



ASI Senate Meeting

Minutes

2015- 2016:10 Thursday, December 3, 2015, 3:00PM –5:00 PM, BSC, 2nd Floor, England Evans

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. Call to Order

1. Chair Diana Ascencio called Senate 2015-2016:10 to order at 3:00pm

B. Quorum Check

1. Voting Members:

Diana Ascencio, Vice President, Chair
Julian Herrera, President
Bryce von Helms, Agriculture Senator
Tammy Fong, Business Senator
Michael Sandoval, CEIS Senator
Joshua Ebner, CLASS Senator
Leslie Simoni, CCHM Senator
Brandon Whalen, ENV Senator
Reeza Demonteverde, Engineering
Greg Kommel, Science Senator
Karen Romero, Senator-At-Large (MCC)
Bianca Pescina, Senator-At-Large (SIC)
Aden Tessman, Senator-At-Large (Greek)
Kaitlyn Armbruster, Senator-At-Large (IHC)

2. Advisors:

Dr. Byron Howlett Jr., Advisor
Cora M. Culla, Executive Director – **Excused Tardy**

3. Non-voting Liaisons:

David Lee, Attorney General
Chonlawan Khaothiemsang, Treasurer
Dr. James Swartz, Academic Senate Rep. – **Excused Absent**
Deborah Goman, Staff Council Rep. – **Excused Absent**
Andrea DeCoudres, Alumni Association Rep.
Pandora Mondragon, Bronco Athletics Association Rep. – **Excused Absent**

C. Approval of Minutes

1. There were no changes to the October 15, 2015 senate meeting minutes
2. For the October 29, 2015 senate meeting minutes:
 - a. Greg added a space between the “dash” and “Dr.” on page 2, in Preliminaries, Reports, item 2
 - b. Greg added a space between “(LBSA)” and the word “and” on page 6, in Preliminaries Re-opened, Open Forum, item 1
3. For the November 12, 2015 senate meeting minutes:
 - a. Greg added a space between the “dash” and “Dr.” on page 2, in

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Preliminaries, Reports, item 2

4. The first set of minutes was approved by the chair as written and the last two sets were approved by the chair as amended

D. Agenda Changes

1. The agenda was approved by the chair as written

E. Financial Status – Given by Chonlawan Khaothiemsang (attachments)

1. ASI Total Revenue	\$ 10,421,015.00
2. ASI Total Expenses	\$ 940,312.00
3. Total Investments	\$ 16,078,488.00
ASI-Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 4,078,823.00
BSC-Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 11,999,665.00
4. ASI – NP & A Account Balance	\$ 187,211.00
5. The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)	\$ 97,500.00
6. ASI Prior Year's I Reserves	\$ 226,758.00
7. ASI Prior Year's II Reserves	\$ 198,444.00
8. ASI Prior Year's III Reserves	\$ 384,816.00
9. BSC On-Campus Reserves	\$ 2,107,655.00

F. Introduction of Guests

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Powell Velasco | 5. Celeste Salinas |
| 2. Cathy Neale | 6. David Porter |
| 3. Carol Lee | 7. Mark Bookman |
| 4. Dennis Miller | |

G. Reports – Posted on the SAN – not given verbally

1. ASI Executive Director – Cora M. Culla *(attachment)
 - a. CSU Audit of Student Activities
 - b. MDPH Updates
 - c. Children's Center Updates
 - d. ASI Jingle Mingle
2. ASI Advisor – Dr. Byron Howlett Jr. – no report
3. Academic Senate Rep. – Dr. James Swartz – no report
4. Staff Council Rep. - Deborah Goman – no report
5. Alumni Rep. – Andrea DeCoudres *(attachment)
 - a. Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award
 - b. Student Network Dinner Program
 - c. Alumni Association Student Scholarships
 - d. Student Alumni Association
6. Athletics Rep. - Pandora Mondragon – no report
7. Senator Pro Tempore – Joshua Ebner *(attachment)
 - a. Facilities and Operations Committee
 - b. Search Committee for Associate Director for Facilities Management
 - c. Semester Conversion Student Administration Services Sub-committee
8. Attorney General – David Lee *(attachment)

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- a. Rules and Policies
- b. New Club By-Laws
- 9. Treasurer – Chonlawan Khaothiemsang *(attachment)
 - a. Finance Committee
 - b. Budget Retreat
 - c. Student Opportunity Initiative
 - d. Fee Advisory Committee
 - e. Search for the Associate Directors of ASI Financial Services
- 10. President – Julian Herrera – no report
- 11. Vice President – Diana Ascencio *(attachment)
 - a. CSSA-SJEC
 - b. Undocumented Students Work
 - c. Committee Meetings
 - d. Financial Services
 - e. Senate Meetings
 - f. Events
 - g. Council Outreaching
 - h. Club/Organization Outreaching
 - i. Winter Quarter Retreat
- 12. Senate Reports
 - a. Bianca Pescina, Senator-at-Large, SIC *(attachment)
 - i. Budget Overview
 - b. Brandon Whalen, ENV Senator *(attachment)
 - i. Distribution of ASI Resolution SR 2015-16:01
 - ii. ENV Council By-Law Revisions and Changes
 - iii. Senior Coordinator and Survivor Advocate Search Committee
 - iv. Meeting with the Associate Dean of the College of Environmental Design
 - v. Gender Neutral Language in the ASI By-Laws
 - vi. Special Projects for Improving the Classroom Experience (SPICE)
 - vii. Ag Council's Letter of Opposition
 - c. Bryce von Helms, Agriculture Senator *(attachment)
 - i. Meeting with President Coley
 - ii. Meeting with Walter Marquez
 - iii. Meeting with Dean Mary Holz-Claus
 - d. Greg Kommel, Science Senator *(attachment)
 - i. Science Council Canned Food Drive Update
 - ii. Club Budget Allocations
 - iii. Science Council By-Laws Update
 - e. Joshua Ebner, CLASS Senator *(attachment)
 - i. Council Meeting
 - ii. Club Budget Requests
 - iii. New Club
 - iv. E-Board Retreat
 - v. Vote on Letter of Opposition to Agricultural Land Development
 - f. Kaitlyn Armbruster, Senator-at-Large, Inter-Hall Council *(attachment)

- i. Mockingjay Part 2 Premiere
- ii. Last Council Meeting of Fall Quarter
- iii. Midnight Madness
- iv. UHS Positions Available
- g. Karen Romero, Senator-at-Large, MCC *(attachment)
 - i. MCC President has Resigned
 - ii. Culture: Appropriate vs Appreciate
 - iii. Fee Advisory Committee
 - iv. Facilities and Operations Committee
- h. Leslie Simoni, CCHM Senator *(attachment)
 - i. HMC Meeting
 - ii. Road to Success
 - iii. Letter of Opposition in Support of Ag Council
 - iv. Change of Major Workshop
 - v. Upcoming BEAT Events
- i. Michael Sandoval, CEIS Senator *(attachment)
 - i. Teacher Educational Job Fair 2/25/16
 - ii. Guest Speaker Dr. Love, Career Counselor from the Campus Career Center
 - iii. Club Updates
 - iv. Council Updates
- j. Reeza Demonteverde, Engineering Senator *(attachment)
 - i. E-council Meeting (1 December 2015)
- k. Tammy Fong, Business Senator *(attachment)
 - i. CBA Clean Up
 - ii. CBARN
- l. Aden Tessman, Senator-at-Large, Greek *(attachment)
 - i. "What a Time to Study"
 - ii. Up til' Dawn Committee

H. Open Forum

1. Diana Ascencio – stated that the club/organization/resource fair has the link open and she sent it out to all of them, however she would also be sending out an email with the link and the flyer to all of them.
2. Karen Romero – announced that the viewing of the soccer game tonight would take place in the BSC.
3. Cora M. Culla – stated that she wanted to remind the student leaders that their annual tradition for sharing the holiday spirit, called Jingle Mingle, was scheduled on Friday, December 11th from 1:30 – 4:00pm in the Games Room. She added that they had been notified by the university that the Chancellor's office would be conducting an audit of student activities. She noted that this was separate from the compliance audits and the requested documents were due by December 18th with the entrance conference with the auditors scheduled for January 11th.

II. ACTION ITEM

- A. Nominations and Election for Finance Committee – Winter Quarter

1. Diana gave a brief explanation noting that three senators were nominated and elected to serve every quarter
2. Chonlawan gave a brief description and the purpose of the committee as outlined in the ASI Finance Committee Code and she stated that the first meeting would be held on Friday, January 15, 2016 from 1:00 – 3:00pm in Andromeda. She added that the meetings would be bi-weekly with no meeting on February 5th and 12th.
3. Diana opened the floor for nominations
 - a. Karen nominated Leslie, she accepted
 - b. Aden nominated himself
 - c. Leslie nominated Karen, she accepted
 - d. Brandon nominated himself
4. Each nominee spoke on their behalf
5. Diana called the vote for each nominee
 - a. Brandon 12 votes
 - b. Leslie 13 votes
 - c. Karen 7 votes
 - d. Aden 9 votes
6. Diana congratulated Brandon, Leslie and Aden

Diana adjourned regular open session at 3:12pm to move to Executive Session

Diana resumed regular open session at 4:24pm and gave a report of Executive Session

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Draft Senate Resolution in Support of Maintaining Appropriate Unit Limits for the College of Engineering (attachment)
 1. Reeza Demonteverde, ASI Engineering Senator, reviewed the background that the Chancellor's office had restricted baccalaureate degree programs from exceeding the unit requirement beyond 120 semester units/180 quarter units with the exception of four degrees for Architecture, Music, Fine Arts and Landscape Architecture
 2. She noted that Cal Poly Pomona had an exception for changing the units right now because the campus was going through the transition of a semester conversion process. She added that the cap was at about 194 units for most of the majors right now and that they were trying to file for an exemption from the unit cap.
 3. She stated that the Cal Poly Academic Senate had passed a resolution, as well as the CSU system-wide Academic Senate, so while this was recognized at different levels, she wanted to present it at the student level. She added that Cal Poly San Luis Obispo had already received exemptions for fourteen of their engineering majors.
 4. Reeza explained that Cal Poly's engineering majors were currently at 194 units and the concern with being asked to bring them down to 180 units was that it would put pressure on the general education requirements
 5. She concluded that she wanted to seek support from ASI in urging the campus administration to make these exemptions to the unit cap for engineering students. She gave additional specifics regarding unit caps in relation to other majors.
 6. A question and answer session took place that included feedback and suggestions

B. Draft Senate Resolution in Opposition against Development on Agricultural Land
(attachment)

1. Bryce von Helms, ASI Agriculture Senator, gave an overview of why he was presenting this resolution to the senate. It included that the university had proposed to allocate 17 acres of land, located on the Spadra Farm, to the Air Resources Board which developed out of the university accepting the Lanternman property. He noted that the university did not have a firm plan for what they would be doing with the Lanternman property, but did have a strong idea of how they planned to use the Spadra Farm land.
2. He stated that the 127 acres of Spadra Farm land represented classrooms and labs to the College of Agriculture students, who had already lost 13 acres of horse pasture land for the new freshmen housing
3. He noted that there was a new development, presented at a meeting that President Coley had called yesterday, to allocate a total of 70 acres of the Spadra Farm land to the College of Agriculture for the next five years, which was quite a change from the original proposal of losing 17 acres out of the 127 acres that they normally utilized
4. Bryce stated that the College of Agriculture students were concerned about the future of agriculture and the quality of their education, as well as scared that they might not be a part of this fine university in the future
5. He added that he wanted to request that the ASI Senate support their fellow students in the College of Agriculture and he read the draft resolution aloud
6. He concluded that he would like to encourage everyone to have the mindset that this started out with the 13 acres for freshmen housing and the College of Agriculture seceded to that, then it was the 17 acres for the California Air Resources Board and it was another 10 acres for the California Highway Patrol and now when all was said and done, it would be only 70 acres that they were left with for agriculture. He added that while they were guaranteed that the land would not be touched for five years, their concern was that the students that were here today-that were fighting for the preservation of this agricultural land-would not be here and the new student body that came in over the next five years would not be aware of this situation. He noted that at the end of the five year time limit, the students that would be here would not have an understanding of these past developments.
7. A question and answer session took place that included feedback and suggestions and the additional information that other entities were also interested in leasing land from the university on Spadra Farms. Also, Bryce stated that he would be incorporating the new information regarding the 70 acre proposal for five years into the next draft of the resolution. It was also explained that the acquisition of the Lanternman property included an agreement for Cal Poly Pomona to house three state agencies on university land: the California Conservation Corp (which was already housed on the Lanternman property), the Air Resources Board and the California Highway Patrol. Bryce added that Dr. Coley had asked the College of Agriculture to present a business proposal as to how the 70 acres would be able to generate revenue, due to the development that other third parties were interested in leasing the Spadra Farm land and creating the potential of \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 in revenue for the university.

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IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Time specific from 3:15 – 4:15pm

A. Discussion Items

1. The update on tax notices was discussed
2. The update on the review of tax filings was discussed
3. The FICA exemption and next steps for ASI were discussed
4. The recommendations on staffing for the ASI Human Resources office were discussed

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next Senate meeting will take place on Thursday, January 14, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00pm, in the England Evans room
- B. Diana stated that senate meeting 2015-16:10 was adjourned at 4:57pm

MINUTES SUBMITTED TO:

Diana Ascencio, Chair of the Senate

Date

MINUTES APPROVED AT SENATE 2015-2016: _____

Vicki Jackson, Student Government Coordinator

Date