah Bauer | 3. Barny Peake |
| 2. Powell Velasco | 4. Krista Smith |

G. Reports – Given verbally

1. ASI Executive Director – Cora M. Culla *(attachment)
 - a. BSC Updates
 - b. Student Forums on Semester Conversion
 - c. Ongoing Searches
 - d. She added that, on behalf of Krista, they had reached out to the group that came to the Facilities & Operations Committee meeting expressing concern about a room they could use for their shared interest in drumming and their needs can be accommodated in the BRIC
2. ASI Advisor – Dr. Byron Howlett Jr.
 - a. He stated that the only update he had was that he would not be present at next week's senate meeting and La'Keisha Beard would be attending on his behalf as he had a search committee meeting for University Police Chief and they were starting the process of selecting the next police chief
3. Academic Senate Rep. – Dr. James Swartz
 - a. He stated that over the last two weeks the union folks and the Academic Senate had visited Sacramento and it was a very successful visit. He recapped that the legislature seemed to be more receptive to the needs of the campus, how difficult these years had been, and particularly the stories that the students told to state senators and assemblymen that made a difference. He shared two examples of student stories. He added that the Governor's budget was inadequate in respect to the CSU and so the CSU system was requesting \$97 million and some supporters say up to \$150 million more, and Cheryl Brown, San Bernardino assemblywomen, was a strong advocate in going to the Governor the next day in support of the CSU. He encouraged students to go next year as many of them spoke out in front of state leadership on television and learned a lot from the opportunity. He also encouraged students to be involved in the discourse on the semester conversion process at the open forums.
4. Staff Council Rep. – Vacant
5. Alumni Rep. – Janeth Rodriguez - no report

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6. Athletics Rep. – Vacant
7. Senator Pro Tempore – Taylor Young *(attachment)
 - Pro Tempore Updates:
 - a. Facilities and Operations Committee
 - b. Petition Against the Sale of Sea World Tickets, Update
 - CCHM Senator Updates:
 - a. Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch Open for Spring Quarter
 - b. Hospitality Management Council General Meeting
 - c. Hospitality Management Council Elections
 - d. Hospitality Law Guest Lecturer
 - e. Hospitality Management Council Spring Carnival
 - f. Richard Frank Lectureship, Wing Lam
 - Personal Updates:
 - a. ASI CCHM Senator Mentorship
 - b. Speaking at CCHM's Commencement Ceremony
8. Attorney General – Andrea Cendejas – no report
9. Treasurer – Fayz Ashker (attachment)
 - a. Financial Guidelines
 - b. Release of 30% to ASI
10. President – James Cox
 - a. He stated that he had sent out an email regarding the Search Committee for the temporary ASI Adventures Education Coordinator that will have two candidate sessions this coming Monday and he was looking for a student who was available to attend. Please email him to let him know.
11. Vice President – Louis Harfouche – no report
12. Senate Reports
 - a. Deena Wahba, Senator-at-Large, MCC
 - Council Updates:
 - i. She stated that she was working on the MCC Quarterly
 - b. Benjamin Murdock, Senator-at-Large, SIC *(attachment)
 - Council Updates:
 - i. 2nd Meeting of Spring Quarter
 - ii. The Crowning of the Bronco Court
 - Personal Updates:
 - i. Meeting with Shelbi Long
 - ii. Creating a Survey for the New Councils
 - c. Katarina Kushin, ENV Senator *(attachment)
 - Council Updates
 - i. Continuation of ENV Month
 - Position Updates: none
 - d. Kimberly Rotunno, Agriculture Senator *(attachment)
 - Council Updates:
 - i. Ag Land Preservation
 - ii. Pizza with the Dean, April 21
 - iii. Spring Fling, May 5
 - Personal Goals Status:
 - i. ASI Tip of the Week

- ii. Animal Units Access
- e. Jasmine Moore, CLASS Senator
 - i. She stated that in two weeks they would be holding elections for their council
- f. Jai Oni Sly, CEIS Senator *(attachment)
 - i. Elections
- g. Colin Danahy, Engineering Senator*(attachment)
 - i. Elections
 - ii. ECLR
 - iii. Disability Awareness Event Planning Committee
 - iv. Career Panel
- h. Chonlawan Khaothiamsang, Science Senator*(attachment)
 - Council Updates:
 - i. Next General Meeting of Spring Quarter
 - ii. Science Council 2015-16 Executive Board Elections
 - iii. Science Demonstrations
 - iv. Semester Conversion Focus Groups
 - Position Updates:
 - i. Semester Conversion Steering Committee
- i. Jared Tolbert, Senator-at-Large, IHC*(attachment)
 - i. Greek Week
 - ii. African American Student Center
- j. Jake Ly, Senator-at-Large, IHC – no report
- k. Melanie Young, Business Senator – no report

H. Open Forum

1. Andrea Cendejas – encouraged everyone to speak with their councils about the Semester Conversion topic and stress that even if a student thinks that they will not still be on campus at that time, they might find that they are still taking classes. She added that Dr. Neto was really trying to change the culture of how students register for classes one quarter at a time to one where students plan over the entire time leading up to graduation. She noted that students need to work with their college departments to assess if the classes that they need will be offered the next year and when they will be available. She added that the departments put out two year plans that should be on their department page and if you have trouble finding it to let her know.
2. Byron Howlett – stated that the next Pizza with the Presidents was coming up on Tuesday at 12:00pm at University Quad and that all of them should plan to attend if they don't have class.
3. James Cox – added to please wear your ASI polo to Pizza with the Presidents and be ready for questions about serving students.
4. Andrea Cendejas – stated that as the transition was taking place to the new council E-boards, please make sure to talk to the members and make sure that they were aware of their by-laws and any problems that you faced this year. She added that if you see problems or want to change something, now would be the time to come and talk with her.

II. ACTION ITEM

A. Recommendation from the Finance Committee

1. Liberal Studies Club \$5,500 NP & A
 - a. Louis reviewed the basics of the request to use the funding to travel abroad to China to educate children in the English language
 - b. Deena made a motion to approve the request for \$5,500 for the Liberal Studies Club from the NP & A account, seconded by Jared
 - c. Discussion took place regarding clarification that if the Financial Guidelines and Stipulations failed to change regarding the maximum of \$500 per person then the club was aware that the maximum they would receive would be the amount specified in the new guidelines for 2015-16
 - d. Cora shared that the university requires approval, no longer by the Provost but by Dr. Steven Garcia as Vice President for Administrative Affairs, for any student international travel, so she highly recommended that the motion be amended to include a phrase that said: contingent upon university approval
 - e. Colin made an amendment to the main motion to include: "contingent upon university approval", seconded by Jared
 - f. There was no discussion, Louis called the vote: 12/0/0, motion passed
 - g. Further discussion took place regarding if some of the supplies could be counted as not going towards the per person amount, it was presented to their council that the supplies were for each individual person and if that information could be presented differently was on a case by case basis
 - h. Louis called the vote: 12/0/0, motion passed

III. INFORMATION ITEM

A. ASI Honorary Lifetime Membership (attachments)

1. Louis passed out a sample of the ASI Honorary Lifetime Membership application and read the guidelines aloud and reviewed the criteria, process and benefits
2. He pointed out that the ASI President and senators were the members that could nominate individuals and not the Vice President, Attorney General or Treasurer
3. He stressed that only people that have gone above and beyond should be nominated
4. He reviewed that the process was to submit the application to James via email by the deadline of May 1st, using the nomination form
5. Cora stated that the guidelines were drafted 3-4 years ago and it was her understanding that the ASI Vice President was part of the senate as chair and she thought that the ASI President was specifically mentioned because prior to AB1233, the ASI President was not a voting member and so since then our structure has changed so we may need to revisit these guidelines
6. Vicki stated that, for their reference, the ASI General Information folder on the SAN included the past lists, in the ASI Honorary Lifetime Membership folder, of those individuals who have already received the membership
7. Louis confirmed that multiple nominations can be made by a student leader, however, a maximum of ten will be elected by the senate for the year

Louis adjourned the regular session at 3:30pm to move to Executive Session

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IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Information Item

1. An update on a legal matter was given

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next Senate meeting will take place on Thursday, April 30, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00pm, in the England Evans room
- B. Louis stated that senate meeting 2014-15:20 was adjourned at 3:36pm

MINUTES SUBMITTED TO:

Louis Harfouche, Chair of the Senate

Date

MINUTES APPROVED AT SENATE 2014-2015: _____

Vicki Jackson, Student Government Coordinator

Date

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